



NEWSLETTER

PENTECOST SUNDAY
22nd / 23rd MAY 2021

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The Parish Office is now open

The office will be open from 9am – 12pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. For the time being, special distance, face masks etc must be observed. Outside these hours contact the office by phone or email.

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.

Developments from 17th May

The church is now open for private prayer each day from 9am until 7pm. No stewards are needed but all should continue to use hand sanitizer and face mask. The Holy Water stoups cannot yet be used. Congregational singing is still suspended. Images can be touched but not kissed. Stewards and booking online will continue at weekend Masses to supervise capacity, which remains at its limited level.

There are QR codes to be scanned on arrival but please do continue to pre-book your preferred Mass attendance as we are required to retain the track and trace process and we will also continue to manage the maximum capacity allowed under the current Government Guidelines.

The Parish continues to operate a 1m + social distancing format but bubbles and families are more than welcome to continue to sit together.

Holy Communion will continue to be given only under the form of bread, but the dialogue between ministers and communicants – "The Body of Christ" – "Amen", is restored.

Those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue may do so, but should wait to receive towards the end of Communion and from the priest alone.

The Offertory Collection can be placed in baskets in the porch before Mass or as you leave after Communion.

Sunday June 6th – Corpus Christi

At the 11am Mass that Sunday Bishop Sherrington will celebrate Mass and administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on over 20 candidates.

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.



Clearly under present capacity restrictions that will put pressure on numbers at that 11am Mass. Please, if you are able, consider attending Mass on that weekend either at 6pm Saturday or 9am Sunday.

Also, due to the Pandemic, we will again be unable to have a Corpus Christ procession on that day this year.

CAFOD

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: cafod.org.uk/give. Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

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 Councilors

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 7th June at 7.30pm in the Hall. Members will be seated 2 metres apart. Please bring mask.

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 show the impact of lockdown etc.

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.

Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 6th June at 11am – the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Sacramental preparation for summer 2022 for children attending non-Catholic Schools – please contact Winnie Brady on 07702 094650 for details of preparation materials and to enroll your child ahead of next year's courses for First Sacraments and Confirmation.

Workbooks for children attending non-Catholic Schools have now been received. Please collect one from Winnie after Mass on Sunday morning.

Youth Leader Course – Rise Up - for any practicing 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 recognized qualification, a Level1 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.**

CAFOD

The item in the Palm Sunday newsletter caught my eye which said that 2021 is a critical year as world leaders decide how we rebuild from the pandemic. It invited attendance to an online meeting with CAFOD to discuss how we can meet our MP as a parish group to try to encourage their support on the issues that have been identified. The information they shared about the ones they have prioritized as needing addressing was really good, as were the tips on how to hold a meeting with an MP (if they are agreeable). I don't know if anyone else from our parish attended the zoom, but I could forward the link of the recording of the CAFOD event if you'd like to learn more. I'm keen to pursue the idea of a meeting if anyone else is interested - so if you are contact me on 0208 368 5238 - Elsie Lyons.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week for:

Nichola Styles

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.



Boxing Club	} Suspended until further notice
Mother's Prayers	