



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

4th to 11th February 2024

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).

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.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 4th February 2024

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Fr Adrian would like to thank the Cemetery Team and all those who joined them for the Burns Night Supper and Quiz they organized last 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. After the Team's costs for the night, a fantastic £1,100 was raised so a BIG THANK YOU to all.

Ongoing Health & Safety News

Fr Adrian has been in touch with the building contractors and insurance company to establish when repairs to the roof and ceiling to the right of the Sanctuary can begin. There is no guarantee of any insurance money for this project but if we can establish that the rain has come-in as a result of storm damage then we do have a chance that some of our monies can be recovered through an insurance claim. However, we first have to repair the flat-roof areas to the north and south aisles as this work is part of the half a million pounds of required repairs the independent surveyor's report notified to the Parish in 2021. To help meet these costs, we have our monthly 'Building Together' collection which happens to fall this Sunday. With the holiday period many were away and the last last collection raised £94, so do please help with the care and maintenance of our Parish either by giving at Mass or you can donate by clicking the link [HERE](#) in the online version of our newsletter. If you want to donate by a 'smartphone' in Mass there are QR codes available.

THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 28th January.

Our weekly income was £656 an average of the last 4 weeks]

We are all in different 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 given in the collections taken during Mass.
- Contactless Cards can be used at the Donation 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.

Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		4 th to 11 th February 2024
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Date
4 th Feb. Sunday	9.30 am	4 th week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the Boniface & Pillar Families
5 th Feb. Monday	9.30 am	St Agatha	Josie Donohoe RIP
6 th Feb. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
7 th Feb. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	Juans Operation
8 th Feb. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Mary "Mollie" Barnett [Foundation Mass]
9 th Feb. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Luminous Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Abbott, Violet, Steven and Timothy Geneaux
10 th Feb. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	No Mass
11 th Feb. Sunday	9.30 am	5 th week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		For the Holy Spirit

Advance Notice: Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (14th Feb.), with two Masses at 9.30am and 7pm with the opportunity of receiving Ashes. On **25th Feb.**, we will have our annual opportunity of donating to the **CAFOD Lenten Family Fast**. Please remember our 'Stations of the Cross' on Sundays during Lent at 10.30am, between the 9.30 and 11am Masses each week during Lent, thank you.



CAFOD and SCAIF have set a challenge to **"WALK 200KM IN 40 DAYS TO HELP FIGHT GLOBAL POVERTY"**.

Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan. CAFOD's 2024 Lent Appeal is to help fishing communities feed their families in Liberia and SCAIF's WEE BOX Appeal is focused on women and girls in Rwanda facing gender-based violence. CAFOD and SCAIF have a shared project in Ethiopia and are working together to respond to the food crisis. Years of drought caused by the climate crisis means families are no longer able to cope, but your support means we are working with people right now, providing them with water, emergency food and healthcare. For more details of this and how to sign-up and join the challenge, click [HERE](#) in the online newsletter or visit [The Big Lent Walk 2024 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://cafod.org.uk) thank you.



Parish WhatsApp Group News: Many thanks for those who contacted the Parish following the news of a new WhatsApp Group. It has taken a couple of weeks to figure out the nuances of managing the WhatsApp groups as we first had to create a "Community" but all is sorted now. The easiest way to join is to follow via this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/lrooA4OhO4m1ckAXgJ4y> on your phone or via a QR code ... When you have signed-up, you will be part of the "Announcements" Group, where all those who've signed up to the group are based, but then there are sub-groups people can join, such as the First Communion Group, Confirmation, Altar Server Parent Group etc. If you leave a sub-Group then you are still part of the "Announcements" Group but, you leave the WhatsApp Group entirely if you exit from the "Announcements" section. We look forward to welcoming you to the group and, rest assured, the Parish won't bombard you with messages, we'll just keep you up to date with important news. 😊

St Mary Magdalen Parish
WhatsApp community



Thank you to all everyone who has made your **donation of non-perishable items** (i.e. no best-before date) that is in a condition where we could **sell the donated gifts at a Parish Fair**. (**Please provide the original packaging, where possible, but please note we can't sell used items such as half a bottle of shampoo!**), please see Fr Adrian after Mass with any donations. Fr Adrian is planning to hold a Parish Fair soon and asks if you can help or have ideas for fundraising to please sign-up to the Parish WhatsApp Fundraising Group (details above) to offer your help or to share any ideas you have to help us to raise the funds needed to pay for the ongoing Health & Safety repairs



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: 16th March, at Gravesend Parish, 13th April, at Whitstable Parish, 29th June: at Sittingbourne Parish, thank you.

Fr Adrian has been asked by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) to let parishioners know that SPUC are wanting to recruit an Administration Assistant in their Kennington office. For a job description, or to apply, please contact Lucille McQuade on 020 7091 7091 or email lucillemcquade@spuc.org.uk Applications close on 9th February.

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.

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of;

Martin McGrath, David Hoyland, Joy Ann Williamson, Margaret Cunningham and Irene Baker who died recently, and for Michael O'Keefe, Dennis Dooley, Margery Oakley, Cornelius Collins, Mary Barrett, Virginia De Canda, Paddy Walsh 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