



NEWSLETTER

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

Mass times

Sunday: 9.30am

Weekdays:
Mass 9.30am

Opening times for Private Prayer:

Saturday and Sunday
10am – 12 Noon



Suspension of Public Services

As earlier in the year, the Government has suspended public worship in our churches. This time round we have at least the ability to live stream the Masses which will be said in church, but without a congregation.

Although the legislation allows for churches to be open for private prayer, we have found recently a challenge in getting regular stewards to cover the times of opening – and for quite a small number of people coming to pray – as well as the effort and expense of de-sanitizing the church after each session.

Since we have now the live streaming option the church will be closed, except for private prayer on Saturday and Sunday from 10am – 12 noon.

To access this go online to:-

<https://www.churchservices.tv/whetstone>

& click on the play button.

Offers to be in church as a steward for half an hour, Saturday and Sunday 10.00 – 10.30am, 10.30 – 11am, 11 – 11.30am and 11.30 – 12 noon would be much appreciated. Please email the parish office.

Christmas 2020

How this is going to be able to be celebrated in the church, if at all, depends on the directions the Government puts in place after December 2nd. It raises some issues to be thought about.

If public Masses are allowed to resume, how do we accommodate those who would attend at Christmas. If congregational singing is still prohibited should we have Mass at Midnight? The pressure on space has some way to be managed. In the light of this, at this stage, one cannot predict what the Christmas services schedule will be. We hope that the December 2nd "moment" will allow us to plan for some sort of Christmas in church.

November – Month of the Holy Souls

Masses and prayers are said in this month for the faithful departed.

Church Website is at present inaccessible. It is hoped to get this up and running very soon to keep people informed of future developments, regularity of services etc. In the meantime information can be found via the Diocesan website:-

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

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.



Parish Finances

Again, as in the Spring, we are faced with a period when there will be no Sunday collections. This is having a considerable impact on the parish finances. Work has recently finished on the Hall kitchen etc, which was planned and began before the first lockdown. The bills for that have had to be honoured and paid (£50,000). We have been grateful to all those who have contributed during this period by Bankers Orders, and also those who have handed in contributions for the Sunday's missed.

In these unsettling times, the method of giving to the parish is invaluable and reassuring. You will find attached to this newsletter a form to set up such Standing Order if you are able and bless you if you can.

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.

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.

Advent begins next weekend 28th/29th November, and as usual there are Day-by-Day Children's booklets for families to use at home. Unusually, they can't be handed out personally, and so you are invited to collect a copy for your child/children from the Church porch - on either Saturday or Sunday between 10.00am and midday.

For Adults - there is a small booklet 'According to thy Word' written by Mgr Keith Barltrop, inviting us to know and love Our Lady more -

Star of the new evangelisation
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,

Boxing Club	Suspended until
Mother's Prayers	further notice

*service, ardent and generous Faith,
justice and love of the poor,
that the joy of the Gospel
may reach to the ends of the earth,
illuminating even the fringes of our world. Amen*
(From *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis 2013)

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** Fr John Miller and Carlo Esposito.

Westminster Roman Catholic Church Diocesan Trust Annual Report & Accounts 2019 can be found at <http://bit.ly/DoWAccounts2019>

CAFOD

Thank you to all parishioners at St Mary Magdalen for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £648.94 which we received on 26 October 2020. It means so much to us that you have reached out to our brothers and sisters around the world, when life here at home is quite changed. We're sorry that this letter will take a little longer to reach you than usual. Thank you so much for being there for our global family.

Thanks to your support, we can continue to reach more families threaten by the coronavirus. Working through the local Church, amazing work is already happening.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful; grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that by pious supplications they may obtain pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week for:

Henry Jonathan Acquah RIP

If you would like to have a loved one's 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.

