



# NEWSLETTER

**Catholic Church of St Mary Magdalen**  
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**The Parish Office is closed to the public, please contact by telephone or email as above.**

*Tier 4 still allows public worship in our churches. We have the ability to live stream the Masses.*

*Since we have now the live streaming option 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, would be much appreciated. Please email the parish office.*

Services will be conducted at the usual times and under the restrictions and procedure in place before this second lockdown. Masks must be worn, social distancing observed and if possible places booked for the weekend Masses by logging on to:

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

or ring the Presbytery, before noon on Friday, to reserve a place.

Weekly schedule from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December will be 9.30am daily weekday Mass, with church open until 1pm if possible.

Saturday 9.30am Mass  
10am Confessions  
11am -4.30pm Church Closed  
4.45pm Adoration and Confessions  
6pm Mass

Sunday Mass at 9am, 11am and 4pm (Polish)  
Church will be closed from 12 noon until 4pm.

**Please note: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January is not a day of Fasting and Abstinence.**

*The Bishops remind us that the celebration of Christmas continues through the Octave – the 8 days following Christmas Day, with the Lord’s Epiphany and Baptism and through to Candlemas on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Crib will be there for this whole period and an opportunity especially to come with your children to pray at the Crib. We do hope to have the church open as often as possible for this to take place. The generous time and presence of stewards make this possible. If you are able to help on that front for half an hour, please contact the Presbytery tel 020 8445 0838 or email [whetstone@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:whetstone@rcdow.org.uk)*

*From Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> there will be no 9.30am weekday Masses and the church will be closed. This is to enable Fr Gladstone to have a post-Christmas break. The Saturday evening Mass and Sunday Masses will continue as normal thanks to the help of the Consolata Fathers.*

**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: 9.30am  
Mass

**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.



### **Vaccine Statement from Vatican and Bishops' Conference**

In September 2020 the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales issued a statement COVID-19 and Vaccination (24<sup>th</sup> September 2020). In the light of the recent breakthrough in vaccine development we now wish to issue a follow up statement.

Catholics may in good conscience receive any of these vaccines for the good of others and themselves. In good conscience, one may refuse a particular vaccine but continue to have a duty to protect others from infection.

The statement can be found via: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-issue-updated-statement-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/>

**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>

### **Parish Finances**

This ongoing situation 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.

### **St Mary Magdalen's Church Whetstone on Facebook**

To keep parishioners more connected during these odd times, we have created a new Facebook page - 'St Mary Magdalen's Church Whetstone' - where we can share important updates about parish life and our faith in general.

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

Due to the current situation, it has not been possible to celebrate Children's Liturgy at Sunday Masses for a long time and whilst we have the option to watch the live streaming, young children may be missing out on the participation. We are pleased to say that Children's Liturgy will be posted on our YouTube channel and on the new parish Facebook page in the form of a pre-recorded video every weekend. It is a pilot scheme, but please do publicise it and give feedback if needs be.

Parent can also find lots of children's liturgy materials 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.

Sunday Liturgy worksheets may be found at <http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

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.

Boxing Club	} Suspended until
Mother's Prayers	further notice

### **Preparation for the Sacraments in 2021**

Names are being taken for those who wish their child/children to be prepared for First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2021. Although the courses have begun, it is not too late to enrol your child. Please contact Winnie Brady at [winniebrady@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:winniebrady@rcdow.org.uk) or send a message to 07702 094650 requesting an Enrolment Form. For anyone who has already registered and not heard back from me, please phone me as soon as possible. Thank you.

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

Star of the new evangelisation  
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,  
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 Eve and Day 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** Carlo Esposito.

**Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide**

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below:  
<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

### **SANCTUARY LAMPS**

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit for the week of 3<sup>rd</sup> January:

Donal McCathy



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.