



NEWSLETTER

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
26th & 27th SEPTEMBER 2020

Catholic Church of St Mary Magdalen
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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



Sat	6.00pm	Tricia & Barry Roche <i>Int</i>
Sun	9.00am	Pro Populo
	11.00am	Anne Ginty <i>RIP</i>
Mon	9.30am	Private Intention
Tues	<u>Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,</u> <u>Archangels</u>	
	9.30am	Bridie Brown <i>RIP</i>
Wed	<u>St Jerome, Priest & Doctor</u>	
	9.30am	Oliver <i>Int</i>
Thurs	9.30am	NO MASS
Fri	9.30am 6 - 8pm	NO MASS First Friday devotions in Polish with Mass
Sat	9.30am	Marcella Brenan Laetitia Piccio <i>RIP Anniv</i>

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

Parish Council next meets at 7.30pm on **Monday 5th October.**

Finance Committee next meets at 7pm on **Monday 12th October.**

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

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.

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.

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.

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>

and 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 practising Catholics.

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

If a newsletter is collected it must be taken home and not left in the benches.

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.

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.

First Sacraments in 2020

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.

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.

However now that people are going back to work and scholars to education, gaps are appearing in the rota. 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 has before the lockdown regularly taken Communion to a person's home it is now possible, observing these guidelines, to resume this ministry. It, of course, must be done only if both minister and communicant feel ready and safe.

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

Aid to Beirut

At the beginning of August the city of Beirut was shattered by a huge explosion, leaving over 130 dead, thousands wounded and homeless. Recently, Fr Eugene Curran, the parish priest of Mill Hill had his head shaved to raise funds to send to Beirut. The Vincentians have a presence in the Lebanon and in Beirut. From our parish funds we have sent £500 to Fr Eugene's appeal. If you would like to contribute to this, please contact Fr Gladstone, or directly to Fr Eugene.

Fr Eugene writes "Thank you so much for the very general donation to the Lebanon Appeal from yourself & the parishioners of Whetstone.

Thank you also for mentioning it in the parish newsletter. Apart from the possibility of raising more money, it serves to keep the situation in Lebanon in peoples' awareness and prayers.

Please do thank the parishioners for me – their contribution will be part of a wider contribution from the Uincentian family and so we can ensure that it will go to those most in need."

Pay Car Park

Free Parking for Mass goers 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.

2020/21 Boxes of Offertory Envelopes can be collected before Mass at the weekend.

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, especially Fr John Miller,

Stella Devlin, Joan and Ray Pancham. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION OUTFITS - Sacred Heart

Primary School's Parents Association would like to help families whose children are celebrating their First Holy Communion in 2020/21 and raise money for the school at the same time. If you have your child's dress, suit, shoes or other accessories collecting dust in your wardrobes, please consider donating it to us so that we can resell these at a much reduced cost to families whose children will soon be celebrating their First Holy Communion. 2020 has been an unusual year filled with hardship so we thought this would help soften finances and also raise much needed funds for the school. We already have some beautiful dresses ready to be sold so if you are interested or have anything to donate, please contact Adriana Farrar on 07956 663316. Thank you.

Finchley Catholic High School are looking to appoint an experienced **Personal Assistant** to the Head teacher, to join our wonderful staff community at Finchley Catholic High School.

If this may be of interest to you or a friend please visit our website for more information.

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.

The Trussell Trust provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry so if you can help by bringing an item or two from the list below to church each week, it will make a huge difference.

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.

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