



NEWSLETTER

**SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY MAGDALEN
24TH / 25TH JULY 2021**

Catholic Church of St Mary Magdalen

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Feast of St Mary Magdalen – Sunday July 25th

Bishop Sherrington will celebrate the 11am Mass and there will be a parish party afterwards. It is the first parish event to be held in our newly redesigned Hall and Kitchen.

Over a year ago, we had planned to have a celebration to thank the Sacred Heart Sisters for their ministry in our parish, as they moved to Nazareth House, Finchley, and now at last we can thank the sisters at this celebration and express that gratitude.

Having consulted the Sisters, we have ordered a slate commemorative plaque to be placed at the main door of the school to mark its foundation by the sisters in 1936. The plaque is still to be delivered, but at the reception today a "mock up" of how it will look will be on display.

We will be celebrating also anniversaries of Religious Profession of Sr Denise (60 years) and Sr Eileen (50 years) this Sunday.

We plan to have a BBQ and besides the BBQ we aim to keep things simple by asking for contributions of quiches, coleslaw and potato salad. These should be brought to the hall on the morning of Sunday 25th July. The party begins after the 11am Mass.

Live streaming access 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.

New Catechumen

Please keep in your prayers Ho-Jee Man who was, last Sunday, received by the Church as a Catechumen in preparation for Baptism in the near future.

Bishop's Statement

It is hoped that it will be possible for all Catholics in England and Wales to fulfil this most important Church precept, that of the

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Sunday Obligation, by the First Sunday in Advent 2021. In the meantime, all Catholics are asked to do their best to participate in the celebration of the weekly Sunday Mass and to reflect deeply on the centrality of Sunday worship in the life of the Church.

In April, following our Plenary Assembly, we offered a reflection on the experience of the extraordinary long months of the pandemic. It was titled *The Day of the Lord*. We also began to look at the way forward. We spoke about the important invitation to restore the Sunday Mass to its rightful centrality in our lives. We asked for a rekindling in our hearts of a yearning for the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist, as our response to the total, sacrificial love that Jesus has for us. We said: "The Eucharist should be the cause of our deepest joy, our highest manner of offering thanks to God and for seeking his mercy and love. We need to make it the foundation stone of our lives."

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.



Mary's Meals

For many years now we have supported this charity with a "Rags to Riches" collection, which has always been very enthusiastically donated to. Recently, Gerrard McMahon made contact to say that the charity has ceased to raise money in that way. The charity, thank God, continues to expand its fantastic work in providing a daily meal – and opportunity for schooling to ever more children.

Mary's Meals visited recently, simply to say "Thank you" for our past "Rags to Riches" support. St Mary Magdalen's, Whetstone was the first parish to support the charity in this way. We will continue to support it in future in any way we can. An amount of £451.87 was donated on that day. Thank you to all who contributed.

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 preparation for summer 2022 for all children

Contact Winnie Brady on **07702 094650** with your e-mail address for details of how to enroll your child for next year's courses for First Confession, First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) and Confirmation (Year 9 and above).

Sessions for all groups will start in September. There is a two-year course for children attending non-Catholic schools.

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.

Parish Council

Next meeting will be on Monday 4th October at 7.30pm in the Sacristy.

The Trussell Trust Chipping Barnet Foodbank

Since starting the foodbank donations in late September 2020, the parish of St Mary Magdalen's have donated 1320.3kg of food to the Trussell Trust's Chipping Barnet Foodbank. This is equivalent to 150 pre-packed food parcels which would feed about 120 people. Our foodbank provide individuals and families who are referred to us in crisis with at least three days' worth of emergency food and support. We ensure that the food parcels contain healthy and balanced meals.

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems.

As a parish, you have made a big difference. Many thanks to you for organising this, to Fr Liddle for enabling it and your parishioners for their generosity.

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. We also pray for the housebound, and those in residential care and in local hospices and hospitals and **the Faithful Departed** Anna Silva.

Boxing Club

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Mother's Prayers further notice