



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).

28th July to 1st September 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.

20th Week Ordinary Time –18th August 2024

Mass Book p 120-123

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Evelyn Fernandes who died suddenly last week and pray for the comfort and care of Wayne (Agnelo), Ariyana and Eric at this time of grief and bereavement. Evelyn and her young family were part of our Parish and School life for many years and she will be deeply missed. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 16th July.
Our weekly income was £642 [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
- 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
- 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.

From the very first beginnings of our Parish, when small numbers of people gathered for Mass in a stable (on ground now occupied by Tesco's, opposite the train station); we have grown, year on year, as a beacon of Christ's Light to be the wonderful gathering of individuals and families we are today, 175 years after the first light of our Parish dawned.



We have been blessed to have had the help of many priests and people over the years, and are extremely grateful to the legacy they have left us. **To build on that legacy, Fr Adrian would like to introduce a series of House Masses on a Saturday evening, where small groups of neighbouring Parish Family members and friends take turns in hosting Mass in a simple gathering in their home, ending with a bring-and-share meal afterwards.** It is hoped, that by gradually coming together as small-group communities, each little gathering for a Saturday evening Mass will be an extra Beacon of Christ's Light in our neighbourhood, with the chance of family and friends to encounter the light of Christ through the warmth, welcome and witness such small gatherings offer. **We don't have the capacity to offer Mass each week on a Saturday or Sunday evening in the Parish Church, but it is hoped that by getting to know each other through small-group House Masses, our Parish will continue to grow and thrive for many more years to come. More details will follow, so please check the newsletter over the coming weeks.**

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.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		18 th to 24 th August 2024
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
18th August Sunday	9.30 am	20th Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Josie Donohue RIP
19 th Aug. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	For the welfare of Fr Adrian
20 th Aug. Tuesday	9.30 am	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
21 st Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Pius X	For the intention of Francisco and Rosa Montero
22 nd Aug. Thursday	9.30 am	Queenship of our Blessed Mother	For the Holy Souls
23 rd Aug. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: The Luminous Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Canon Bernard Jose [Foundation Mass]
24 th Aug. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today

This week we pray for the repose of the souls of Evelyn Fernandes who died recently and for Mona Miller, David Purdey, William Saunders, William Tesh, Michael Gilliat

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Mass Intentions during August ...

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		25 th August to 1 st September 2024
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
25 th August Sunday	9.30 am	21 st Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Joseph Hellel RIP
26 th Aug. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
27 th Aug. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	Please note: the church is closed
28 th Aug. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor	For the Holy Souls
29 th Aug. Thursday	9.30 am	Passion of St John the Baptist	Teresa B. Corr [Foundation Mass]
30 th Aug.. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: The Sorrowful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Sts M Clitherow, A Line, M Ward	For the intention of J Bemrose
31 st Aug.. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12 pm today
1 st Sept. Sunday	9.30 am	22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart

This week we pray for the repose of the souls of Albert Bruce, Edward Goggins, Jeannie Turner, Teresa Corr, Ellen Brown, Mireille Buckner

Fr Adrian is remaining here throughout the summer, and as usual, the church will remain closed each Tuesday.

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A date for your diary:

The next opportunity to donate to our ‘Building Together scheme which helps towards the ongoing Health and Safety costs, which have to be met by the Parish, will be on Sunday 1st September.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Thursday 15th August for our Parish Pizza Night after the evening Mass for Our Lady ☺

A BIG THANK YOU for your support for the Parish ‘Share & Care’ Foodbank. With thanks as well to the Parish families who donate to local Foodbanks via their supermarket. All Your support is appreciated and helps local families in need especially during the Summer holidays. It would be a great blessing if families could please include one extra item in their shopping to bring on Sunday or during the week as a donation to help feed Parish and local families. Our Foodbank is urgently in need of dried pasta, rice, tinned tuna, tinned tomatoes, tinned soup or tinned vegetables. Also needed are washing powder, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, tea, coffee, jam and biscuits, thank you.



Whilst many servers are away over the summer holidays we don’t run a formal rota, but if you are on a ‘staycation’ or are back from your holidays then please consider serving at our Sunday Masses. In preparation for the return of the rota in the autumn, would parents of any of our children who made their 1st Communion in 2024 who would like to become an Altar Server, please let Fr Adrian know if they would like to join the ministry by downloading an application from via this [LINK](#) in our digital online newsletter. Please then return the completed form to Fr Adrian after Mass, thank you.



The Divine Mercy Apostolate is holding a “**Celebration of St Faustina**” at Aylesford Priory on Bank Holiday Monday, **26th August**, from 10am until 4:30 pm. The day will include an Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction, Mass and teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy. For more information about the day and transport to and from Aylesford, please call Millie on 07957 594 646, thank you.

