



# 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.

**Parish Office Open:**

**Wednesday to Friday 10.30 am to 3.30 pm**

**Our Cemetery is open daily from 9 am to 3 pm**  
365 days a year (except for emergency call outs).

### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> January.

Our weekly income was £715 [an average of the 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 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.

### 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.

## 28th January to 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Sunday Masses:** 9.30 am and 11.00 am

**Weekday Mass:** the church opens at 9.00 am with Mass at 9.30 am, but please check below for details.

**Please note the church is closed on Tuesday.**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Fridays from 9.00 am, ending with Benediction before 9.30 Mass.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Saturdays from 9.00 am to 10.30 am and by request.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: Mass Book p 134-137

#### "Seeing one another in the life of the Church"

This Sunday Catholic churches throughout the country support charities who work to promote Racial Justice. Over the course of last year racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally, generating awareness, emotion and outrage. **In the Church we proclaim**

**that everyone of whatever racial origin should be Welcomed, Protected, Promoted and Integrated.**

Archbishop John Wilson celebrates a special Mass at St George's Cathedral at 10 am today for Racial Justice.

#### A Prayer for Justice and Equality:

Lord Jesus Christ, in your ministry you were approached by people of many different nations and cultures.

You listened to their cry for help, treated them with love and compassion, and brought them healing and wholeness.

In our own time may we provide to all those who are suffering the help that they need and the care that they require. May we respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to dream of a world made new where the poor are not forgotten but are given the opportunity to live and flourish with good health and equal prospects.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

**Fr Adrian would like to thank the Cemetery Team and all those who joined them for the Burns Night Supper and Quiz they organized on Saturday evening. Thanks go also to those who couldn't attend but supported them through a donation. All the help was gratefully received and 100% of the funds go directly to the Cemetery Team's independent fund for the care of the cemetery.**

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		28 <sup>th</sup> January to 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Sunday	9.30 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		David Hoyland RIP
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Maria Furness [Foundation Mass]
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Tuesday	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> Jan. Wednesday	9.30 am	St John Bosco [School Mass]	Jacob Alcock [First Birthday]
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Ukraine: the Joyful Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Presentation of the Lord	Thanks to St Francis, St Anne & the Sacred
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb. Saturday	9-10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>The church is open for prayer until 12pm today</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb. Sunday	9.30 am	5 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	For the Boniface and Pillar Families
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family

**Next Sunday we hold the monthly Building Together collection for the care and maintenance of our Parish.**

Nicola, our Parish Secretary, will be going into hospital for some surgery on 2<sup>nd</sup> February which means that the Parish Office will be closed from 2<sup>nd</sup> until 14<sup>th</sup> February whilst she is away convalescing. So, please bear with us as Nicola will answer all emails on her return! Fr Adrian can be contacted, if you leave a message on the answerphone, however, please note; Fr Adrian will only be available to help with urgent matters as he will be busy with the Parish work, thank you.

**Parish WhatsApp Group News**

For those who missed this message, Fr Adrian has been asked to publish it again: Many Parishioners have formed their own WhatsApp Groups for example our Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers and Music & Singing Group, to name but a few. Most of these have been set-up by individual Parish members, but Fr Adrian has been asked by Parish members to set-up a Parish WhatsApp Group as a whole, with different Groups, such as those named above, being part of the "umbrella" Parish Group which will, like the existing ones, be confidential. A lot of Parishioners use WhatsApp Groups with their neighbours for Street Watch and to keep-up with local news so having a Parish WhatsApp Group is a fantastic idea. Some Parishioners already know that the confidential Parish number (not published in the newsletter) is used as a WhatsApp number so that Parishioners can contact Fr Adrian in an emergency. That telephone number will be used for the new Parish WhatsApp Group but still won't be published in the newsletter so that we know only Parish members who would like to be in the Group can be added. The WhatsApp Group will link the existing Groups under the "umbrella" of the Parish Group, but they will remain self-managed by the existing Group co-ordinators. We hope as many of our 500 Parish families will choose to join the WhatsApp Group but no-one will be added by Fr Adrian or Nicola without their permission as the Parish complies with GDPR and your consent via email is necessary. To join the new Parish WhatsApp Group please email [Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk) with your name and preferred mobile telephone number.

The Group will only be used to give notice of Parish events, for example, the Burns Night below.

It's great to receive presents over Christmas but sometimes, if Granny gives you the same bottle of "smellies" she gave you last year or Uncle Jimmy keeps forgetting that Junior can help by donating items to raise funds for the **to receive any non-perishable items (i.e. no best-the donated gifts at a Parish Fair.** No one will know can't be disappointed if you told them you were have half a million pounds of repairs to do this year, Heart Window, so we need to hold a number of **donate any gifts that are extra to your needs, or you have any other ideas for fundraising, please see Fr Adrian after Mass.** *Please provide the original packaging, where possible, but please note we can't sell used items such as half a bottle of shampoo!*



As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a Building a Better Marriage Course throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. This one-day course is for all married couples no matter how long you have been married, and seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriages better and to improve their communication skills. If you would be interested in attending please contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark: website. <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

The courses begin at 9.45am and finish at 4.30pm and are available on: 3<sup>rd</sup> February: at Maidstone Parish, 16<sup>th</sup> March: at Gravesend Parish, 13<sup>th</sup> April: at Whitstable Parish, 29<sup>th</sup> June: at Sittingbourne Parish

We have been asked by Knock Pilgrimages to advertise that they have arranged an escorted Tour to Knock and Co Mayo on 3<sup>rd</sup> March at a cost of £899.00 per person. This price will include your flights with luggage allowance, 5 nights' in the Castlecourt Hotel, Westportand and all your meals, including lunch on 3 days. With visits to Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick and Ashford Castle: the cost of entertainment, excursions and transport costs are included in the price. To book a place or, for more information: contact Patricia or Natali on: 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com) thank you.

**In response to the Israel-Palestinian crisis, CAFOD have launched an appeal to support those affected and get funds to local experts in Gaza and southern Israel to help communities and those who need our help. If you would like to make a donation to CAFOD please either go directly to [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) click [HERE](#) or telephone 0303 303 3030, thank you**

**Please pray for Parish Family and friends who are unwell:**

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 will be offered at every Mass as Fr Adrian keeps the private list of names at the altar.

**"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."**

**Luke 10:20**

Please use Mass Intention envelopes from the church entrance to request a Mass for a family member or friend, or for a particular need and give these to Fr Adrian

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

David Hoyland, Joy Ann Williamson, Margaret Cunningham & Irene Baker who died recently, and for Ellen Leatherbarrow, John Barrington Charles Carroll, Etienne Stepanopoci, Isabella Coombe Maria Gonzy, Canon Francis Moran, William O'Connor 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