



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement

Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

Office Open: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and

Wednesday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm

Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm

Our church is only able to open at set times when there are enough volunteers to clean the church before and after.

21st to 28th March 2021

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details of our Mass intentions.

It is important to note that the obligation for each of us to attend Sunday Mass continues to remain suspended.

The church remains temporarily closed for repairs and lockdown restrictions during the week. We are also temporarily closed at the weekend for Covid-safety reasons so our Sunday 11am Mass is livestreamed via Zoom.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 14th March

Standing Orders: £1,009 weekly average of last 4 weeks

We are all in such extreme circumstances, many with reduced incomes that it is a blessing to be able to receive any donation you are able to give.

Please Note: no one is asked to give a specific amount as it all depends on individual income.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

We can receive donations via the following methods:

- Download a Standing order form
www.stmarymags.org.uk/community
- Online Banking using the Parish Bank details:
NatWest Richmond, Surrey (A) Branch
NAME: RCAS St Mary Magdalen Mortlake
Account number: 20224311
Sort Code: 60-07-20

(Please quote your Gift Aid Number if you have one.)

- The Donation Button on our website's Homepage:
www.stmarymags.org.uk
- Gift Aid Envelopes or Cash can be deposited in the blue donation buckets at the exit of the Church.
- Contactless Cards can be used at the Payment Point located in the Church by the Calvary Statue.

The Joy of Remembrance and Celebration:

Over the last week we have had the joy of celebrating the Feast of St Patrick and the Feast of St Joseph. **On Tuesday 23 March, we mark the anniversary of the first national lockdown with a minute's silence at midday. At 8pm, people will be encouraged to create a 'beacon of remembrance' on their doorsteps by beaming phones, candles and torches into the night sky.** Prominent buildings and landmarks will also be lit up across the UK. Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop McMahon stress that prayer is an essential part of this reflection and remembrance: "For all who live by faith in God, reflection and prayer always go hand in hand. Prayer completes reflection. Reflection informs prayer. Prayer opens our life to its true horizon."

"Without prayer we live in a foreshortened world and are more easily swamped by its clamour and tragedy. Throughout this difficult year, so many have been inspired by prayer, so much effort sustained in prayer, in every place. So let us make 23 March truly a day of prayer." The archbishops also invite Catholics to pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament that day: 23 March 2020 was the first time our churches had to be closed. **It is our hope that on this day, every one of our churches will be open for an hour of prayer at some point throughout the day. We invite everyone to enter a church on this day, to reflect and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.** "We know this will involve an extra effort, but this can be part of our important contribution to a significant moment in the life of our country. Indeed, we ask that you might invite a friend, neighbour or colleague to come to church with you as you make this visit." **To mark this period of reflection the church will be open for an hour of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament from 10am, closing with the Latin Benediction at 11am.**

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS:

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish, especially whilst we are unable to take basket collections in church as we used to. If you haven't yet signed up to contribute by Standing Order or online, then please help our 'Maintenance and Mission' fund by [clicking on this link](#) in the online version of the newsletter. **Thank you for giving what you can**, it will be a great blessing for the continued support of the church.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		21 st to 28 th March 2021 - the season of Lent
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
21st Mar. Sunday	11 am	5th Sunday of Lent	Peter & Elizabeth Sherston-Baker RIP: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will only be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	
22 nd Mar. Monday	9 am	Feria NB church closed	John Gordon Chambers RIP
23 rd Mar. Tuesday	10 – 11 am	Holy Hour Remembrance	Silent Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction
24 th Mar Wednesday	9 am	Feria NB church closed	The Intentions of Gill Best
25 th Mar. Thursday	9 am	Annunciation: church closed	The welfare of the Best Family
26 th Mar. Friday	9 am	Feria NB church closed	Anne & Nicholas Murphy [Foundation Mass]
27 th Mar. Saturday	9 am	Feria NB church closed	Sarah & James Doyle [Foundation Mass]
28th Mar. Sunday	11 am	Palm Sunday – church open	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will ALSO be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	

NB: the church is open for a special Holy Hour from 10-11am on 23 March and is then closed until 28 March for Palm Sunday

For this week's scripture sheet, please click on [Week-7- St Paul](#)
Today we conclude our series of scripture reflections to aid our journey through Lent. We hope they have been a useful reflection, either by yourself or in the mix of family or friends that your 'bubble' would allow. This weekend, by clicking on the link at the top of the page, our online version of the newsletter has the final sheets for the series "**Echoes of God: Journeying with the word of God**".

