



# St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

## 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<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 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Our weekly income was £623 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

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent: Mass Book p. 173-176

Prayers for Peace and News for Palm Sunday


I don't know where Lent has gone, but I'm probably not the only one who thinks like that! The end of Lent with the start of Holy Week and the joy of Easter will soon be upon us. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, but please note, this week's newsletter gives us the advanced notice that our first Mass will be said at 9.45 am for Palm Sunday. Please note the change of time, as the usual Children's Mass cannot start at 9.30 since we have the Walk of Witness that day. If you can join us for the first Mass with the donkey procession, please meet in front of the church from 9 to 9.15 am. We will leave from the church to walk to the War Memorial in East Sheen where local churches will gather for the start of the combined Palm Sunday Walk of Witness at 9.30 am. From there we will walk back in procession with the donkey to reach the church in time for our first Mass at 10 am. If you can't join the walk, please just wait outside the church for the rest of us to return. Please see the Holy Week and Easter Services sheet which is available from the back of the church. This lists all the details of our Mass times over Holy Week and the Easter period. The donkey is well looked after and its welfare is paramount but, it is used to giving rides. If you would like a donkey-ride, please see the donkey after Mass (see poster)

### 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.

Please see below: **on Tuesday we have a change to our normal weekly Mass schedule. Fr Adrian will be saying Mass on Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup>) to celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph the spouse of our Blessed Virgin Mary. The church will be closed on Wednesday to allow for the erecting of scaffolding and the inspection of the ceiling before work can begin.**

Liturgical Year A	Mass Details and Intentions		17 <sup>th</sup> to 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Date	Time	Feria or Feast Day	Date
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
18 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Joseph Hellel RIP
19 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Tuesday	9.30 am	Solemnity of St Joseph	For the Holy Souls
20 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Wednesday	No Mass	NB the church is closed	Please see the right column
21 <sup>st</sup> Mar. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria	Peter and Elizabeth Sherston-Baker
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Ukraine: the Sorrowful Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria	John Gordon Chambers
23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	No Mass
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar. Sunday	9.45 am	Palm Sunday	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am	10.30 am Station of the Cross	Joy Ann Williamson RIP

<p><b>Today</b> we have the <b>annual collection for the poor parishes</b> in our 'Mother Church'. Please give what you can to enable poorer Parishes to receive help from the Diocese and please pray that we will raise enough funds annually to manage our own needs.</p>	<p><b>Thank you to everyone who contributed last Sunday towards the cost of the flowers which will be used at Easter to make our church beautiful ☺</b></p>	<p>Many thanks to the volunteers who helped on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, to build the woodland hedge in the Cemetery.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Please support our Parish Fair on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b></p> <p align="center">Bottle Tombola ✦ Jewellery items ✦ Prize Raffle ✦ Giftware ✦ Treasure Map and hopefully more!</p> <p align="center"><b>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.</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk">Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk</a> if you can help with the raffle or in running a stall. <b>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.</b></p>		
<p><b>Parish WhatsApp Group News:</b> 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 <a href="https://chat.whatsapp.com/lrooA4OhO4m1lckAXgJ4y">https://chat.whatsapp.com/lrooA4OhO4m1lckAXgJ4y</a> 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.</p>		<p align="right">St Mary Magdalen Parish WhatsApp community</p> 
<p><i>giftaid it</i></p>	<p><b>New Gift Aid envelopes, April 2024 to March 2025,</b> are now available for collection from the table at the back of church for those parishioners who are currently using envelopes. Please collect 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 the following email address <a href="mailto:mortlakema1@rcaos.org.uk">mortlakema1@rcaos.org.uk</a> so a box can be arranged for you.</p>	
<p><b>The Guild of our Lady of Good Council have contacted Fr Adrian to ask if the parish could sponsor expectant mothers.</b></p> <p>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, the parish would then be able to sponsor the requested monthly amount. If you can help Fr Adrian to give this monitory support to The Guild of Good Council to finance their work helping volunerarable ladies, please email the Parish Office with "Our Lady of Good Council" in the title, thank you.</p>		
	<p><b>Following the announcements over the last couple of weeks, "Share &amp; Care" have settled-into their new home in the hall on a Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.</b> 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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.</p>	
<p><b>We continue our Parish Prayers for Peace for the People of Ukraine, the Middle East and for all areas of conflict:</b></p> <p>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.</p>		
<p><b>Please pray for Parish Family and friends who are unwell:</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p align="center"><b>"Rejoice that your names are written in Heaven." Luke 10:20</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>Please pray for the repose of the souls of;</b></p> <p>Elizabeth O'Keefe, Mary and Margaret O'Sullivan, Peter Sherston-Baker, Eileen Jarzabkowska and all those whose anniversaries occur near this time.</p> <p><b>May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen</b></p> <p>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</p>	