



NEWSLETTER

PALM SUNDAY
27TH / 28TH 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.

Palm Sunday Saturday 6pm,

Sunday 9am and 11am, but no outdoor procession. 4pm 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.

Easter Day

9am, 11am and 4pm Polish

Booking for these services will be available later.

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.

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.



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.



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
Overall	250,000 → 171,000

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.

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places

May this year collection *pro Terra Sancta* be an opportunity for everyone not to ignore the difficult situation of our brothers and sisters of the Holy Places but rather to lighten their burdens. If this small gesture of solidarity and sharing (St Paul and St Francis of Assisi would call it "restitution") fails, it will be even more difficult for many of them to resist the temptation to leave their country, more demanding to support the parishes in their pastoral and educational work and harder to sustain the social commitment to the poor and suffering. The sufferings of the many displaced people and refugees who have had to leave because of war call for an outstretched helping hand to pour the balm of consolation on their wounds. We must not give up on taking care of the Holy Places that are concrete proof of the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God, and the offering of His life for us and our salvation.

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.

Boxing Club	}	Suspended until
Mother's Prayers		further notice

Easter craft kits for young children - will be available to pick up after each Mass this weekend. Look out for the Catechists they will be standing by the Church porch.

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 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.

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.**

Workshop online event Saturday 10 April from 11am to 12.30

2021 is a critical year as world leaders decide how the world rebuilds from the pandemic. As Catholics we have an important role to play in calling for the world's poorest communities to be included. Join us to find out how to meet your MP as a parish group. Sat 10 April, 11am to 12.30; book at cafod.org.uk/mpmeeting

Sanctuary Lamps

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit week beginning 4th April for:

Celestine Zandre



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 should be placed in the Sanctuary. Please bring the lamp and label to the Sacristy.