



NEWSLETTER

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18TH & 19TH SEPTEMBER 2021

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 31st 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 31st 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.*

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."

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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.

Altar Servers

Due to the recent strange times, we have had to put on hold the recruiting and training of new altar servers.

If you are interested in joining the team of servers and have made your First Holy Communion, you will find a form in the porch to fill in and return to Fr Gladstone, or the Sacristy or Presbytery.

We hope to begin training sessions quite soon.

Parish Council

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

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.



Funerals of those recently departed

Tony Lafferty

Monday 27th September at 5pm – Reception of the body

Tuesday 28th September at 9.30am – Funeral Mass

Angela Roche

Wednesday 29th September at 9.30am – Funeral Service

Barbara Oldham

Friday 1st October at 12 noon – Funeral Service

CAFOD Harvest Fast

Falls on Friday 1st October. There will be a second collection for CAFOD on Sunday 3rd October and envelopes for that collection will be available next Sunday.

By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day, you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis.

You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis or call 0303 303 3030

You can also Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10.

Pray for Catchuman Ho Jee Man in his final weeks of preparation for baptism on Sunday 31st October, the Solmnity of All Saints.

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 or text 07702 094650 with your email address.

Courses start **Friday 17th / Sat 18th 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 21st 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 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.

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** Tony Lafferty, Barbara Oldham & 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.

Boxing Club	}	Suspended until
Mother’s Prayers		further notice