



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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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: 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.

## 26<sup>th</sup> September to 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

Whilst Fr Adrian is away during the week he will continue to celebrate Mass for the needs of our Parish Family.

It is important to note that the obligation for each of us to attend Sunday Mass continues to remain suspended but the church is now open under Covid-safety restrictions.

As such, we are only able to hold one Mass on Sunday at 11am, with the weekday Mass schedule as listed below with times and Mass intentions.

### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> September

Our total income was £805 per week [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](http://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](http://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 Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy.

### THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL PARISH CELEBRATION

We were able to enjoy the best of the weather right up until the last moments last Sunday, but thankfully, it only began to rain when we had started to draw everything to a close. **A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who was able to join us for a wonderful Celebration Lunch last Sunday.**

It was a joy to gather after Mass as families could get together for a wonderful Parish Celebration for the first time since our Christmas Fair in 2019. Thanks to the generosity of all those involved, we were able to enjoy drinks and picnic food from around the world which celebrated the diversity of our Parish Family. With a special thank you to Lucy and Jennie who were able to coordinate a fantastic team of helpers who were able to set up before Mass and helped us with a great group of volunteers right up to the end. The aim of the event was simply to celebrate the gradual ease of the Covid restrictions and to be able to enjoy the opportunity of gathering together safely outdoors, so thank you too for the prayers and support of those who weren't able to stay with us.

### ON-GOING SUPPORT OF THE PARISH

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.

### The countdown for School References has begun

Many schools are operating 'open evenings' for prospective parents to have an actual and/or 'virtual' look around. Please look out for information from individual schools as we cannot publish all these details in the newsletter. If you will be applying for a place for a child in Reception, Year 7 or 'Sixth Form' (Year 12) for admission in 2022 please see the information overleaf and ask Fr Adrian for the Parish form.

**All Year 7 applications have to be given to Fr Adrian by 17 October at the latest to ensure you can collect them on 24 October in time for their return to the school by 31 October.**

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		26 <sup>th</sup> September to 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2021
	Date	Time	
26 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Sunday	11 am	26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Yvonne Eastman RIP & the needs of our Parish Family
27 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Monday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed Monday to Saturday
28 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Tuesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed Monday to Saturday
29 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Wednesday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed Monday to Saturday
30 <sup>th</sup> Sep. Thursday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed Monday to Saturday
1 <sup>st</sup> Oct. Friday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed Monday to Saturday
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct. Saturday	Closed today	NB the church is closed	Please note – the church is closed Monday to Saturday
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct. Sunday	11 am	27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family

**Please note: the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is planned to return on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a person attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 then they are considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation has been reintroduced by the Bishops which has been announced as **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 – the First Sunday of Advent, thereafter weekly attendance at Mass would be expected as part of our ordinary life of faith and service as a Christian.**

**Important information for Parents/Carers seeking application for a school place in 2022**

Parents/Carers seeking a reference from Fr Adrian must see him to collect the form 'Information for the Parish Priest Regarding a School Application'. This form has to be completed by a parent, and given back to Fr Adrian together with a family photo/print and a copy of the child's baptism certificate (not an original) in an A4+ size envelope clearly marked SCHOOL APPLICATION with the NAME OF THE CHILD and the NAME OF THE PARENTS/CARERS.

This form, together with any school forms (SIF) for Fr Adrian to complete (if you already have them) **must be given in person to Fr Adrian after Mass on Sunday.** Depending on the number of forms received each week Fr Adrian may then contact the parents for a discussion either in person or via a video link on Zoom or Microsoft Teams. Once completed, school references handed in the weekend before are to be collected at 12pm (Noon) the following Sunday. This process allows for papers to be quarantined before and after completion in readiness for collection. Please note: application and SIF papers cannot be dropped off or collected outside these times.

**Home Help Needed**

One of our elderly parishioners is looking for some paid help twice a week with cleaning and local shopping trips. This could tie-in with school times, if needed. For more details, please call **07941 237 497**

**Missio Red Boxes.** If you have a Red Missio Box, please do bring them to Church so that we can donate the money which you have been kindly collecting. Please ensure that your name and address are on the box, or include a sheet wrapped around it with your details. You will be given a new box as a replacement. Thank you once again for your generosity and support. Please bring your box to Sunday Mass.

**Bishop's Open Letter on Assisted Dying Bill**

Bishop John Sherrington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has written an open letter inviting Catholics to pray for the defeat of the Assisted Dying Bill to be debated in the House of Lords in October. The letter encourages us to write to peers at the House of Lords stating the reasons why Catholic Christians would oppose this legislation and asks us to particularly explain from personal experience the reasons why this change in the law should be opposed. Bishop John's letter urges discussion and communication about this important matter. For more information and a copy of the letter please click [HERE](#):

**Volunteers this week 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September 2021:**

**Cleaners:** Sue A, Vicki A, Katrina M, Morine T,

**Reader:** Kim F

**Extraordinary Minister:** Sofia B-A

**Welcomers:** Maria L, Gerry O'C, Ann G, Julie W

**Volunteers next week 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021:**

**Cleaners:** NB the church is closed on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Reader:** Sophie Saunderson

**Extraordinary Minister:** Maggie Barker

**Welcomers:** Anna P, Sinead T, Meredith P

**Please help our Parish to return to our pre-Pandemic level of all three of our Sunday Masses** Although we had hoped to return to the full complement of Masses by now, it has not been possible through volunteer levels. However, from November 7<sup>th</sup> we will be restoring the 9.30am and 6.30pm Masses, in addition to the existing 11am Mass. In order to do this, we need your help please. If you would like to volunteer as a Welcomer, Cleaner, Reader or Extraordinary Minister we would hope to welcome you to our existing Teams. For information please email [MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:MortlakeAdmin@RCAOS.org.uk)

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation**

Please remember, as per the last few weeks of our digital newsletter emails, if you would like your child to be considered for entry to the First Holy Communion or Confirmation Programme, parents are requested to sign up to express their interest by entering this link in their browser or clicking this link in the online newsletter: <https://forms.office.com/r/4dVz2Jr3MF>

**9:30am Mass - Our Children's Liturgy Volunteer Coordinator**

Helena Torralba and Fr Adrian have emailed all the families of children who had attended our 9:30am Mass Children's Liturgy before the Pandemic. **We have had 10 replies so far but would be grateful if all parents could let us know their reply.** Fr Adrian is planning a meeting with past and present families so that we can plan ahead for Children's Liturgy when we can resume the 9.30 Mass. More details to follow.

**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."

Mass Intention envelopes are available at the entrance and exit to the church if you would like to request a Mass for a family member or friend, or for a particular need.

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of**

Edward Barnes who died recently and for Yvonne Eastman, David Porter, Doris Legg, Rose Joyce, Michael Shearman

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. Please also state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to the list above for our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.