



TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
10TH / 11TH OCTOBER 2020

NEWSLETTER

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Notice:- Please take this newsletter home with you. It is printed for single use and should not be left in church for others to handle.

The Parish Office is closed to the public, please contact by email or telephone as above.

Confessions

Saturday: 10.00 - 10.30am
4.45 - 5.45pm

Adoration

Saturday: 4.45 - 5.45pm

Mass times

Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 9.00am,
11.00am,
4.00pm (in Polish)

Weekdays:

Mass 9.30am

Opening times for Private Prayer:

10am - 12 Noon

Mass Intentions



First Holy Communion

Over the coming weeks, the young children in our parish will be preparing to receive Our Lord for the first time; many have already received the grace of First Confession. The Confirmation group, as well, are preparing to receive the Sacrament later in the Autumn. Please keep all of these young people in your prayers, that with the grace of God and guidance of the Holy Spirit, they may experience the support of our parish family at this extraordinary time.

Celebration of Public Masses

There is restricted capacity of 100/120 in our building. Benches have been marked to fulfill the 1 meter + rule and the wearing of face coverings, except at Holy Communion, must be observed.

Children under 11 do not need to wear masks or keep 1 metre distance.

Please book Mass attendance, before 12noon on Friday, via:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/whetstone/events>

or call the parish office, 020 8445 0838, if you do not have internet access, during the office hours as seen above to avoid disappointment.

Download the NHS COVID-19 app today

The free NHS COVID-19 app is a vital part of the NHS Test and Trace service in England, and the NHS Wales Test, Trace, Protect service.



The NHS Track and Trace App

Once you have downloaded the app as below, select Venue Check in and hold your mobile up to the QR code found in the parish porch:- Since the start of the 9.30am daily Mass, the time of opening the church for private prayer has been limited until 12 noon.

The Bishops remind us that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended, which means that those who are able should consider attending Mass on a weekday instead - especially those in vulnerable categories.

A livestreaming of services at St Mary Magdalen's is now in operation for those prevented from attending Mass. To access this go online to:-

<https://www.churchservices.tv/whetstone> & click on the play button.

Although the obligation has been temporarily suspended, all those outside those vulnerable categories are encouraged to attend Sunday Mass as practicing Catholics.

All must sanitise their hands on entry and keep the 1 metre + rule. Families may sit more closely.

After Communion leave by the two exit doors - but do not leave until you have consumed the Sacred Host.

The steward at each door will also have a basket for any offering donations.

The priest will not be greeting people as they leave. Any urgent business must be dealt with in the Sacristy after Mass.

Chipping Barnet Food Bank

As winter approaches and the effects of coronavirus continue to trap people in financial crisis, we have decided to lend our support to the Trussell Trust's Chipping Barnet Food Bank in Somerset Road.

After each weekend mass, there will be a yellow tub in the porch where donations of non-perishable food can be left. Donations will be taken to the Food Bank on a weekly basis.

Suggested food donations: Tinned meat, fish, vegetables, potatoes, pulses, rice pudding, custard, pasta sauces, biscuits, cereal, sugar, coffee, long-life milk/fruit juice, jam/spreads, cooking oil, washing up liquid and toiletries. At the moment, they have plenty of baked beans, pasta and rice, tomatoes, soup and tea.

School Applications: Certificate of Catholic Practice and references can be collected from the Sacristy.

Mass Intentions

Please note that the new diary is now open for requests for Masses in 2021, but we reserve the right for pastoral reasons to move any Mass booked. Please leave requests and stipends in the Presbytery letter box.

Repository

The Repository will be open every Saturday between 5.30pm - 6.00pm for those wanting to purchase candles, communion gifts, cards and other items. We also have some lovely cards to sell (Communion, birthday, new baby, sympathy) for only £1. Cash only please.

Preparation for the Sacraments in 2021

Although it is early days yet, names are being taken for those interested in being prepared for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2021. Please contact Winnie Brady at winniebrady@rcdow.org.uk if you wish to receive an Enrolment Form for these courses.

Children's Liturgy – a note for parents of young children

Due to the current situation it isn't possible to celebrate Children's Liturgy at Sunday Masses; however, it is possible for you as parents to find materials and celebrations on the Internet. Take a look at the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> where you will find prayers and resources for families who aren't able to attend church in person at the moment. It is possible to join the Virtual children's liturgy by subscribing online. Sunday Liturgy worksheets may be found at www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy7

In addition, a full Children's Liturgy at <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/catechesis/childrens-liturgy> which is used as the basis for our parish Children's liturgies.

These are but a few of the many resources to be found online – mostly pitched at toddler – junior school ages. Do take a look and explore what is on offer for your child's Faith formation.

Children's Corner

October is Mission Month! Find activities, assemblies and prayers for this special month at <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/home-and-parish-resources/>

In the **Home Schooling** section there are many ways of helping small children (and older ones) to learn about their Faith, in particular the **5-Finger prayers** and how to pray the (Missionary) **Rosary**. Please take a look at this wealth of information for families. Each week there is a Sunday worksheet with activities that are centred around the Gospel readings

Sunday Bingo	} All suspended until further notice
Boxing Club	
Mother's Prayers	

Appeal for Door Stewards

Since the re-opening of the church for services and private prayer we were obliged by the directives to have a steward on duty during those times. Since the re-opening, we have endeavored to keep the church open each weekday from 9.30am Mass until Midday. Many thanks to those who have given an hour each week to make this possible.

If you can help by being in the porch for an hour from 10 – 12 noon weekdays, please contact the parish office on 020 8445 0838 or email whetstone@rcdow.org.uk

To Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Recently guidelines have been issued by the Bishops to resume taking Holy Communion to the housebound.

If any ministers wishes to resume this, please contact Fr Gladstone to receive a copy of the procedures that must be observed.

Pay Car Park

Free Parking for Mass goes is:- Saturday 5.30pm-7.30pm and on Sunday 8.30am-5.30pm.

Please be aware that outside of these times, a penalty will be issued – and no appeal through the parish under the terms of the contract.

Holy Days of Obligation during the week are not included except Christmas and Good Friday.

Hospital Admissions often the religious status of a person admitted to hospital is overlooked on admission. Please make sure that Chase Farm & Barnet hospital is told that the patient is a Catholic.

As there is at present no Chaplain. Please inform the staff nurse on the ward a patient is Catholic. Soon we hope a new Chaplain will be appointed.

PRAY for those who are sick. We also pray for our long-term sick, the housebound, and those in residential care and in local hospices and hospitals and **the Faithful Departed** Theresa, the sister of Stella Ogbolu and Christina Ogbona.

Family Fast Day collection this Sunday

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes which are available in the porch.

You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week for:

Ted Brady, Marlyn Jefferies,
Celestina Zarre



If you would like to have a loved one's anniversary or thanksgiving commemorated in this way the 7 day lights are on sale in the Repository (£5) along with the label for the name of the person remembered and the date when the lamp should be placed in the Sanctuary. Please bring the lamp and label to the Sacristy.