



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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## 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 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.

### THE PARISH COLLECTION UP TO SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

Our weekly income was £650 an average of the last 4 weeks]  
*We are all in different 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 given in the collections taken during Mass.
- Contactless Cards can be used at the Donation Points located by the Calvary Statue & Sacristy

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent: Mass Book p. 166-169

Prayers for Peace and Mother's Day

As we celebrate Mother's Day, we remember again that one day a year, is never enough to celebrate the love and memories our mothers bring us, but it's a good reminder to help us set some time aside to focus on the love and care they have given us over the years. Many will have the joy of making new memories on Mother's Day as they spend time together as a family, but sadly, for many, this is a day for memories only. Some families are apart through the separation of family life, the distance of travel, or the loss of grief, so to celebrate the memory of all mothers this year, instead of giving a daffodil flower, as has been the tradition over a number of years, we have made a donation to Marie Curie Cancer care to support their work. This Sunday we invite all mothers in our Parish to receive a Marie Curie daffodil pin, showing our love for our mothers and our care for others. Will all mums please make sure that you see Fr Adrian as you leave church so that you can receive your pin. Mother's Day, or Mothering Sunday as it is properly known, used to be the day when many servants would receive time off to go visit not just their mother's, but their 'Mother Church' as well. **To help our church, this Sunday we have the annual collection to go towards the costs of the blooms which enable our flower arrangers to make the church look so beautiful at Easter.**



Care and support through terminal illness

### 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.

**From 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> March there will not be Mass at St Mary Magdalen since Fr Adrian is helping to lead a Diocesan Meeting that week. Daily Mass is available in our sister Parishes locally, although St Mary Magdalen church will be open on Wednesday to Friday from 11am to 1pm for private prayer, thank you.**

| Liturgical Year A               | Mass Details and Intentions |                                | 10 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Date                            | Time                        | Feria or Feast Day             | Date  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Sunday    | 9.30 am                     | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent | The needs of our Parish Family                  |
|                                 | 11.00 am                    | 10.30 am Station of the Cross  | For the Holy Spirit                             |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Monday    | No Mass                     | NB the church is closed        | The Church and Office are closed today          |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Tuesday   | No Mass                     | NB the church is closed        | The Church and Office are closed today          |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Wednesday | No Mass                     | Please see the right column    | The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar Thursday   | No Mass                     | Please see the right column    | The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today     |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Friday    | No Mass                     | Please see the right column    | The Church is open from 11 am to 1 pm today     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Saturday  | 9-10.30am                   | Sacrament of Reconciliation    | No Mass   |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Sunday    | 9.30 am                     | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent | For the Olszewska Family                        |
|                                 | 11.00 am                    | 10.30 am Station of the Cross  | The needs of our Parish Family                  |

Fr Adrian has been asked to include this from Clare Foster: "With your help I raised the grand sum of £610.65 for Cancer Research, finishing in one hour and twenty-one minutes, at the UK London Winter Run on 25<sup>th</sup> February, thank you.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our monthly 'Building Together' collection last weekend. If you missed the opportunity last week and would like to make a donation to this collection, please follow the link in the online newsletter.

Advance Notice: **On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** we have the opportunity of donating to the **annual collection for Poor Parishes** allowing our Archdiocese to support the poorer parishes in our diocese through the distribution of grants.

**Parish families who attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion classes for other schools are reminded to come along next on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March to the Parish Hall for a prompt start at 5.30pm for Chapter 7. They will meet again on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 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.**

St Mary Magdalen Parish  
WhatsApp community



**Parish WhatsApp Group News:** Many thanks for those who contacted the Parish following the news of a new WhatsApp Group. It has taken a couple of weeks to figure out the nuances of managing the WhatsApp groups as we first had to create a "Community" but all is sorted now. The easiest way to join is to follow via this link <https://chat.whatsapp.com/lrooA4OhO4m1ckAXgJ4y> on your phone or via a QR code ...When you have signed-up, you'll be part of the "Announcements" Group, where all those who've signed up to the group are based, but then there are sub-groups people can join, such as the First Communion Group, Confirmation, Altar Server Parent Group etc. If you leave a sub-Group then you are still part of the "Announcements" Group but, you leave the WhatsApp Group entirely if

you exit from the "Announcements" section. We look forward to welcoming you to the group and, rest assured, the Parish won't bombard you with messages, we'll just keep you up to date with important news.

**The Guild of our Lady of Good Council have contacted Fr Adrian to ask if the parish could sponsor expectant mothers.**

The Guild helps expectant mothers, whom are unable to receive support from other funds to give them the means to buy food etc., each week. The Guild is asking Fr Adrian for sponsorship of £100 per month. E.g. If ten people donated £10 per month, would then be able to sponsor the requested monthly amount. If you can help Fr Adrian to give this monetary support to The Guild of Good Council to finance their work with vulnerable ladies, please email the Parish Office with "Our Lady of Good Council" in the title, thank you.

**Annual Cathedral Mass In Celebration Of Marriage.** If anyone is celebrating their 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, you are 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 a personal invitation from Archbishop John, please send an email to [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) with your full names, address, telephone number, as well as the anniversary being celebrated by 31<sup>st</sup> May. Please include the name of your parish, thank you 😊

**Following the announcements 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 support many local families in need, including some of our own families who receive the donation of a weekly food parcels. 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.



**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;**

Vera Ducker, John Moore,  
Teresa Kirby, Josephine Veglio,  
Reginald Ralph, Dorothy Cumber  
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