



# 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> January 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023**

**Mass Book p 129-131**

Today we celebrate the 'Sunday of the Word of God' a day, instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of St Jerome in 2019, devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture and continues our week of Prayer for Christian Unity. **Pope Francis says "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world."** On the 'Sunday of the Word of God' we pray especially in gratitude for those who serve in the Ministry of Reader, a special form of Lay Ministry open to the women and men of our Parish who both live and follow fully the Scripture and Teaching of the Church and have been appointed in their ministry (as with Extraordinary Ministers) after prayerful discernment, training and the approval of the Bishop.

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In addition to our own Sunday Masses, as Racial Justice day falls on 28<sup>th</sup> January, Archbishop John Wilson will be celebrating the 10am Mass at St George's Cathedral for this event. The Archbishop has asked anyone who would like to attend to email [Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk) so that we can forward numbers of those attending, thank you.

### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> January.

Our weekly income was £722 [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.

Liturgical Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		21 <sup>st</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan. Sunday	9.30 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	James Collins RIP
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Sir Richard and Lady Burton [Foundation Mass]
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan. Tuesday	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>NB the church is closed</b>	<b>The Church and Office are closed today</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Wednesday	9.30 am	St Francis de Sales	Margaret Cunningham RIP
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Thursday	9.30 am	The Conversion of St Paul	Ed and Liz Ballasis {Foundation Mass}
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Friday	9.00 am	<b>Rosary and Benediction</b>	<b>Prayers for Ukraine: the Glorious Mysteries</b>
<b>NB after Benediction</b>	9.30 am	St Timothy and St Titus	Kathleen Drumm RIP
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Saturday	9-10.30am	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	<b>The church is open for prayer until 12pm today</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan. Sunday	9.30 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	James Collins RIP
	11.00 am		The needs of our Parish Family

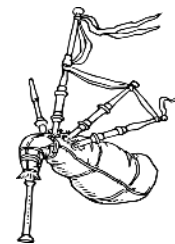
**Thank you to everyone who was able to make a contribution to our Parish Building Together Collection last Sunday which raised £94 towards the cost of the vital church roof and ceiling repairs which will start in the next few weeks.**

### Parish WhatsApp Group News

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.



**Next Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024, the Cemetery Gardening Group invite you to a BURNS NIGHT SUPPER AND MUSIC THEMED QUIZ to help raise funds for the 'St Mary Magdalen Cemetery Fund'.** This is an independent fund that the Parish Cemetery volunteers run to help with the costs of maintaining the Cemetery. The fund is fully endorsed and supported by the Parish, so any card payment for tickets or the raffle can be Gift-Aided through the Parish. *Tickets are available, after all Masses, at a cost of £10 each, to include a typical Burns Night Supper.* Please see the poster for full details and save the evening of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January for a wonderful celebration.



**27 January** is the annual remembrance of Holocaust Memorial Day and is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which followed. This year's memorial day will be even more emotional due to the current Israel- Palesinian 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 this appeal please either go directly to [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) click [HERE](#) or call 0303 303 3030

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!*



**School News;** St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School is currently looking for an enthusiastic individual to **join their dedicated staff team as a Learning Support Assistant.** The role will involve working closely with class teachers to support the needs of individual pupils including running individual and small group interventions and working within the classroom to support the children's learning and development, and the role is for during the School term time only and is a great chance to make a big difference. The closing date for applications is at 12 noon on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like more information or, to apply, please go to Eteach.com at <https://www.eteach.com/job/learning-support-assistant-1395106> for a full job description etc., contact the school office on 020 8876 6679 or click [HERE](#) in the online newsletter

#### **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 Janine Shelly, David Hoyland, Joy Ann Williamson and Margaret Cunningham who died recently, for Mary Reid, John MacGabhann, Dora Smith, Winifred North, Violet Thomas, Hannah Curle, Soledad Gomez, Jean-Claud Seraille, Hugh Searight, James Farragher 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