NEWSLETTER

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
29th / 30th JANUARY 2021

Catholic Church of St Mary Magdalen
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Mass times

Saturday:	6.00pm,
Sunday:	9.00am,
	11.00am,
	1.30pm (in Polish),
	4.00pm (in Polish)
Weekdays:	
Mass Mon - Thur	9.30am
Fri	12.30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 4.45 – 5.45pm

Confessions
Saturday 10 – 10.30am
4.45 – 5.45pm

Live streaming access online:-

https://www.churchservices.tv/whetstone

& click on the play button.

It is now optional to wear masks.

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

Bishops' Conference Guidance Post "Plan B"
Basic points made:-

1. Anyone with Covid symptoms should not participate in acts of worship in church.
2. In church it is a personal choice to wear a face mask or not.
3. No need for formal social distancing.
4. Hymn books and missals can be re-instated.
5. Use of sanitizer on hands is encouraged.
6. Holy Water stoups can be filled.
7. The Sign of Peace may be offered.
8. Holy Communion continues to be under one kind only – the Sacred Host.
9. Social activities may resume.
10. Communion may be taken to those at home.

Commissioning of New Readers and Extra-ordinary Ministers of Communion
At the 11am Mass last Sunday a group of parishioners were commissioned to exercise these two ministries in our parish community at the Holy Eucharist. We are grateful to them for responding to the invitation to minister, as we are to those who already exercise their ministries.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Upcoming Events
As things begin to take on some normality we can flag up a few events that we help can take their place again in our parish life.

Pre-Lent Carnival Party Saturday 26th February following the 6pm Mass until approximately 8.30pm fireworks.

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.

Download on the App Store GET IT ON Google Play

There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday 1st February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery, to look especially at the food to be requested. Also, there is a list at the door for offers to help organise.

A Day with Mary had been fixed to take place last Autumn but was cancelled. It has been rescheduled for Saturday 12th March from 10am up to the evening Mass at 6pm.

Sunday 13th March Pastoral visit by Bishop John Sherrington, 11am Mass and social gathering in the hall afterwards.

Parish Council *next meeting Monday 21st February at 7.30pm.*

Lent Friday Lunch
Now that we have introduced having the Friday weekday Mass at 12.30pm, it may be possible to consider having a simple meal after the Mass in the Hall. Some parishes organize such a "Frugal Meal" – usually consisting of cheese and bread, with a cup of tea. Any donations can be made to a Lenten charity.

If you are interested in this idea, either to attend or even help organize, please let Fr Gladstone know.

There are six Fridays in Lent, the first being on 4th March. If a group of 3/4 people were available for each Friday, that would make this possible, and if there is interest we can begin soon to get groups to cover each Friday in Lent.

It could be a straightforward way to begin to begin to meet and invite people in a social way.

Door Stewards *at Sunday Mass. Since the start of the Pandemic, we have been required to have stewards at the door and porch to implement "track and trace" of those attending Mass. After this Sunday we discontinue this procedure. The group of people who have stewarded this over the past two years have been regular and committed and we owe them our gratitude in helping to implement this legal requirement.*

Also, online booking is now discontinued.

Parish Database Please let the office know if there are changes to your address, telephone number etc.

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.

Some parishioners received fines in error for attending Christmas Day Masses. The company who issued the fines have been contacted and have confirmed they have been cancelled. However, please pass your fine to the office, if you have not received a cancellation letter.

Diocesan Synodal Gathering with Cardinal Vincent Saturday 19th February
This is an invitation for one or two people who took part in any way in the Synodal Pathway by filling in the survey entitled *Share Your Thoughts* or by responding to our invitations to attend a zoom meeting or fill in an online survey to come along with us (Paddy and Elsie Lyons) to the above event. Unfortunately, we were only able publicise these latter events to those who receive the newsletter by email or are on the Parish Facebook so apologies if you weren't able to get involved in those ways.

The event starts promptly at 11.15am at Westminster Cathedral, with refreshments served in Cathedral Hall from 10.30am. People are asked to bring their own lunch and the Gathering will end at 4.00pm.

So sorry for the short notice but **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COMING YOU WILL NEED TO LET US KNOW BY MONDAY 31st JANUARY** so we can register you. Contact us on 020 8368 5238 or email:elsielyonsden@gmail.com

Boxing Club	}	*Suspended until*
Mother's Prayers	}	*further notice*

Children's Liturgy
Since the resumption of Sunday morning Liturgies, Children's Liturgy has been both well attended and appreciated by parents with young children. So much so that it has been decided to celebrate Children's Liturgy during the Saturday (vigil) 6pm Mass.

As ever, there is a need for help with the Liturgy - please, don't be shy - YOUR talents and skills are needed! Contact Winnie Brady 07702 094650 if you'd like to help, please.

Saturday, 5th February at midday - in the parish hall - a meeting for parents of children and young people who are attending non-Catholic schools and are in Year 2 or Year 8 and above, who wish them to be prepared for the Sacraments in 2023 - Candidates are asked to attend as well. *The preparation course will commence after half-term* contact Winnie Brady at winniebrady@rcdow.org.uk or text 07702 094650.

Hospital Admissions
The religious status of patients admitted to hospital can be overlooked or not registered. Please make sure that this information is registered with the Ward Staff. Soon we hope a new Chaplain will be in place.

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** Deborah Percival and Franco Pigatelli.

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School Applications for Sixth Form Entry in September 2022 open until 28 February

St Michael's is a place of intellectual exploration and achievement and every year our students achieve outstanding A Level results which enable them to open doors to the most prestigious universities and courses.

St Michael's has a large and vibrant Sixth Form which welcomes significant numbers of new students who have studied their GCSEs elsewhere. It is an academic school which offers A Level courses only in the Sixth Form. If you are interested in applying for a Sixth Form place at St Michael's please take a look at the virtual open evening on our website https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/new-sixth-form-page/virtual-sixth-form-open-evening/ .

Applications can be made online through the Apply NOW button.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week for:

Tracey Tomlinson

If you would like to have a loved one's anniversary 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.