



NEWSLETTER

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
20th / 21st MARCH 2021

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

Since we have now the live streaming option to access this go online:-

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

& click on the play button.

At all Masses 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>

We have worked hard to ensure that our church is a safe environment and thank all those involved in fulfilling that.

Holy Week and Easter

Unlike last year, these ceremonies will be celebrated publicly, although in an adapted form. We plan to hold the ceremonies at the following times:-

Palm Sunday Saturday 6pm,

Sunday 9am and 11am, but no outdoor procession.
5pm Polish.

Maundy Thursday

7pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, but no prayer until midnight.

However from 8pm until midnight you can make an online visit to the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament at Maiden Lane:

<https://corpuschristimaidenlane.org.uk/live/>

Good Friday

11am Stations of the Cross

3pm Liturgy of the Passion

6pm "Maria Desolata" Devotion

For those unable to attend a service – why not make a short visit to the Crucifix to the left of the church for veneration – but please do not touch or kiss the crucifix.

Holy Saturday

7pm Vigil and First Mass of Easter. The Liturgy will be shortened with no outdoor blessing of the New Fire, no baptisms or water sprinkling.

Easter Day

9am, 11am and 5pm Polish

Booking for these services will be available later.

Mass times

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

Weekdays:
Mass 9.30am



Confessions

Saturday 10 – 10.30am
4.45 – 5.45pm

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.



2021 A Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis asks the Church to dedicate this year to meditate on the place of St Joseph in our faith and life. It forms part of the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.



Parish Finances

For everyone, this has been a difficult 12 months both domestically and commercially. It has had an impact on our parish finances too.

We have just completed the Annual Financial Report, submitted to the Diocese. A few basic figures in it will bear out the sentence above. Between 2019 and 2020 income dropped as follows:-

Envelopes 47,000 → 28,000
Loose plate 22,000 → 12,000
Car Park Rent 64,000 → 21,000

Income from Bankers Orders have not decreased so dramatically, and those who contribute in that way owe our gratitude.

Gift Aid has also been an invaluable help at this time, with thanks to all who as Tax payers have signed up to this.

If anyone in the past has Gift Aided and now no longer pays British Tax, would you kindly inform the Parish Office for our bookkeeper to adjust the records. Also, please inform us of any change of address – and also any new telephone number for the parish registers.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The booklet which was produced two years ago based on our Stations of the Cross is available (free or donation) for anyone to take home to pray the devotion. The devotion will be live streamed at 6pm on Fridays. The church will be open at those times for public attendance.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2021

Cardinal Nichols asks your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, to help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in these areas. **Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, Caritas Westminster and Education** Service. Please take a donation envelope in the church porch. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

***Children's Liturgy** is posted each weekend on the parish Facebook page in the form of a PowerPoint presentation – do take time to watch it with your young children. There are lots of Children's Liturgy materials on the internet, eg the CAFOD website at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy> - also take a look at catholicicing.com for Faith activities for young families.*

Sacramental Groups – please pray for the children and young people, their families and the catechists in the First Confession and Holy Communion group and in the Confirmation group as they prepare for the sacraments with at-home lessons and online working.

Youth Leader Course – Rise Up - for any practising Catholic aged 15 (Year 11) to 21 who lives, works or studies in the Diocese of Westminster. Taking place from **September to December 2021**, You will be coached to give a 15-minute talk to an audience of your choice at the end of the project having chosen a subject matter you are passionate about. There is an opportunity to achieve a nationally recognised qualification, a Level 1 Certificate in Exploring Youth Work, through Need2Succeed (our training partner for *Rise Up*). Contact dowym.com/voices/rise-up-youth-project-launching-december.

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.

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.

Bible Timeline Course

The Bible can be quite intimidating, due to its size and complexity.

Many Catholics long to read the Bible, but they don't know how.

The Bible Timeline Study System divides the whole Bible into 12 colour-coded Periods, easy to understand and memorise.

You will clearly see how the many characters and events in Scripture are related to each other in one unified narrative, from Adam & Eve to Jesus Christ.

You will grasp the Big Picture of the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament... for life!

Starts: Wed 7th April 2021 @7pm UK time

(for 8 consecutive Wednesdays)

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

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 the housebound, and those in residential care and in local hospices and hospitals and **the Faithful Departed.**

Boxing Club	} Suspended until
Mother's Prayers	