



NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
9th / 10th JANUARY 2021

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.

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

Mass Intentions week - 27th December

Sat	6.00pm	Josephine Lakshman <i>RIP</i>
Sun	9.00am	Martha Osorio <i>RIP</i> Adam Panczak <i>Anniv</i>
	11.00am	Pro Populo
Mon	9.30am	Mass is available watch online via the Church Services website
Tues	9.30am	
Wed	9.30am	
Thurs	9.30am	
Fri	9.30am	
Sat	9.30am	

Lockdown still allows 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 for Saturday and Sunday Masses would be much appreciated. Please email the parish office by email.

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>

NEW NATIONAL LOCKDOWN

In the light of the new Government directives from the Bishops, from next week the following routine will be observed for services.

We have worked hard to ensure that our church is a safe environment and thank all those involved in fulfilling that. The new directives do allow public worship to continue. The Bishops however advise that in the interests of people's safety, including your priest who is in the 'over 70' category, it may be necessary to reduce the number of public Masses. The Bishops ask each parish to make a local decision.

In the light of this, beginning on Monday 11th January the church will be closed. Daily Mass at 9.30am will be live streamed.

Communal public worship at Mass will continue at **6PM SATURDAY** and **11AM SUNDAY**.

The Bishops reiterate that the removal of the Sunday obligation means that nobody should feel guilty if they do not attend Mass, and urge all to pray at home for the end of the spread of the virus.

Special arrangements are been in place for Weddings, Funerals etc.

Confession can be arranged by appointment. The parish office is closed to callers. We are asked these 12 month to ask St Joseph to protect us.

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.



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.

Vaccine Statement from Vatican and Bishops' Conference

In September 2020 the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales issued a statement COVID-19 and Vaccination (24th 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.

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 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.

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 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, especially Margaret Grant, Esther Quail, Zina Prioretti, Stella Devlin, Joan and Ray Panoram. 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>

Boxing Club	}	Suspended until
Mother's Prayers		further notice