



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.

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.

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.

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."

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.

Mass times

Saturday: 6.00pm,
Sunday: 9.00am, 11.00am,
4.00pm (in Polish)



Weekdays:
Mass 9.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 4.45 – 5.45pm

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.



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 on the weekend of Friday 17th / Sat 18th September.

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.



Formation for Catechists on

Saturday, 11th September from 11.00am-1.30pm (Bring & Share Lunch) Helpers are needed – please contact Winnie Brady on 07702 094650 or winniebrady@rcdow.org.uk

“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.

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

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.

“Saints of Catechesis” Virtual reflection evenings resume on **Tuesday 7th September**, 7.30pm- 8.15pm. The next in this series will dwell on St Andrew Kim Taegon, Korean martyr whose feast day falls on 20th September. Please register with Warren at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk to receive the Zoom code.”

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.

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

Boxing Club	} Suspended until further notice
Mother’s Prayers	