

# St. Mary Magdalen Roman Catholic Church



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Sunday Masses: 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm.  
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Saturdays 10am-10.30am & 5pm-5:30pm

## Christmas & New Year

Every family knows the impact of the birth of a child; it is an occasion that has lots of different aspects to it. Obviously the focus is on the present needs of the child (and mother). It is also a time when we look back and think about situations and people who have influenced us. Finally it is a time to hope and wonder about the future. The past, present and future coming together. During every Mass the Priest says “The mystery of faith”, and each response has this threefold dimension.

When Jesus, God’s only son, was given to humanity all people were invited to celebrate the joy of the present; to thank God for his faithfulness in the past, and to look forward in hope to the future.

Happy Christmas and Blessed New Year

Canon Francis

### Parish & Local News

**Parish Finances:** 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017  
Flowers Collection: £250.22    Offertory: £785.61

#### **Children’s Liturgy:**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: No Liturgy until 2018  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: No Liturgy until 2018

#### **Altar Servers rota:**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec: 9.30 & 11am Masses: **Team 2**  
Christmas Masses: **Volunteers**  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: 9.30 & 11am Masses: **Team 1**  
6.30pm Mass: **Team 1**

#### **Cleaners rota:**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: **Team 2**

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## Children's Nativity at St Mary Magdalen

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at the 6.30pm Vigil Mass we will hold our Children's Nativity during which some of our younger children will put on a short Nativity scene. All children who are attending Mass are invited to dress up as one of the characters of the Nativity – shepherds, Holy family, sheep, the angels.

### **Christmas Collection**

The collection taken at Christmas is personal for the Priest and, with the Easter Day collection, forms the main part of his annual income.

### **New Readers Rota 2018**

The new rota for Readers at Mass is available at the back of church beside the newsletters. If you are on the Readers' rota please collect the envelope with your name on it. Thank you.

### **New Year's Day: Feast of Mary Mother of God**

On New Year's day, our daily Mass will be at 12.00 midday. A Good way to start 2018!

### **Congratulations!**

Our prayers and best wishes go to Carla Ruocco and Scott Hunter who are getting married here at St Mary Magdalen on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

### **2018 Counting the Collection Rota available in Sacristy**

The New Rotas for Counting the Collection are available for collection in the Sacristy, in labelled envelopes for each individual member.

### **Christmas Crib Offering**

The Christmas Crib Offerings are all for the Catholic Children's Society Southwark Crisis Fund. This money is used entirely for the benefit of disadvantaged children and families within our Diocese of Southwark. For more information see the poster on the noticeboard outside.

### **St Mary Magdalen volunteer Cleaners needed for 2018**

If you can spare one morning a month to help the Church, we are looking for new volunteers to join our Cleaning. If you would like to become part of a Church team please contact Bec McCarthy before the New Year on [bec.mccarthy@me.com](mailto:bec.mccarthy@me.com) or sign up on the board at the back of Church.

### **White Flower collection: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

After each Mass on the 14<sup>th</sup> January there will be a retiring collection for SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) known as a White Flower Appeal.

### **School Application References**

Anyone who still needs a reference for a school application is asked to book an appointment on the list at the back of church.

### **Church office closed for the holidays**

St Mary Magdalen Church office will be closed from 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 – 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Emails and phone calls left during this time will be responded to after the 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Sign up to our mailing list to receive emails with details of parish news and events.**  
[www.stmarymags.org.uk/maillinglist](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk/maillinglist)

Merry  
Christmas



# MASS INTENTIONS

24<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Christmas Masses

### The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm	Sick and Housebound <b>Vigil Mass</b> (p.94)
	12midnight	People of the Parish <b>Midnight Mass</b> (p. 97)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	10.00am	People of the Parish <b>Christmas Day Mass</b> (p. 100)
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec: (St Stephen)	9.30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec: (St John)	9.30am	<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec: (The Holy Innocents)	7.00pm	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec: (St Thomas of Canterbury)	9.30am 10.00am	Private Int. Adoration
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec: <b>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b> (p. 105)	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Patrick Barry RIP People of the Parish Edith & James O'Brian
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan: <b>Mary Holy Mother of God</b>	12noon	People of the Parish
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan: (Ss Basil & Gregory)	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan: (Most Holy Name of Jesus)	9.30am	June Sullivan RIP
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	9.30am 10.00am	Private Int. Adoration
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan:	9.30am	Aleksander Parry-Jones RIP (Deacon)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan: <b>The Epiphany of The Lord</b> (p. 118)	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Private Int. People of the Parish Judy Ballard RIP (Flack Family)

## Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially, Pamela Raggett, Jamie Gilmour, Manuel Campello, Nory Tennant, Marie Claude Simonelli, Fr John Ehichioya, Anna Cleary and Josephine Edwards.