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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

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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.

Parish and School News 7th - 21st June 2020

A Message from Archbishop John Wilson...

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

The Covid-19 pandemic has changed our world, our country, and, in different ways, each of our lives. For some this has been devastating, with loss of life and serious illness. Throughout these past months we have prayed for everyone who has died, and for their families and loved ones. We are continuing to pray for all our keyworkers who serve with such selfless generosity. And we pray for our local, national, and global community, as we rebuild our future together. Perhaps we are learning not to take so much for granted and to focus more on who and what matters most. Please God, moving forward, we will treat each other with greater kindness, with greater respect, and with greater love.

As we know, places of worship, including Catholic churches, were closed by the Government to control the spread of the Coronavirus infection and save lives. As the restrictions have begun to be relaxed, we are very grateful that permission has now been given for places of worship to reopen for individual prayer from Monday 15 June. **This can only happen, however, if all the necessary hygiene and social distancing measures have been put in place.** We welcome this first step towards the restoration, in due course, of public liturgical celebrations with a congregation.

The Government's permission to open our churches for visits for individual prayer enables us to draw closer to Christ who is really and truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Our sacramental yearning, for the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, now finds deeper anticipation as, once again, we are able to pray in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. It is a beautiful providence that our churches are allowed to open the day after Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. There is a longstanding Catholic tradition of visits to the Blessed Sacrament and prayers before the Tabernacle. We are now invited to revive these with new devotion.

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For any church to open from 15 June, strict requirements must be put in place which have been communicated to every parish in the Archdiocese. To be allowed to open their church, each parish will need to satisfy all the necessary conditions outlined.

This means that not every church will open immediately, and some churches may remain closed for the time being. The days and times which churches can open will also vary. I know that many people have been frustrated that our churches have been closed. Together, patiently, we can now begin opening them, wherever possible, and as soon as possible. We share the same desire to unlock the doors to the Lord's house. This must, however, be managed properly and safely.

During this time of pandemic, I am immensely grateful for the remarkable ways in which parishes, schools, individuals, and families are sustaining the life of faith. I want to express a special word of thanks to the priests in the Archdiocese who have continued to celebrate Holy Mass each day in closed churches, without congregations, some of them live-streaming the liturgy, catechesis, prayers and devotions. We all look forward to being able to gather again in our churches, especially for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. **Until this is possible, as best we can, we will open our churches for individual prayer.**

As we enter our churches, to '*adore the Lord in his holy court,*' we carry with us, in our prayer and in our hearts, the needs of everyone in the communities where we live, that peace, justice, and healing will touch our lives and our world. With the assurance of my prayers and every blessing. Yours devotedly in Christ

+ John

Most Rev John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark

Given at Archbishop's House,
Southwark, 11 June 2020, the Memoria of St Barnabas the Apostle

A Message from Fr Adrian ... Following on from Archbishop John's letter, I have some difficult news to share as, sadly, it is not currently possible to open the doors to our church. Whilst we have been on lockdown, it has become apparent that, following the partial collapse of one of the panels in the ceiling, more panels have developed cracks. Since the original partial fall in September 2019 the area directly underneath this part of the Sanctuary has been sealed off, so I am trying to see if the Insurance company will allow us to open with restricted access in just the left and right side aisles, or even just the right (southern) side.

I have been seeking contractors since the initial fall and it is hoped that we will be able to present the new quotes to the Archbishop for approval in early July, with the aim that the work would start as soon as possible thereafter. On the basis of the work being undertaken in just the central nave, we are looking at a minimal cost of between £37,000 and £40,000. However, we need a professional opinion on whether all the ceiling panels need to be covered over – this would be a far higher sum. I trust and pray that the Lord will guide us through these difficulties and I have no doubt that our Parish will thrive through it all. It is still important that we plan ahead to open as soon as we can but that will only be possible through the help of volunteers so please see the message at the end of the page. If we get permission to celebrate liturgies such as baptism before the ceiling is completed, then we will make arrangements to use the Parish Hall, but we do not yet have permission for public services and I will continue to celebrate Mass for the Parish, using Zoom to live-stream on Sundays
With my thanks for your prayers and understanding, God bless, *Fr. Adrian.*

Collection details for last Sunday, 7th June Standing Order £468: weekly average for the month

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 as a reference with a Gift Aid number if you have one. Our Parish bank details are: **NatWest Richmond (A)** Name of Account: **RCAS ST MARY MAGDALEN**
Sort Code: **60-07-20** Account no. **20224311**

MASS details and MASS INTENTIONS this week

7th – 21st June 2020

Sunday 14 th June	11am	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
The Feast of Corpus Christi	Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email	
Monday 15 th June	9am	John, Henrietta & Thomas Hogan [Foundation Mass]
(Feria)		
Tuesday 16 th	9am	Private Intention
(Feria)		
Wednesday 17 th	9am	Canon McAuliffe [Foundation Mass]
(Feria)		
Thursday 18 th	9am	John Lee RIP
(Feria)		
Friday 19 th	9am	Holy Souls
(The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)		
Saturday 20 th	9am	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
(The Immaculate Heart of the BVM)		
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	

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 his daily Mass.**

Luke 10:20

“Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.”

Please pray for the repose of the souls of

John Lee who died recently
William Francis, Michael Gilliat, William Fairs
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.

St Mary Magdalen's – the way forward: Can you be a Steward when we open?

Sadly, it will be some time yet before we open up for private prayer and public Mass; however, as soon as it is safe to do so we will publish opening hours. To plan for this if you can act as a steward please email MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk with your offers of help to see what steps are needed to ensure we can open up.