



NEWSLETTER

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
10th / 11th APRIL 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

The ceremonies of Holy Week and Easter were at last celebrated publicly and although with some adaptation, worthily. For all the Liturgies and Masses the church was full to its designated capacity. We had a fuller compliment of altar servers and music. All told, it was a big step in the right direction.

Many thanks must go to all involved and also the stewards at the door who did a sterling job under these new conditions.

This coming week there will be no 9.30am Mass from Tuesday to Friday and the church will not be open for private prayer.

Boxes of Offertory Envelopes 2021/2 can now be collected at Mass this weekend.

The Forty Hours Devotion

If all goes to plan with easing of restrictions, we should be able to restore this devotion this year. It will begin at 8am on Thursday 13th May – Ascension Day – and continue until noon on Sunday 16th May.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8am – 8pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 8am – Noon on Sunday. Lists will be available soon to sign to be in church during these times for prayer, and there may need to be stewards on the door.

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
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.

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.

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 further notice
Mother's Prayers	