



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).

23rd February to 2nd March 2025

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION

Our weekly income was £472 [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

You can also give online through our [JustGiving](#) page, through 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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 23rd February 2025

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Support for our Clergy. Today we are remembering especially all our Priests both sick and retired and how we can help provide care for priests in their old age and retirement, and in their time of ill health. A gift to this worthy fund will ensure a dignified retirement for our priests, after they have dedicated a lifetime of service to Christ, His Church and His People. The Clergy Support Fund cares for over 100 elderly or unwell priests each year. Over the next ten years, the Archdiocese expects a further 120 priests to retire from active ministry. With the average age of our priests rising, combined with the high cost of care homes, the financial cost of caring for our clergy in their retirement is rising year on year. Today we have the opportunity of keeping our priests in your prayers and making a gift to the Clergy Support Fund in our 2nd collection, by using one of the envelopes provided, by calling 020 7960 2504, by using the QR code or, by clicking [HERE](#) on your digital device.



Save the date and **please join us on the evening of Saturday 1st March (St David's Day) for a Parish Cheese and Wine evening to support the recent Health and Safety work to the church ceiling in both side aisles.**



The cost of this work is nearly £65,000 so anything we can raise towards this sum will be a great help. *Tickets for the fundraiser are available after every Mass at a cost of £10 to include food and a glass of wine.* Thereafter, wine will

be on sale to help to raise funds for the ceiling work, with cheese and crackers freely available to help the wine flow

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		23 rd February to 2 nd March 2025
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
23 rd Feb. Sunday	9.30 am	7 th Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		John Gordon Chambers RIP
24 th Feb. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
25 th Feb. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
26 th Feb. Wednesday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
27 th Feb. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	For the Holy Souls
28 th Feb. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Peace: The Joyful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	Reverend Thomas Nevill {Foundation Mass}
1 st Mar. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12pm today
2 nd Mar. Sunday	9.30 am	8 th Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		The Intention of the Lobb Family

Please note; on Sun. 2nd March we will be holding our monthly Building Together collection at all Masses to help with the ongoing Health and Safety costs which need to be made by the Parish.

Ash Wednesday, is on 5th March, as usual, Ashes will be distributed during our 9.30 am and 7 pm Masses.

Please join us this Thursday from 7-8 pm in the Presbytery for the final Called to Bear Fruit discussion. Please email to say if you can attend or would like the link for the Zoom video call. This is the last meeting, but summaries of all the meetings will be available soon. **Out of our Thursday night discussions on God's call in our Parish life, has come the idea of setting up a Parish Council.** Fr Adrian asks for anyone interested in serving on the Council to write a letter stating your name and address and a short statement on how you think you could help support the life of the Parish, what challenges there are and how you can help.
Please send your letters to Fr Adrian by Saturday 1st March.

Join us to plant a tree in honour of your special loved one on Mother's Day, Sunday 30th March.

Habitats and Heritage our partner charity in helping with the care of the Burton Mausoleum are sponsoring a special "Tree Planting Day" giving the opportunity of planting a sapling in memory of loved one. We will have set number of saplings to plant and whilst this is a free event, please see the posters as people need to sign-up to this event. The planting doesn't take long so whilst you may have plans for the rest of the day please join us to help remember this Mother's Day in a special way.



Confirmation at St Mary Magdalen. Canon Gerard Bradley, the Vicar General for our area, is coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in June at St Mary Magdalen, Mortlake. To express interest in joining the Confirmation programme, parents are asked to complete an initial form online, followed by application forms which will be sent by email. If you have a child currently in School Year 9 or above who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June 2025, please scan the QR code from the posters in church, or follow the online link: <https://forms.office.com/e/15MJ56m8nq> to express your interest. **Please note: the final date to complete and submit this initial form is Wednesday 5 March.** For those taking part, the sessions will be held on a Thursday evening from 7 to 8 pm in St Mary Magdalen Parish Hall. In signing-up for the Confirmation programme one parent from each family will be asked to volunteer with refreshments at the sessions so that there are at least two parent volunteers at each of the Confirmation sessions. The parent volunteers will help with refreshments so no experience as a Catechist is required. The Confirmation programme starts with an overview meeting on 13 March from 7 to 8 pm in the Parish Hall and will continue at the same time each Thursday with breaks for School holidays (20, 27 March, 3, 24 April, 2, 8, 22 May, 5, 12 June). **After signing up for the initial registration, application forms and details of the Confirmation Mass will be sent out by email, so PLEASE DO NOT MISS THE CLOSING DATE OF WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH.**



Sunday morning Tea & Coffee after Mass ... Fr Adrian would like to offer tea & coffee after both of our Masses on Sunday morning using the newly refurbished Allen Room. This space has been refurbished and prepared for this use following the receipt of a donation from our Parish members, the Allen Family, in memory of the late David Allen. To enable this, Fr Adrian would like to set-up a rota of volunteers to help, it is hoped, after Mass once a month on a Sunday. This will then allow Parishioners to gather together to have a drink, meet with others with some friendly chat. If you would like to volunteer to join with a group to help provide tea & coffee at St Mary Magdalen's on a Sunday morning. Please email Fr Adrian to offer your help with "Sunday Tea & Coffee" in the title.

You may have noticed the new water butts distributed throughout the Parish grounds. This is because our Parish has been blessed to be a recipient of a community BlueScape award. This grant is enabling the Parish to store and retain up to 2,800 litres of rainwater in these new water butts, for use by the Parish and in the Cemetery gardens.



Our Sanctuary Candle.

An anonymous donor has sponsored this week's Sanctuary Candle "in Memory of Mary Mannion" at a cost of £5. If you or your family would like to sponsor our 7-day candle, kept burning day and night whenever the Blessed Sacrament is present in the Tabernacle, please email with your family name.

The new **Gift Aid envelopes**, April 25 to Mar. 26, are available for to collect from the table at the back of church for all parishioners who are currently using envelopes to make their weekly donations. Please take the current envelope number that you have been using since 2022. For any other parishioners who would like a box of envelopes, please contact Steve Smith on mortlakema1@rcaos.org.uk who will arrange to have some printed for you to use, 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. 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

We pray for Vilma Camilleri who died recently and for Pamela Boveley, Harry Ott, Margaret Scotting, Ray Weston, John Brennan, Ethel Smith

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

PLANT A TREE

this
Mothering Sunday
30th March, 10-12pm

**St Mary Magdalen RC Church,
61 North Worple Way, SW14 8PR**

- Plant native species
- Increase biodiversity
- Encourage new habitats

**FREE
EVENT!**

Sign up here:

