



# 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.

**Office Open: Monday 10 am to 1 pm and**

**Wednesday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm**

**Our Cemetery is open daily from 9am to 3pm**

Our church is only able to open at set times when there are enough volunteers to clean the church before and after.

## 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December

Fr Adrian celebrates Mass each day for the needs of the Parish Family: see below for details

It is important to note that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to remain suspended.

The church remains closed for repairs Monday to Friday but is open for private prayer this Sunday from 10-11am.

You can just turn up for the Holy Hour and register at the door, but please note the church has to be empty for Mass.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER

Standing Orders: £875 weekly average of 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 St Mary Magdalen 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 Point located in the Church by the Calvary Statue.

Unfortunately, following a stay in hospital, Fr Adrian is unable to celebrate a public Mass until next week so, as per our emails on Wednesday and Saturday just gone, please follow links to another Mass online such as that from our Cathedral: [www.rcsouthwark.co.uk](http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk)



As we learnt last week, we symbolize our journey to Christmas through our purple linen: the colour of preparation and penance; the gradual lighting of our Advent candles, the Magi on their journey to Christ and the prayer-lights, prayer-cards and Jesse Tree symbols on our sanctuary. **Over the course of last week we placed the first symbols of our Jesse Tree:** a dove reminding us of the peace and harmony of creation as God intended; a **fruit** representing the original sin of Adam and Eve to remind us that Jesus is the New Adam who wipes away that sin; Noah's **ark**, reminding us of God's covenant to save his people; a field of **stars**, showing that we are God's children in fulfilment of his promise to Abraham; a **ram**, representing the sacrifice Abraham made to God and a link to the ultimate sacrifice of God's own Son; we have Jacob's **ladder** as a reminder that Heaven and Earth are united in God's care; Joseph's sacks of **grain** to represent God's provision, even in difficult times and this Sunday we place the **burning bush** to represent the presence of the Lord and our personal response to how God calls us, even today.

**This year, enjoy our School's Christmas Fair** from the comfort of your own home by visiting <https://patchworkit.com/35735/Gr> The Fair will run from now until the end of term, with new stalls being added along the way, so please support the School and PTA through the site and passing the news on to your wider family. Thank you.

### NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION NEWS AND INFORMATION

On the strict first Lockdown period we weren't even allowed to gather in church for Mass and we missed all the annual collections, including the annual collection for the care of the Poor known as 'Peter's Pence'. If you are able to donate to this second collection, please use our Parish link <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/5342189f-3b41-4e24-b535-e1acb471f6c8> as we will forward this to Pope Francis.

Advent Year B	Mass Details and Intentions		6 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Intention
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday	10 -11 am	NB the church is open for	a 'Holy Hour' of private prayer but closes at 11am
There is no livestream	Mass today	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Miroslava Bebenek RIP (anniv.) NB not a public Mass
<b>NB the church is</b>	<b>Closed at 11</b>	<b>There are links to online Masses via our homepage <a href="http://www.stmarymags.org.uk">www.stmarymags.org.uk</a></b>	
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Monday	09.00	St. Ambrose	The needs of our Parish Family
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Tuesday	09.00	Immaculate Conception	Private Intention (Tish Deacon)
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Wednesday	09.00	Feria	Lisa Cubillos
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Thursday	09.00	Our Lady of Loretto	Angela Sanchez
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Friday	09.00	Feria	Fred Bowden
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Saturday	09.00	Our Lady of Guadalupe	Joan Bowden
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Sunday	11.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	The needs of our Parish Family: live-streamed on Zoom
<i>We open this Sunday</i>	<i>for Mass</i>	<b>Links to the Mass are sent to Parish members who have subscribed by email</b>	

