



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.

7th to 14th 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 28th February

Standing Orders: £777 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.

Welcome to the 'Road Map' and the Road Ahead

In a little over three weeks, homes around the country will begin to experience the gradual change, hope and expectation that will come through the start of a planned and guided move away from the heightened levels of Lockdown, to the lower levels of less-restricted movement and the joys of being able to meet up more freely with family and friends. I've not physically seen, let alone hugged a member of my family for just under a year now, as they live in different parts of the country and different parts of the world.

All of us have lived under restrictions to help build a better community, but it has come at a cost to that community in many ways. I have continued to celebrate the Sacraments each day and, tragically, the need for funerals has increased, but as we gradually return to celebrating weddings and baptisms in our Parish (hopefully from May onwards), the number of families that have chosen to delay (so as to welcome more than just six people) will be able to rejoice together. As we commemorate the fact that last Easter we could not gather together, **we can celebrate that this Easter we can join as family and friends around God's table, as well as our own.** Whatever timescale for Lockdown lies ahead, may we celebrate together in our families and as a wider Parish Family, so that the sacrifices each and every one of us has made can make a difference.

With my prayers as ever, God bless, Fr. Adrian.

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		7 th to 14 th March 2021 - the season of Lent
	Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day
7th Mar. Sunday	11 am	3rd Sunday of Lent	The needs of our Parish Family: 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	
8 th Mar. Monday	9 am	Feria	Ed & Clare Bellasis [Foundation Mass]
9 th Mar. Tuesday	9 am	Feria	Christine Head [Foundation Mass]
10 th Mar. Wednesday	9 am	Feria	The welfare of Jean Wells
11 th Mar. Thursday	9 am	Feria	Jenny Illingworth RIP
12 th Mar. Friday	9 am	Feria	David King RIP
13 th Mar. Saturday	9 am	Feria	Thomas Mostyn [Foundation Mass]
14th Mar. Sunday	11 am	4th Sunday of Lent	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
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For this week's scripture sheet, please click on [Week-5-Psalms](#)
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**".

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 \(cathfamily.org\)](#)

Please Pray for Pope Francis and the People of Iraq

On Friday 5th March, Pope Francis began an historic journey to Iraq, becoming the first Pope to visit the Middle Eastern country. The three-day visit has a packed programme and will include stops in Baghdad, Mosul, Qaraqosh and Erbil. There will also be an interreligious meeting which will take place at Ur, the birthplace of Abraham. For many, this visit is being viewed as a symbol of hope for a country which has seen thousands of Christians forced to flee their homeland fearing persecution. According to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) "Iraq has seen the highest number of refugees and fastest rate of people displaced in past years," while hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees have fled into Iraq compounding an already difficult situation. Statistics show that over a million Iraqis are internally displaced, unable to move back to their communities, while nearly 5 million returning to the country are in need of humanitarian assistance. Apart from the significant challenges the country faces in its recovery from war and conflict, Iraq has also been impacted by an economic crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic. At some point this weekend, please join in solidarity with people around the world in praying for Pope Francis and the People of Iraq, thank you.

The dates and times of our Holy Week Services are given below – next week links will be given to reserve seats from 21/3



St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Mortlake
Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services

Please note: St Mary Magdalen follows strict hygiene procedures and restrictions according to Government Pandemic regulations. **Seats must be reserved on EventBrite**, a one-way system is in place and, unless you are exempt, Face Masks must be worn.

- Palm Sunday 11 am Parish Mass with distribution of Palm crosses at the end
- 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
- Holy Thursday** 6 pm The Mass of the Lord's Supper: NB there is no 'Watch' service
- Good Friday** 3.00pm The Solemn Liturgy: with general (not personal) Veneration
- Holy Saturday** 6 pm Parish Easter Vigil NB starts in church (no Holy Fire/Candles)
- Easter Sunday** 11 am Parish Easter Sunday Mass

Please note there is no evening Mass on Easter Sunday: the church is closed after the 11am Mass.

The times of these services are according to Pandemic restrictions.
 Reserve free seats by following this web address
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--london/magdalen-mortlake/>



Next Sunday is Mother's Day, with a chance to enter a prize draw for a £500 'Giveaway' from @EasyGo

In trying to find a special treat for such a special person don't forget that simply by shopping some of your favourite stores online could raise free donations for your Parish and have the chance to enter a £500 prize draw.

When buying a special gift this Mother's Day over 4,500 retailers including notonthehighstreet, M&S, John Lewis & Partners and The Perfume Shop will donate to us for FREE when you shop with them via easyfundraising. If you've not signed up to support the Parish yet, it only takes 2 minutes! For more information about the prize giveaway please click this link online:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/

International Women's Day and the World Day of Prayer On the First Friday in March every year a service is held where a chosen country produces materials for the World Day of Prayer. This year women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean) have prepared [online resources](#) for this worldwide, women-led, ecumenical Prayer Movement. Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity like Vanuatu and so many other places around the world. World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers.

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

Vera Ducker, John Moore Teresa Kirby, Josephine Veglio 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.