



# 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.

## 28<sup>th</sup> February to 7<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> February

Standing Orders: £770 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](http://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](http://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.

### Mapping the Road Ahead: From Lent to Easter & Beyond

Following the UK Government's announcement about the 'Road Map' for the gradual lifting of Lockdown restrictions, it is hoped that we will gradually be able to build up to a return to Mass with a congregation in readiness for Palm Sunday and Holy Week from Sunday 28 March. I have asked Clare, the Parish Administrator, to begin to get in contact with all our volunteers so that we can help plan a safe return. Naturally, this is dependent on further news from the Government and our volunteer resources, so thank you to all who have helped so far and to all those who can help again, it is truly a great blessing to have your help and support.

### This weekend we celebrate CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Lent CAFOD are encouraging us to raise awareness and funds for those who struggle to access water. This life-giving commodity is something that many of us take for granted, but those in remote areas often have to walk for miles to ensure that there is enough water for themselves and their families. The Diocese would like to thank parishioners who regularly donate to CAFOD and who participate each year in the alms-giving at Lent or the October Family Fast Day. By consuming a smaller meal and donating the money saved to CAFOD, the charity can help turn around the lives of the poorest by providing bore-holes and solar powered water pumps to remote communities, helping to bring water, health and sanitation. This year we don't have a collection in church, but ask instead please to consider donating online. To find out more, to donate and access resources, please, visit the [Family Fast Day](#) page or consider downloading a [Prayer Card](#) or [Family Fast Day Soup Recipe](#), thank you.

### 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		28 <sup>th</sup> February to 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2021 - the season of Lent
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Feb. Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>Mass today will only be</i>	<i>by livestream</i>	<b>Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar. Monday	9 am	St David	Rev. Thomas Nevill [Foundation Mass]
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar. Tuesday	9 am	Feria	Rose Dewar [Foundation Mass]
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar. Wednesday	9 am	Feria	Christopher Emerson RIP
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Thursday	9 am	Feria	Wayne Gorvett RIP
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Friday	9 am	Feria	William & Mary Hogan [Foundation Mass]
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Saturday	9 am	Feria	Rev. John Wenham [Foundation Mass]
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Mar. Sunday</b>	<b>11 am</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
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**We continue our series of scripture reflections to aid our journey through Lent.** The short reflections, which can be done by yourself or in a mix of family and friends, have been written by David McLoughlin, the Emeritus Fellow of Christian Theology at Newman University, Birmingham. Each weekend, the online version of the newsletter will have links to PDF sheets for the series **"Echoes of God: Journeying with the word of God"**.

For this week's sheet, please click on the title below ...

[Week-4-Wisdom](#)

<https://righttolife.org.uk/> - weekly prayers for support and care:  
Let us pray for all mothers who struggle with their pregnancy. We pray that the love and kindness of those around them would support pregnant women everywhere to continue with their pregnancy and find peace and joy in what the future holds.

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](#))

**Calling all budding Historians, Archaeologists and Surveyors!** Fr Adrian would like to continue the recent practice of allowing Parish members to have their ashes buried in the cemetery and has requested permission from the Archbishop to allow this. By allowing more families to lay their loved ones to rest here, funds will be generated to help care for memorials for future generations. We have discovered 287 spaces where there is no record in the Plot Register so we need teams of volunteers to help identify the areas where burials can occur and need to ensure that the vacant plots are where we think they are.

**To do this, we need to check these vacant plots with known markers or graves, which is where you could help.**

We are aiming for four to six sessions during weekends. Please email Clare at [MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk) with your availability in March or April so we can collate teams to work together. Equally, if anyone has any archaeological, historical or surveying expertise, we would also be very interested to hear from you. You could be a Team Leader to help the socially-distanced groups in order to make this as time-efficient as possible. **Our Catholic Church Teaching emphasises the importance of the sanctity of life and the care of our loved ones after death through our belief in the bodily resurrection.**

**Words from our funeral rite emphasise that life is "changed, not ended" when we die. Please help to make history, by being part of history, so that our Cemetery has a future. It can be possible with your help. Thank you.**

**Holy Innocents' Church Orpington**, has organised a series of webinars on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. The opportunity to participate is open to anyone who wishes to attend. The webinars will take place on three consecutive Wednesdays in March and be led by the renowned biblical scholar, Father Henry Wansbrough, a Benedictine monk from Ampleforth Abbey:

**The Passion & Death of Jesus according to the Synoptic Gospels**

**Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 7.45 - 9.15 pm**

**The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to John**

**Wednesday 17 March 2021 at 7.45 - 9.15 pm**

**The Death and Resurrection of Jesus according to the writings of Paul**

**Wednesday 24 March 2021 at 7.45 - 9.15 pm**

These free webinars offer an opportunity to increase personal insights into the historical context and theology expressed in the different accounts, with a view to understanding what the Resurrection means for the mission of the Church and for our spirituality. Father Henry Wansbrough has written over twenty books. He edited the New Jerusalem Bible (1985) and recently single-handedly the Revised New Jerusalem Bible (2019). He has lectured in Africa, Australia and North America. He was for twelve years Master of St Benet's Hall in Oxford also Chair of the Oxford University Faculty of Theology and more recently Professor of Biblical Studies at Liverpool Hope University. He has served on several Vatican Commissions, including the Pontifical Biblical Commission and the Anglican Roman Catholic international Commission. To register and obtain confirmation each webinar needs to be booked individually. A separate link will be sent to registered email addresses in good time to access the webinars. [Visit Eventbrite.](#)

### **England and Wales will come together to pray on 2 March 2021**

Bishops from all over Europe, through their Bishops' Conferences, will join together during Lent to celebrate a series of Masses and pray for the victims of Covid-19. The continent has suffered over 770,000 deaths from the virus. The initiative, promoted by the Council of European Bishops' Conferences, aims to offer a sign of communion and hope for the entire continent. Each nation, or nations in our case, will come together to celebrate Holy Mass on a designated day to be part of this continental prayer network – a Eucharistic chain. Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Vice President of the Council of European Bishops' Conferences, will celebrate a special live-streamed Mass on Tuesday, 2 March 2021, at 17:30 in Westminster Cathedral. Bishops across England and Wales will also celebrate Masses in their own dioceses. Since the start of the pandemic, bishops from across Europe have added their voices to that of Pope Francis to reiterate the Church's closeness to all those struggling with coronavirus – the victims and their families, the sick, health and social care workers, the volunteers and all those on the front line at this challenging time.

#### **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 consider scanning the QR code to request Mass for the Holy Souls. Please post other Mass intention requests to Fr Adrian. Thank you.



**Please pray for the repose of the souls of** Wayne Gorvett, Jenny Illingworth and Christopher Emerson who died recently and for Ethel Smith, Barbara Kawa, Anita Osgood, Vencentia Stafford, Joan Thomas, Edith O'Brien 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.