



# NEWSLETTER

Catholic Church of St Mary Magdalen

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Live streaming access online:-

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

& click on the play button.

*It is advised that at all Masses masks 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>

*Please also, if you are able to log in using the NHS app – available on the notice board in the church porch.*

*To those still uncomfortable with the idea of attending Mass with a larger number of people, please consider a 9.30am weekday Mass when there is plenty of space between people. It is so important we get back into the practice of gathering together to celebrate the Holy Mass and receive the grace of Holy Communion.*

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

## New to the Parish

For Several years now we have held twice a year an informal reception to meet with recent arrivals in the parish.

Due to the Pandemic this has not happened since January 2020. However, now that things are beginning to get back to normal, we hope to hold such an event at 12 noon on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

If over the last year or two you have moved into or joined the parish, please introduce yourself to Fr Gladstone after Mass at the door. You will also find in the porch a green form to register with the parish. Once completed, return it to the Presbytery or Sacristy. We do invite you to come along on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 12 noon in the hall.

## 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 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.

## 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.



We make the important call 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."

Now that most of life is moving towards some normality, and schools etc re-opening, it is encouraged that people begin to take the Bishop's statement as a call to resume Sunday Mass attendance. This should be particularly important for families with children, to get them into that rhythm again of Sunday worship.

## 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 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.*



## **Sacramental preparation for summer 2022 for all children**

First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Enrolment Forms for 2021-22 are available from Winnie Brady at [winniebrady@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:winniebrady@rcdow.org.uk) or text 07702 094650 with your email address.

Courses start next weekend of **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> / Sat 18<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **Plea for Help**

*If anyone is able to help with the cleaning of:*

*The Sacred Vessels of chalices etc by occasionally cleaning and polishing them, or*

*The Altar cloths which are replaced and laundered several times a year.*

*Both tasks could be taken on by an individual or small team. If you can help, please contact Fr Gladstone.*

**"Isaiah: AKA The Fifth Gospel"**, the third in a series of talks by Fr John Hemer MHM, as part of the Agency for Evangelisation's events for 'The God Who Speaks', takes place online on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September**, 7.00pm – 8.00pm. Please register via Eventbrite to receive the Zoom

code: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-god-who-speaks-isaiah-aka-the-fifth-gospel-tickets-164970859281>. For further information or queries, please contact [annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:annadupelycz@rcdow.org.uk) Tel. 020 7798 9026.

**Small Communities** - a new series for adult personal or group prayer/reflection will begin in the Autumn. More details in the coming weeks.

*This Faith-sharing resource "With a Father's Love" has been specially produced for the Year of Saint Joseph and takes us on a journey of discovery through the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis, Patris Corde.*

*As in the past, the booklet is for personal or group use, giving a prayer-filled resource, useful for the end of the Year of Saint Joseph'. Cost £3.*

*Please leave your name on the list in the porch to indicate that you would like a copy. Orders are needed by Friday, 17th September.*

### **Parish Council**

Next meeting will be on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30pm in the Sacristy.

### **The Trussell Trust Chipping Barnet Footbank**

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** Tony Lafferty, Barbara Oldham, Cal McCrystal & Angelina Roche.

### **A slightly different Afghan appeal**

The Barnet Refugee Welcoming Board, of which I am a member, have asked me to publicise the following appeal:

**SOS Afghani appeal for Rucksacks, stationary & umbrellas**

*With school & college starting, Afghani students currently in local quarantine hotels urgently need supplies*

**RUCK SACKS / STATIONARY / PENS / PENCILS / SHARPENERS & RUBBERS / HIGHLIGHTERS / PENCIL CASES / RULERS / CALCULATORS / UMBRELLAS ETC.**

*Please bring donations to BRWB, Room 410 Ruben's House, 184 Ballards Lane, Finchley N3. Alternatively gift us £25 and we will make up school starter kits for you. **As yet I haven't been given the bank details but will circulate them as soon as I know.***

*We are also looking for volunteers to put the packs together please let me know. As yet I haven't been informed of when then would be needed but if, in principle, you'd like to volunteer, just contact me, Elsie Lyons, on 0208 368 5238 .*

### **St Vincent de Paul Society**

The parish SVP group is appealing to all parishioners for help. Please see notice board in porch for details.

**Finchley Catholic High School Secondary Transfer Open Evening** will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 from 5.30 – 8.30pm.

**Bishop Douglas Open Evening** will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30 – 7.30pm.

Boxing Club	} Suspended until further notice
Mother's Prayers	