Pilgrimage in December 2024. Northern Star Travel Ltd are organising a Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 7th to 10th December at a cost of £550 per person (sharing) or £675 for a single room at the Grand Hotel Moderne. Departing from Stansted airport at 1.30pm on 7th December and returning at approximately 7pm on the 10th. For more information please click onto this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter or call 0161 773 2115

SPUC is calling on the Government to END the TWO-BENEFIT CAP

BPAS, one of Britain's biggest abortion providers, has identified that the Government’s punitive two-child Universal Credit limit is “a significant factor” in many women deciding to abort their child? If you would like to sign one of the post-cards, from the table at the back of the church, please return it to Fr Adrian. Alternatively, please click onto this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter, where you can read some more information and can add your details online, thank you.

Would you like your child to receive First Holy Communion next year?



If your child will be in Year 3 from September 2024, whether they are in our Parish School, another Catholic School or in a Non-Catholic School, please see below. In addition, each year we have some children who have not yet been baptised or are from different faith traditions but would like to be welcomed into the Church, so if that applies to you, please let Fr Adrian know so that he can help. Please follow the QR code or link in the online version of the newsletter

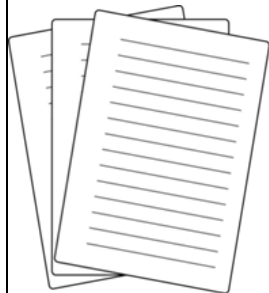
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to express an interest in the First Communion Programme (posters with the QR code for this link are also available in church).

Please note: this is only the first part of the application, but to enrol your child into our First Communion Programme this initial online form must be completed between now and 20th October for the 2024/2025 Programme.



Catholic Nursery/Reception, Secondary School Transfers and 6th Form Applications for 2025



If you're applying to a Catholic School for next year, please see Fr Adrian after Mass to obtain a form called the **Parish Reference Request**". This form, with a family photo and a COPY of the child's baptism certificate, together with any school forms for Fr Adrian to complete (the school SIF if you already have them) are to be handed back to Fr Adrian at the end of the usual Sunday Mass you attend. Please do not delay returning the Parish form until you have all the school forms, as Fr Adrian needs time to collate the information. Please make sure you are aware of each School's cut-off date, e.g., Secondary Schools will need their completed forms over the next few weeks. Please remember that at least a week is needed to give time to process the forms so that forms handed in one Sunday are usually returned the next week. **Please see Fr Adrian if you have any questions ...**

Saturday 7th September sees the Church's 157th Anniversary since our Consecration (in other words the Church was blessed once it was debt-free, 15 years after St Mary Magdalen's first opened its doors for Mass in the new church after formally starting life as a Mission in 1849). **That weekend also sees Fr Adrian 'coming of age' as he celebrates 30 years of being part of the Diocese and 21 years as an Ordained Priest.** Please come and celebrate these anniversaries as well as the start of the new term and the formal start to our Sacramental Programmes by joining Fr Adrian in the Parish Hall for our second Pizza night of the year! This isn't a party for you to bring along gifts, but do please bring along drinks and pizza that you'd enjoy. Fr Adrian can cook your pizza so that you can eat and drink with family and friends or bring some pizza that you'd be happy to share by 'mixing and matching' with other types of pizza brought along by others. Fr Adrian will also have some blank pizza bases on which you can ask him to bake to order with a choice of toppings such as mushrooms, basil, mozzarella and olives but he draws the line at pineapple on pizza – you're on your own there (he's happy to eat pineapple but not on pizza! 😊)



The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and it will be a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. Preparations for the 2025 Year of Jubilee will begin in Advent 2023, which will mark the start of a year of prayer. The Bishops' Conference will be producing resources for the preparatory year of prayer, focusing on the Our Father, as well as resources about Jubilee in the Catholic Church for use by parishes, priests, religious, laypeople, and more, these resources will help guide you as you ready yourself for this most vital year in the Church's life. For an initial guide please follow this link in the digital version of our newsletter online: <https://youtu.be/FBi5SCO2J88?si=w2DjIJAScrzmjyTM>

Please remember to use easyfunding every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, U switch and many others! This means that you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you are buying, even a summer holiday! If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started please.