If you would like to participate in **Stations of the Cross** there are a few sites online, including <https://www.jesuit.org.uk/stations-cross> or for families and children, please consider a video version <https://youtu.be/512UbsSaqMA> or a very simple one with text only ([click here](#)). This version is easily printable at home and suitable for all ages to draw or write together as a family (click online): [cf activity kidsstations \(cathfamily.org\)](#)

Last Friday we celebrated the Feast of St Joseph: In his apostolic letter "Patris Corde", Pope Francis, dedicated 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021 as a year under the care of St Joseph. In addition, on 19 March Pope Francis proclaimed the Year from 19 March 2021 to 19 March 2022 to be "Amoris Laetitia Family": a celebration of the Christian Family.

Gilles and Véronique Cormier, Leaders of the CANA mission of the Chemin Neuf Community and parents of five children, share a summary of the document on parenthood and fatherhood. Click online for links to "[Patris Corde](#)" & "[Amoris Laetitia](#)"

Joseph is an obedient and courageous Father. Throughout his life he obeyed God often through dreams or angels sent to him (e.g. The Flight Out of Egypt.) He taught Jesus to be obedient to his parents (Luke 2:51). Just as Joseph teaches us the virtues of obedience, let us exercise our fatherhood, according to God's command. Joseph cared for Mary and Jesus and risked everything for them. God trusted this man and made his son dependent on him to be protected and nurtured. Let us ask ourselves if we are protecting Jesus and Mary with all our strength but also our family members?



Joseph is a father in unconditional acceptance. He welcomed Mary with delicacy; he chose to put her reputation and dignity first. When life is difficult our first reaction is disappointment or rebellion. St Joseph leaves aside his reasoning and accepts life as it is with strength. Let us have Joseph's courage to face life's difficulties without giving up. Through the Holy Spirit, let us act with courage and responsibility as he did. Our lives can then start anew if we find the courage to live it according to the Gospel. "God is greater than our heart" (1 Jn 3:20). The reality of our lives as a family, with its shadows and lights, is meaningful.

Joseph is a working father. It can help us to understand, in our time of great precariousness, the meaning of work which gives dignity. During 30 years in Nazareth he patiently taught his son a trade; Jesus did not disdain to work as all men. The person who works is collaborating with God himself and becomes a creator of the world around us.

Joseph, the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father. Fathers are not born but made by creating a child and responsibly caring for him. Being a father means introducing the child to the experience of life and making him capable of choices. This logic of love liberates: St Joseph knew how to love in an extraordinarily free way. It is this chaste love to which we are all called towards our loved ones. The happiness of Joseph, in whom we perceive neither frustration nor complaints, is in self-giving. Each child carries with him a mystery that can only be revealed with the help of a father who gives freedom. The father will fully live his paternity to the extent that he will have made himself "useless", seeing his child can walk autonomously in life.

Our service times for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

11am Palm Sunday Palms will be distributed at the end – click to reserve from 21 March onwards

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/11am-mass-on-palm-sunday-tickets-130409850373>

Monday 9-10.30am Individual Reconciliation at the front of the church

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Wednesday The church is closed for the Diocesan Chrism Mass at St George's

6pm Maundy Thursday – click to reserve from 21 March onwards

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143992057119>

3pm Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday – click to reserve from 21 March onwards

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143993022005>

6pm Easter Vigil – click to reserve from 21 March onwards

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143993671949>

11am Easter Sunday – click to reserve from 21 March onwards

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/143994169437>

Please note by clicking on these links now you can set an email or diary reminder to reserve a free seat at Mass when they are released next Sunday. To aid as many parish members coming as possible please reserve one service initially and nearer the day see if seats are available.

Just an advance notice: on Palm Sunday 28 March the clocks go forward one hour for 'BST'

Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

The sick and house bound are very much at the heart of the church and support us in their prayers as we support them in our prayers at every Mass.

Please remember all the sick of our Parish, those who care for them and those in any kind of need.

Individual names of the sick can be emailed to Fr Adrian for inclusion at Mass.

These prayer petitions which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass.

Luke 10:20

"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Rita O'Sullivan, Peter Sherston-Baker, Eileen Jarzabkowska, Rita Henna, Janet Marney, Michael O'Brien, Winifred Brady, John Cavanagh, Elizabeth Rosier, Mignonette Hayes and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

The names of those who have died are taken from the Death Register, if you would like to include in prayer an individual whose funeral did not occur here please list their name in an email to Fr Adrian and please state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.