



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.

10th to 17th January 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 but plans to open from 10.30am for an 11am Mass on Sunday 17th January. Up to and beyond that date our Sunday 11am Mass is livestreamed via Zoom.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY

Standing Orders: £1060 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.

A message from Fr Adrian, deliberately repeated from last week:

"Thank you for the kind words, Christmas cards and gifts that were received over the last few days, they are much appreciated, especially given the fact that, this year, Christmas has been unlike any other. and, like many of us in our Parish Family, I've had to rely on phone and online calls so we can be together 'virtually'. **There is no such thing as a virtual family though - we are all in this together and, as we may have faced hardships in life, work or finances, in the past, we still have a new and unknown year ahead of us.**

However, it is the reality of our communion together in our own and wider families that can give us strength and draw, most especially, from the strength of our spiritual and physical reception of Holy Communion when that can be possible. **This new year heralds the 170th anniversary of the opening of our Parish Church and we will soon again, with the work on the safety of the ceiling and the West Window, be able to open our doors again.**

I would especially like to thank our Parish Finance and Building Committee who have overseen this work, Clare and Loretta who help to coordinate our rotas and to all those, whether on a rota or not, who support the Parish throughout the year by volunteering in so many ways. Although we've had to work very differently together for most of last year, it will be a blessing to again have the support of our Readers, Extraordinary ministers, sacristy helpers, catechists, musicians and singers, our helpers with Children's Liturgy, our collection takers and counters, flower arrangers, church cleaners, linen cleaners and our altar servers as we establish how we can serve the Lord together having made the church safe again.

With my continued prayers and thanksgiving that you and your family will have had a Happy and Holy Christmas and a New Year filled with God's blessings, Fr. Adrian."

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS Thank you for your continued support of the Parish 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 version of the newsletter online.

Thank you for giving what you can, it will be a great blessing. An addition collection this week is SPUC's annual [Whiteflower Appeal](#) to help fund understanding against abortion (click link)

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		10 th to 17 th January (Christmas season ends on 10 th)
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
10th Jan. Sunday	11 am	The Baptism of the Lord	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>We will be open today</i>	<i>for Mass</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	
11 th Jan. Monday	9 am	Feria	Tish Deacon's Intentions
12 th Jan. Tuesday	9 am	St Aelred of Rievaulx	Mary Fein & Family (Foundation Mass)
13 th Jan. Wednesday	9 am	Feria	Tish Deacon's Intentions
14 th Jan. Thursday	9 am	Feria	Gerry Fitzmaurice RIP
15 th Jan. Friday	9 am	Feria	Colin Parry RIP
16 th Jan. Saturday	9 am	Votive Mass of Our Lady	Guy's Intentions
<i>After the call to stay at home, we hope to reopen for Mass on 10th January unless it would be illegal to do so</i>			
17th Jan. Sunday	11 am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>We hope to open today</i>	<i>for Mass</i>	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	

National Lockdown Update: A Message from Fr Adrian on 9th January

I am sure that many of you are wondering how we can open the church amidst national calls for us all to remain at home and how we can open when I am 'Shielding', like many of us in the Parish, as a person on the NHS Extremely Critically Vulnerable List.

Archbishop John wrote last weekend that '*...Unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise, it is crucial that our churches remain open [as with] the correct measures in place, our churches are safe places.*' The reason given for keeping churches open is that such a measure '*is vital to our spiritual health and wellbeing.*' This week there have been calls from the Mayor of London, and some Local Authorities, for places of worship to close. The Archbishop has written a response to this which can be downloaded online by clicking here, stating that the new National Lockdown Guidance (quoted in the section below this) is still in force as '*The Government has not delegated to Local Authorities any powers to amend these regulations*'.

I can understand both sides of the concern and want to reiterate the information given last week in the section below.

However, as your Parish Priest, I earnestly request that you consider following the Government guidance and that you remain indoors and join us online for Mass, especially if you are shielding or considered in a 'vulnerable category'.

We rely on being able to open up on the support of a small but dedicated team of volunteers and **I would like to stress to our volunteers that the care and protection of your own families must take precedence and that you have my full support if you decide at this time that you cannot help at the moment.** Given the decisions we all have to make, where we can form a team of volunteers to prepare for Mass next **Sunday 17th**, we will open for Mass, **if we can safely do so.** If you are an existing helper or a new volunteer, please email our Part-time Parish Administrator, Clare, via Mortlakeadmin@RCAOS.org.uk to let us know if you can help or whether you would like to step down temporarily while we are in the current lockdown position.

The Diocese ask me to inform the Archbishop each week whether we can open for Mass, so it will be a decision made each Saturday via the weekly newsletter published online and sent by email to Parish members who have signed up to receive it. If we can open it is because we have a clean church with people socially distant and wearing masks, but do please remember to stay away if you have any symptoms of a cough, a cold or Covid, so that we can remain safe for others. Thank you.

The main points of the new National Lockdown Guidance which relate specifically to places of worship are summarised below:

Communal worship and life events - You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony.

You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship. Weddings, funerals and religious, belief-based or commemorative events linked to someone's death are all subject to limits on the numbers that can attend, and weddings and civil ceremonies may only take place in exceptional circumstances.

This means there is no statutory obligation on places of worship to close at this time, and that the public celebration of the Sacraments, where all necessary stewarding and sanitisation measures are in place, may continue.

Needless to say, this section of the Archbishop's email of last Saturday still applies:

... I would, therefore, suggest that a local determination is made by each parish priest or parochial administrator about the Mass schedule for Sundays and weekdays and the opening of churches for personal prayer ... Wherever possible, please enable people to attend Mass and visit the church for prayer, with all necessary stewarding and sanitisation measures in place. If, however, it is not possible to ensure the church buildings are properly stewarded and sanitised, or the risks are deemed too great, or the priest himself becomes unwell or needs to self-isolate, and no alternative provision can be made, please take whatever temporary action is judged necessary ... This decision should be reviewed each week, ...

Unless exceptional circumstances dictate otherwise, it is crucial that our churches remain open for the celebration of Mass and personal prayer. This is vital to our spiritual health and wellbeing. With the correct measures in place, our churches are safe places. It is, however, paramount that clergy and laity alike follow the requirements for distance, stewarding, and sanitisation, as specified in the guidance sent out previously. The instructions concerning the liturgy must also be followed in full. Failure to implement these measures is an extremely serious matter, and potentially jeopardises peoples' health. The laity have the right to the reassurance provided by the guidelines for the celebration of the Sacraments in the context of the pandemic.

I hope this information will address any questions which may arise at this time. With my continued prayers, Fr Adrian

If you are applying for a place at a Catholic Primary School for September 2021 please read this information very carefully For the Primary School SIF to be back by Friday 15 January, the last date to drop the form into the Parish Office WAS Saturday 2 January. This was to allow for a quarantine of 72 hours before and after completion, **so that the reference(s) can be collected from Fr Adrian at Noon on Sunday 10 January, today.** Thank you to all those families who have completed your forms..

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 Tadeusz Kawa,

Baby Tommy Murphy, Philippa Hoyland and Michael Kelly who died recently; for Julia Fernandes, Kathleen Flood, John Goggin, Ann Opie, Maurice Wade, Kathryn Strohe, Henry Healey, Mary Hill 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.