**In the light of the recent breakthrough in vaccine development the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales wish to issue a follow up to their statement on 24 September 2020.** The development of a vaccine against COVID-19 presents an important breakthrough in protecting others as well as oneself from the virus; a virus which has not only caused a global pandemic and led to a huge loss of life but has also placed a great burden on healthcare workers and systems. **Each of us has a duty to protect others from infection with its danger of serious illness, and for some, death. A vaccine is the most effective way to achieve this unless one decides to self-isolate.** At present, debate concerns the use of the vaccines developed by Pfizer & BioNTech, Moderna, and AstraZeneca. Some have questioned the use of the Astra Zeneca vaccine since it has been developed from stem cell-lines originating from original cells obtained after an abortion in 1983. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Pontifical Academy of Life have expressed the view that one may in good conscience and for a grave reason receive a vaccine sourced in this way, provided that there is a sufficient moral distance between the present administration of the vaccine and the original wrongful action. In the COVID-19 pandemic, we judge that this grave reason exists and that one does not sin by receiving the vaccine. Both the Pfizer & BioNTech and Moderna vaccines have a different source since they are not from the 1983 stem cell-line. On 2 December 2020, the Pfizer & BioNTech vaccine was approved for use in the UK. Each Catholic must educate his or her conscience on this matter and decide what to do, also bearing in mind that a vaccine must be safe, effective, and universally available, especially to the poor of the world. **Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience, one may refuse a particular vaccine but continues to have a duty to protect others from infection.**

**West Window Christmas Tree Sale**  
 This Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> December, to raise funds towards the restoration of our 170-year-old West Window, we are selling Christmas trees from 10am to 1pm (unless sold out before). If you like a live tree each Christmas please consider buying it from us as we have 5, 6 & 8 foot trees, with all proceeds after costs going towards our charity funds for restoration. You can pay by cash or card on the contactless donation point for as small fee: please see our volunteers to see how this small fee can be waived.

**Government Consultation on Faith Engagement** - Officials have asked for individual Catholics to respond to this open consultation on the way Government engages with faith communities. Please let your views be heard. The link to the online submission is: [www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence](http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence)

**First Holy Communion Past and Present**  
 With the extra work that has come from working behind another lockdown I'm sorry that it has taken a while, but **the certificates and digital recording of the 2020 Holy Communions last month will be available soon.** Parents: please look out for an email over the next week.  
 The deadline has already passed for our school applications but **if your child does NOT attend the Parish School please remember to hand in your applications by the morning of Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December.** Please check your email as we have sent a link to the Parents' **Zoom meeting this Sunday 6 Dec. at 5pm** so please email Fr Adrian if you could not reply in time.

**Reading Mark in Advent** Listen to the whole of St Mark's Gospel in 18 parts throughout Advent. Released one-a-day on the weekdays of the season via the link [Reading Mark in Advent | Podcast on Spotify](#) or search Reading Mark in Advent in Spotify Podcasts

**Confirmation '21 may be cancelled again**  
**If your child is currently in Year 9 or Year 10 and they would like to apply to be confirmed,** please email Fr Adrian at [Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk](mailto:Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk) with "2021 Confirmation" as the subject.  
**We've only had a few replies so far and cannot run either a small class or a huge one, so need to know if we can possibly form a group this winter. Please note: This is the last call for applications as there has been an opportunity to apply since September.**

This Tuesday we will be celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, let us remember all unborn children, especially those recently conceived. That safety, protection and love would be granted to them, and that we the church, with the intercession of Our Lady, would take on the call to support these precious children of God.

**JOINT SCHOOL NEWS AND PARISH INFORMATION**  
 In a joint venture with our Parish School, we are asking for donations of tinned and non-perishable goods to give to our local FoodBank and vulnerable families in the Parish. Over the next few weeks please bring items which can be donated to the Holy Hour on Sunday from 9.45-10.45am.  
**Please see the list opposite:**

**The list of items most urgently needed are ...**  
 toilet rolls ☩ long life fruit juice ☩ pasta sauces  
 tinned vegetables ☩ tinned fruit/puddings (400gms)  
 tinned meat ☩ coffee ☩ tinned fish  
 tinned potatoes ☩ instant mash.  
**Thank you for whatever you are able to donate.**  
 Please place your donations in the box at the Lady Altar.

**Parishioners and Friends who are sick:**  
 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 which will be offered by the Priest as a whole at every Mass.  
**Luke 10:20**  
 "Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven."

**Please pray for the repose of the souls of**  
 Margaret Robertson, Alfred Curmi, Paul Sheridan, Jessica Ward, Frances McFadden, Joan Wand-Tetley, Anthony Renouf, Thomas McKenna, Roveanna Lawless, Tess McKenna-Whyte 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 and please state if you would like their name to be added to the Book of Remembrance and to our prayers of intercession at our Sunday Mass.