# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church



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Sunday Masses: 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm. The Church is closed except on Sundays for Mass, and the Church Office is closed until further notice.

No Confessions (Reconciliation) until further notice.

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# Ash Wednesday: The start of Lent

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent when we are invited for forty days to set aside more time for prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. The Ashes, made in the sign of the cross on our foreheads on this day, are an outward sign of our inward sorrow for our sins and of our commitment to Jesus as Our Lord and Saviour. You can do the following things during Lent.

#### Fasting and Abstinence:

Keep your meals small and simple during Lent. This is not a slimming exercise. The thinking behind fasting and abstinence is that we strengthen our spiritual life by weakening physical pleasures. Fasting means reducing the amount of food that we would normally eat. Abstinence means not eating a particular food (meat). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as special days of Fasting and Abstinence.

#### Almsgiving:

We are bombarded with requests for money from a huge number of charities. Identify a charity that means something to you .... find out what they do and make a contribution. If you can't afford to give money, give your time.

#### Prayer:

Our lives are so hectic that we often forget to set aside a few quiet moments in which to talk to God. During Lent, postpone breakfast television for a few moments and make a short prayer. In the evening encourage your children to say a night time prayer before bed.

#### Parish & Local News

The Parish office is closed until further notice and the Church will be closed during the week. We will open the Church on Sundays for Sunday Mass but please check our website <a href="https://www.stmarymags.org.uk">www.stmarymags.org.uk</a> for more information on Mass times and Church opening times as more information becomes available.

If you need to organise anointing of the sick, please contact Our Lady Queen of Peace at <a href="mailto:eastsheen@rcaos.org.uk">eastsheen@rcaos.org.uk</a>

17<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Collection £491.12 + Standing Orders £400

Total Offertory: £891.12 Racial Justice Collection: £89.90

Children's Liturgy:

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March Group 7 "Jesus on a Donkey" Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March Group 1 "Supper Time" Altar Servers rota:

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9.30am, 11am and 6.30pm Team 2 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am, 11am and 6.30pm Team 1

**Cleaners rota:** 

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar – Team 1 Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Mar – Team 4

#### Homily for Canon Francis Moran available to read

The funeral Mass took place at Southwark Cathedral for Canon Francis, on Wednesday 20 February. The homily was given by Fr Joe O'Connor, and it is displayed on the noticeboard outside should you want to read it.

### **Poor Parishes Collection**

There will be a retiring collection after Sunday Masses today for Poor Parishes on March 3rd.

#### **Police Community Prevention Notice: Michael Rich**

Some of you may be aware of Michael Rich, a homeless man, who has been seen around St Mary Magdalen many times of the years. Due to his aggressive and abusive behaviour, he Kew Safer Neighbourhood Team has taken out a Community Prevention Notice against him, and he is forbidden from entering the church, the car park, hall etc. or any place of worship in the area. Instructions on what to do if he tries to get onto church property is on the notice board at the entrance to the church – please do read it.

## **Mass Intentions**

3rd March - 17th March 2019

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: 9.30am Rev. Thomas Newell Eighth Sunday 11.00am People of the Parish

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Collection for Poor Parishes

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar: Church and Office Closed

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March: 9.30am Canon John Wenham

**Ash Wednesday** 7.00pm Private Int.

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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar: Church and Office Closed

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March: 9.30am William & Margaret Hogan

First Sunday of Lent 11.00am Ed & Clare Bellaris (p. 153) Ed Schrief People of the Parish

Monday 11th Mar – Saturday 16th Mar: Church and Office Closed

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March: 9.30am Peter & Elizabeth Sherston-Baker

Second Sunday of Lent RIP (Chambers)

11.00am Christine Head

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## Parishioners and Friends who are sick:

Please remember in your prayers all those who are sick, especially, Margaret Froud, Baby Ria Moreno, Stuart Howes, Pamela Raggett, Jamie Gilmour, Manuel Campello and Mario D'Souza.

