



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

## 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April 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 9.30 am to 10.30 am and by request.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION**  
Our weekly income was £673 [an average of the last 4 weeks]  
Thank you for your continued support of the Parish it is much appreciated. If you prefer to give online please help our 'Maintenance and Mission' fund by [clicking on this link](#) in the online version of the newsletter. **To set up a regular donation for the Sunday collection or for our Building Together Fund please follow this link to the Parish forms on our website: [www.stmarymags.org.uk/community](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk/community)**

*You can also give online through our [JustGiving](#) page, through [www.stmarymags.org.uk](http://www.stmarymags.org.uk) or by using the QR codes in the church. Thank you for giving whatever you can, as it will be used as a great blessing for the continued support of the Church.*

**OUR PARISH IS PART OF MORTLAKE DEANERY, a partnership of nine churches working together locally.**

The Mass times of our nearest sister churches:

**Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Sheen has Mass on Saturday (Vigil): 6.00pm; Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and**

**St Osmund, Barnes has Mass on**

Sunday: 8.30 and 10.30am and at 6.30pm.

**As part of Mortlake Deanery St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church is a community brought together by God's love.**

Our baptism calls us to respond to that love by following Christ and serving our neighbours. We strengthen our union with Christ and with the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Eucharist.

In service to God and our neighbours, we foster works that promote the spirit of the Gospel, especially focussing on issues of racial and social justice.

**"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Easter: 21st April, Mass Book p 265-267**  
**This week we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday or Vocations Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Easter;** this is

because in the Gospel of the day, Jesus speaks of himself as the Shepherd who is prepared to lay down his life for his sheep. The Church is committed to spreading that love of God to all others, in a wide variety of ways, so that His kingdom may come. **This includes the testimony of consecrated women and men who are completely committed to God for the sake of their brothers and**



**sisters as a prophetic sign of the kingdom of God, and in ordained ministers – deacons, priests and bishops – placed at the service of preaching, prayer and fostering the communion of the holy People of God.** Ultimately, we are called to serve and not to be served, but to do so with hearts on fire for love of the Lord, just as the two disciples were on the road to Emmaus. **Please give whatever you are able to the annual collection for vocations, either at Mass or via the online links in our digital newsletter and overleaf.**

Liturgical Year A		Mass Details and Intentions		21 <sup>st</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day		Date	
21 <sup>st</sup> Apr. Sunday	9.30 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter		The needs of our Parish Family	
	11.00 am			For the welfare of Ria Morenio	
22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr. Monday	9.30 am	Feria of Easter		For the Holy Souls	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr. Tuesday	9.30 am	Feast of St George		Joseph Hellel RIP	
<b>Please note that we have an extra Mass for the Feast of St George but that the Church is closed after Mass</b>					
24 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria of Easter		For the Holy Souls	
25 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Thursday	9.30 am	Feast of St Mark, Evangelist		Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]	
26 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>		<b>Prayers for Peace: the Sorrowful Mysteries</b>	
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	Feria of Easter		For the Mackenzie Family	
27 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Saturday	9-10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>		<b>No Mass</b>	
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr. Sunday	9.30 am	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter		For Fr Adrian's Wellbeing	
	11.00 am			The needs of our Parish Family	

Today, we hold the annual **Vocations Sunday collection** to help meet the costs of the training of future priests. It costs approximately £30,000 per year to sponsor a seminarian, who will then study for six years before being ordained a Catholic priest. You can donate online by clicking this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter, **scan the QR Code**, call 020 7960 2504 any weekday, between 9am–5pm, or, take one of the Priest Training Fund envelopes at the back of church, thank you.



Next Sunday, **28<sup>th</sup> April**, we have the **annual opportunity to make a donation** towards the maintenance and upkeep of **St George's Cathedral, our mother church**, the home of 175 parishes and over 50,000 Roman Catholic worshippers.



**Following the announcements at Mass over the last couple of weeks, "Share & Care" have settled into their new home in the hall on a Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.** Our Parish supports the work of Share and Care to **help many local families in need, including some of our own families who receive the donation of a weekly food parcels.** There are two boxes for donations of plastic bags that can be used for food deliveries and for non-perishable food items as well. The boxes are just to the left as you enter the church so do please consider helping local families in need by perhaps buying an extra can or packet that could go in the box anytime the church is open. If you would like to learn more about the work of Share & Care or might consider helping to volunteer to sort the donations on a Wednesday evening or Thursday before school, **please email the Parish Office with Share & Care in the subject heading**, outlining in the body of the email your query, or see Kate Martin after the 9.30 am Mass on Sundays when we have the Music Group, thank you.

**Two Important Dates to be able to Speak-Up for Life ...** Dame Diana Johnson MP has put forward an extreme **abortion amendment** to the Criminal Justice Bill to allow the use of deadly abortion pills sent by post to carry out an abortion at home, right up to the time of the baby's birth. The Government confirmed that the Bill would not be debated until after the Easter recess, meaning that, the Bill **will be debated after 15<sup>th</sup> April** to allow those concerned to lobby their MP to vote against the amendment. For more details about this proposal and learn the name of your MP, if you're not sure of their name, and to access the online tool to contact them, please click [HERE](#) in the online newsletter to do so ... On **29<sup>th</sup> April, at 4.30 pm**, there will be a **debate on assisted suicide in the House of Commons**. It is vital that as many MP's as possible speak up in the House to oppose any moves to make assisted suicide legal in England and Wales. Please click this [LINK](#), in the online newsletter, to see a briefing on the case against assisted suicide together with three video stories opposing any change in the law, and access the online tool where you can contact your MP regarding this.

**Annual Cathedral Mass in Celebration of Marriage.** If you are celebrating your **1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup>** or over, wedding anniversary this year, is invited to renew your marriage vows at a special Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024. To receive your personal invitation from Archbishop John, please send an email to [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) with your full names, address, your telephone number, as well as which anniversary you will be celebrating, by 31<sup>st</sup> May. Please do be sure to include the name of your parish in the email, thank you.

#### **Please support our Parish Fair on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Bottle Tombola ✦ Jewellery items ✦ Prize Raffle ✦ Giftware ✦ Treasure Map and hopefully more!

**Thank you to those who have said that they can help at the fair by running a stall and have signed-up to the Fundraising WhatsApp Group.** We are still In need of a sponsor for the Raffle, where your company logo could be printed on the tickets. The cost of this would be £500 to cover the raffle prizes and the printing of the tickets. Please see Fr Adrian or email the Parish on [Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk) if you can help with the raffle or in running a stall. **We still need items for the fair so please leave any donations after Mass each day. Alternatively, from Wednesday to Friday only, between 10 am and 3pm, items can be left in the Presbytery Porch behind the black gate, 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.

#### **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**

Fr Barry Hughes and Fr David Standley who died recently and for Elizabeth McKie, Federick Gould, Joan O'Connor, Mary Everex, Bagdan Deryng, Thelma Dooley, Bridget Neville, Lucienne Ralph, Evelyn Dorsett, Mary Hughes, Brian Collins, Emma Haley 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