



St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church Archdiocese of Southwark

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INCORPORATED CHARITY NUMBER 1173050

2nd to 9th March 2025

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 9.00 am to 10.30 am and by request.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE PARISH COLLECTION
Our weekly income was £602 [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

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time: 2nd March 2025

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Lent begins this year on Wednesday 5th March.

Our 'Ash Wednesday', Masses will be at 9.30am and 7pm, with the opportunity of receiving Ashes at both Masses. This year, as

Ash Wednesday falls within our school's term-time, at our 9.30 am Mass, we will be joined by the pupils and staff of St Mary Magdalen School, so the 9.30 am Mass will end approximately at 10.15 am, rather than the usual 10 am. Please also join us for our 'Stations of the Cross', on Sundays at 10.30 am, between the 9.30 and 11 am Masses for the first five Sundays of Lent. **Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a Holy Day of Obligation, when all Catholics are asked to attend Mass.** This obligation is in a positive sense, so rather than a 'demand', we have a positive 'command' as in we are blessed to be able to come together as the family of the Church in a witness of prayer and faith. Although having fish on a Friday is still held as a practice by many people, the origins of this custom come from Catholic practice of Fridays being special days of fasting. Since 2011, Catholics in this country have been called to live-out Fridays as days of fasting as a practice of penance, whereby penance is what we do, not as a punishment, but as a positive witness of recognising our shortcomings. For more information please see the website www.cbcew.org.uk/catholic-witness-friday-penance/

The intentions of our Sanctuary Candle sponsor this week is for Tish Deacon's Family.

Each candle costs the Parish £5 but can be sponsored for this, for any amount, or none if a donation isn't possible. If you would like to sponsor our 7-day candle, please email Fr Adrian with your name and the intention you would like, such as the example above, thank you.

Liturgical Year C	Mass Details and Intentions		2 nd to 9 th March 2025
Date	Time	Intention	Intention
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
3 rd Mar. Monday	9.30 am	Feria	Rose Dewar [Foundation Mass]
4 th Mar. Tuesday	Closed	NB the church is closed	The Church and Office are closed today
5 th March	9.30 am	Ash Wednesday	Anne Doyle [Foundation Mass]
Ash Wednesday	7.00 pm		For the Holy Souls
6 th Mar. Thursday	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	Rev. Canon John Wenham [Foundation Mass]
7 th Mar. Friday	9.00 am	Rosary and Benediction	Prayers for Peace: The Luminous Mysteries
NB after Benediction	9.30 am	Feria of Lent	William and Mary Hogan [Foundation Mass]
8 th Mar. Saturday	9-10.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	The church is open for prayer until 12pm today
9 th Mar. Sunday	9.30 am	8 th Week in Ordinary Time	The needs of our Parish Family
	11.00 am		John Gordon Chambers RIP

Today we have the opportunity of contributing towards the monthly 'Building Together' collection, for the care and maintenance of our Parish at Mass or by clicking [HERE](#) in the online newsletter. Thank you for whatever you can give and thanks also to those who supported our Saturday night fundraiser in the Hall. If you weren't able to join us but can still help us with the £65,000 we need to raise, please donate online by [clicking on this link](#), thank you.

CONFIRMATION AT ST MARY MAGDALEN in 2025. Please remember that the **FINAL DATE TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT**



THE INITIAL FORM ON WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH. 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.** 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.

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.

Sunday morning Tea & Coffee after Mass ... we would like to offer tea & coffee after both of our Masses on Sunday morning but are starting by using the old shop. This space has been refurbished and prepared for this use following the receipt of a donation from Parish members, the Allen Family, in memory of the late David Allen. We hope to set-up a rota of volunteers to start next Sunday, 9th March at both the 9.30 and the 11 am Masses on Sunday if we can get the volunteers. As this allows Parishioners to gather over a drink and meet new Parishioners DO PLEASE HELP. If you can volunteer to sign up we hope that, with enough volunteers, it may just be a monthly or even 6-week rota but THIS DEPENDS ON YOU ☺ Please email Mortlake@RCAOS.org.uk to offer your help with "Sunday Tea & Coffee" in the title, thank you in advance for your help.

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.



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

Are you married and would like to explore your relationship more deeply and explore communication and the call of the Church. If so, come along, at no cost, to our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen Parish Hall on Saturday 15th March to "Building a Better Marriage". This day starts at 9.30 am with a scheduled finish time of 4.30 pm. Refreshments will be available but please bring a packed lunch with you. To book a place please contact Carole on mfilkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727. For more information about the day please use this [LINK](#) in the online newsletter, 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.
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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 Barbara Kawa, Clare Milne, Anita Osgood, Vencentia Stafford, Joan Thomas, Edith O'Brien, Margaret Rayner, Colin Harrisson
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