You can find our easy fundraising page here : <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarymagdalenmortlake>



St Mary Magdalen Church, Mortlake has been paid £19.79 this week thanks to members of our Parish Family shopping online! A huge thank you to everyone who supports us. **Could you help us?** Sign up to easyfundraising so your online shopping at your favourite retailers turns into much-needed funding for the charitable work of the Parish. It will only take you two minutes to sign up:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarymagdalenmortlake>



Would you like to join an eight-day trek with a group of pilgrims of all ages and all faiths and none, to walk part of the pilgrim route of the Italian Camino Via Francigena, part of an ancient pilgrimage route which goes from Canterbury to Rome. If so, why not join "Pilgrim's Progress to Rome, during Autumn 2025! This is a charity fundraising challenge organised by the charity Life, who supports women in unexpected and crisis pregnancies and those experiencing pregnancy loss. If you would like to learn more about 'Life' and the trek, please email emilytraynor@lifecharity.org.uk alternatively, click [HERE](#) in the online newsletter where you can register your interest in taking part.

Changes to the Bible Readings at Mass - New Lectionary Translation from Advent 2024
The Lectionary used at Mass contains Bible readings set out over a two or three-year cycle and, as part of the continuing process of updating the liturgy which began in 2011, the Lectionary is changing. These changes have been made to make the translation from the original languages more faithful to the original and, where appropriate, more inclusive. This means that the Parish needs to purchase a new set of the three Lectionaries used at Mass at a cost of £395 for the three-volume set. Some Parish Families asked Fr Adrian if they could contribute towards the cost, and he would like to have a Dedication Page for the front of each volume so that families could either dedicate a single volume to a loved one's memory or have a chosen name included in a list of donors. If you would like to contribute, please use one of the white envelopes marked "LECTIONARY" from the table at the back of the church. Please Gift Aid your donation where possible and in the space on the front of the envelope please write the name(s) to be included on the dedication page, thank you.

We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine, the Middle East and for all areas of conflict:

Loving God, we pray for all victims of violence, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices. We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need, through Christ our Lord.

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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

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, for the Holy Souls or for a particular need. To request a Mass please complete a manilla coloured envelope, alternatively, you can donate via the QR code above but if you do this please email Fr Adrian to let him know so that the Holy Souls Mass can be said as soon as possible, thank you.



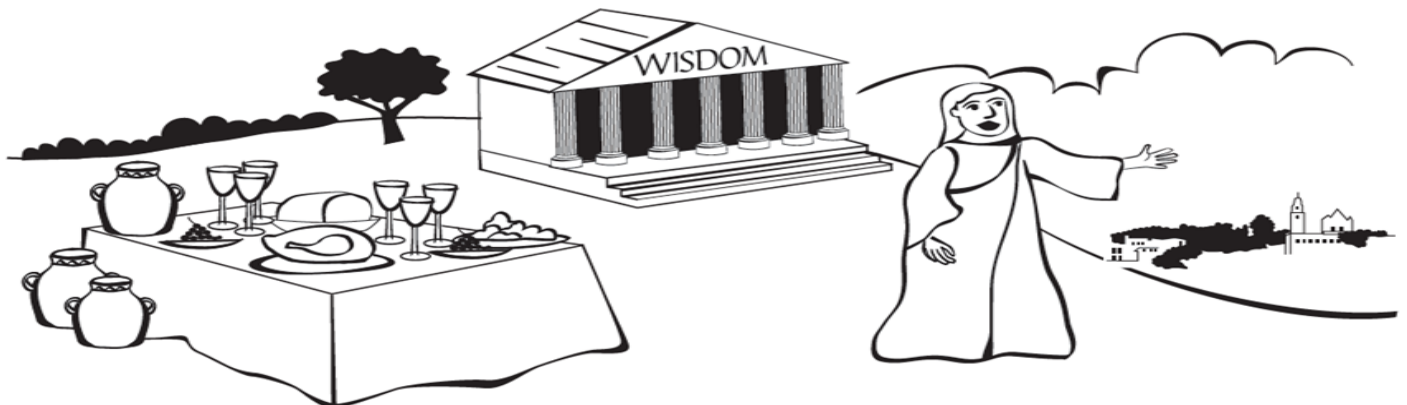
During August please pray for the repose of the souls of Evelyn Fernandes who died recently and for

George Jackman, Eric Albert Shelley, Michele Fraser, Christopher Phipps, Joan Hill, Alice O'Neill, Norbert Healy, Joyce Culnane, Susan Hooper, Brendan Corr, Winifred Kitts, Enda Farrell, Kenneth O'Neil, 'Baby' Burns, Martin Graham, Catherine Applegarth, Daphne Handville, Eileen McKenna, Mona Miller, David Purdey, William Saunders, William Tesh, Michael Gilliat, Albert Bruce, Edward Goggins, Jeannie Turner, Teresa Corr, Ellen Brown, Mireille Buckner 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



Wisdom has . . . prepared her wine, she has laid her table. (Proverbs 9:12)

A quote from the First Reading for the Twentieth Sunday of the Year, Sunday Liturgical Year B