



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

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Baptisms and Weddings by arrangement
Please see Fr Adrian after Mass to make an appointment for a preparation course.

Office Open: Mon. & Wed. to Fri. 10 am to 1 pm

Archdiocese of Southwark CIO Registered
Incorporated Charity Number 1173050

Parish & School News

Collection details for last Sunday, 14 June

Weekly average of Standing Orders: **£643.80**

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. No one is asked to give a specific amount as it all depends on individual income. This can be done in a couple of ways: by downloading a Standing Order form to return to your bank from our Parish website <https://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community> or by using your bank's phone App or website, quoting your name (and Gift Aid number if you have one) as a reference. Our Parish bank details are: **NatWest Richmond (A)**

Name of Account: **RCAS ST MARY MAGDALEN**

Sort Code: **60-07-20** Account no. **20224311**

Thank you to all those who have recently set up standing orders for your weekly offering. It is a great blessing to have your support as, over the last month the weekly average increased to £644. It is important to note though, do please check to see if your bank account is being debited correctly as St Mary Magdalene Anglican church in Richmond recently sent details to us of a standing order request which had been sent to them by mistake as the Anglican church also banks with NatWest in Richmond.

A message from Fr Adrian: Thank you to all those who were able to join us for Mass last Sunday which was broadcast from the main altar. It was so wonderful to look out over the altar to a 'sea' of faces and 'floods' of enthusiasm, as the church has felt so empty with the 'drought' of no congregation! Sadly, it will still be many weeks before I can celebrate Mass with a full church, **but I do have some hopeful news!** A Diocesan Buildings Surveyor is coming this week to confirm whether, as hoped, the side aisles can open for private prayer. If we get the go-ahead we may be able to open for a couple of hours on a Sunday, but as yet, we don't have enough volunteers for a monthly rota so please email MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk if you can help.

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see overleaf for details

From The Archbishop of Southwark, Most Rev John Wilson:
With immediate effect, without any exceptions, all our churches and chapels across the Archdiocese must remain closed to the public until further notice. This is to suppress the spread of the COVID-19 virus among gatherings of people, and, in particular, to protect the most vulnerable

The cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm.

21st - 28th June 2020

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Thank you to the few volunteers who have emailed the Parish so far but, to open the church, strict requirements have to be put in place, not least the safety elements over the concern about the ceilings in general, but especially the area over the central nave. If you missed last week's newsletter, please take a look at the second page [online](#) as it mentions how, following the partial collapse of one of the ceiling panels last September, more cracks have developed, causing a potential risk to life.

Much has happened during 'lockdown' behind the scenes to respond to this risk, but we still need more assessment to determine whether the work we are commissioning will be undertaken in just the central nave or whether the whole ceiling needs to be repaired as, five years ago, the ceiling was only painted, there is no record that any repairs were made. The safety of everyone is paramount, whether that's from Coronavirus or from falling plaster, as both can kill! Members of the Parish Finance Committee and other Parish members from the Building and Site Maintenance Committee are working with professionals to establish how the church can be made safe, with the hope that, **if certified, we can open soon for private prayer, but most importantly, we can ensure that the whole ceiling is safe for now, for next year's 170th anniversary and for many years to come.**

At 11 am this Sunday Fr Adrian will celebrate a live-streamed Mass from St Mary Magdalen's.

A link to join the Mass is sent out the day before, with a second link for those who plan to watch the Mass later.

To subscribe to receive our newsletter with the Mass details, please sign up your email via <https://mailchi.mp/c26803e66e8d/stmarymags>

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate a Live-Streamed Mass from St George's Cathedral this Sunday. The Mass will be available from 10am on 21st June and can be watched by entering this YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/iBmTkdEELK0> or by clicking the above link in our digital newsletter.

A message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols [broadcast on last Sunday's BBC Radio 4's Sunday Worship programme]

"These last three months have been a very testing time. Whatever words we use: 'lock down', 'social distancing', 'self-isolation', they all point to pressure on our relationships. This is a time in which all our relationships are being tested. In some circumstances, we may be seeing too much of each other. For others, it is the absence, the impossibility of seeing each other that is so stressful. In both situations we have had to face new challenges and find new ways of sustaining each other and our love and friendship. So too with the Lord, Jesus Christ. For most people this has been a time of fashioning new patterns of prayer and relationship with the Lord, or, better, recapturing some old treasures. Even so, it has been impossible to come into the church, into his sacramental presence, for our praise and prayer, for our comfort and consolation. ... It has also been impossible to receive him in Holy Communion in the celebration of the Mass. Such a long Eucharistic fast. For many this time of absence has made our hearts grow in longing. How much we long to come together to receive again the life in Christ of which the Gospel speaks. 'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life. 'That person 'lives in me and I in him,' says Jesus. 'Whoever eats me will draw life from me,' he tells us. ... The Eucharist is the fullness of that presence of the Lord. So we long to celebrate Mass again, the gift which is the focus of this great Feast. We long for the day on which we can gather together again around the altar and take part, directly and physically, in that celebration. Remember the words of St Augustine: 'See on the altar the sacrament of who you are and of what you are to become. 'In the Eucharist, then, we learn again what it is to be truly human, what it is that makes us great, what it is that gives us hope. We learn again that Jesus is our Way, our Truth and, as he promises so clearly today, our Life. Yes, we have benefited from all the advantages of the internet to share in the Mass as best we can. But there is so much more. In these days there is much talk of recreating our society in a 'new normal'. No going back to the old ways, we say. Many demonstrating on our streets want new ways, an end to an ingrained prejudice against Black members of our society which they experience over many years. That is a crucial challenge. New growth needs good soil and good roots. The deepest source of our renewal lies in all that is given to us in Christ Jesus: the forgiveness of our sins, the witness of a life poured out for others, the promise of fidelity unto death and, yes, into life everlasting. ..."

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

21st – 28th 2020

Sunday 21 st June	11am	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
12th Sunday in Ord. Time	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	
Monday 22 nd	9am	David King
(St John Fisher & St Thomas More)		
Tuesday 23 rd	9am	No Mass Intention
(Feria)		
Wednesday 24 th	9am	Holy Souls
(Nativity of John the Baptist)		
Thursday 25 th	9am	Fr 'Raj' Mandagiri
(Feria)		
Friday 26 th	9am	Holy Souls
(Feria)		
Saturday 27 th	9am	Thomas Harrington [Foundation Mass]
(Our Lady)		
Sunday 28 th June	11am	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
St Peter & St Paul	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	

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

Deana Wright, Mary Malone, Patricia Noel, Edward McCormack, Joseph Whiting, Marion Pomroy 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.

A number of Priests in the Diocese have had false emails set up in their names over the last month

Please be warned that a genuine email would only be sent via the Diocesan email system **RCAOS.org.uk**. If you have received an email claiming to be from a priest asking for help, the Diocese is trying to report the fraudulent messages via: <https://support.google.com/mail/contact/abuse?hl=en>. In order to do this, it needs a person who originally received the message to report the message header for it.

Instructions on how to do this can be found here:

https://support.google.com/mail/answer/29436?hl=en&visit_id=637269656078053188-614584458&rd=1, alternatively, you could email ICT Support ictsupport@rcaos.org.uk. Thank you.