



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

6TH / 7TH APRIL 2024

Catholic Church of St Mary Magdalen

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Newsletter

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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 – Thurs

& Sat 9.30am

Fri 12.30pm

Rosary: after weekday &
Sat 9.30am Masses

Adoration & Benediction

Saturday 4.45pm- 5.45pm

Confessions

Saturday 10.15 – 11.00am
4.45 – 5.40pm

Live streaming access online:-

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

& click on the play button.

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Communion

Please lead from the **front** when coming to receive the Eucharist.

It may take a little time for us all to remember this change. So, please stay seated if there is a queue forming and you find it difficult to stand for periods.

The Resurrection of Jesus is not merely the historical event of a man being raised from the dead.

Lunchtime party for Senior Citizens this Sunday, 7th April will take place from 1.00pm (after the 11.00am Mass) in the Hall.

We know from the Gospels that Jesus brought three people back from the dead to life: the widow of Nain's son, Jairus' daughter, and Lazarus. Also we know that this fact alone, particularly with regards to Lazarus, was leading many to believe in Jesus rather than following the authority of the chief priests, "so the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus" (Jn 12:9-11). Jesus also encourages those who doubt His divinity to take notice of His works, "but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father" (Jn 10:38).

Jesus' miracles and His raising others from the dead were signs which challenge us to accept Who He says He is. Jesus also makes clear, from Saint Luke's Gospel, that there are those who will never believe even if a man should rise from the dead, consider the story of Abraham, the poor Lazarus, and the rich man, "but Abraham said, 'they have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them'. And he said, 'no, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent'. He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead'" (Lk 16:29-31). May each of us truly be open to the power of Jesus to effect such great miracles in His creation and in our lives. The name Lazarus in Hebrew means 'God has helped', both the Lazaruses were open to the power of God.

The Resurrection of Jesus, though, differs utterly in essence from the rising of these mortal humans from the dead. Jesus is always the sacrificial Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world. Jesus is always a divine Person, the second Person of the Trinity, Who took on human flesh in history from the Virgin Mary. Always, Jesus is the Son of God, Whose divinity cannot die. He delivers His sublime humanity totally to be sacrificed as the true Passover Lamb. When the power of God raises this, the sweetest and most loving of all sacrifices, Jesus' humanity, from the dead, His humanity becomes Radiance, indeed He is truly the, "let there be light", from Genesis in Person, visible to the human eye. Saint Paul thus commands us to, "look for the things that are in heaven"; Saint Peter professes that we must accept that in Jesus alone are sins forgiven. And Jesus Himself, in the revelation of the Divine Mercy, next Sunday, confirms that in Him alone is the mercy which, when accepted, will open the gates of heaven. May our pride be conquered by the eternal Light risen today, and, like Lazarus, fully and irrevocably consent to being helped by God. HAPPY EASTER! HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

Fr Ben

Easter Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church. This is your Easter gift to the parish and is not taxed by the Diocese, so if you are going away please do use it. Thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness and generosity throughout the year.

Regina Caeli

- INSTEAD OF THE "HAIL MARY" DURING BIDDING PRAYERS THROUGH EASTER TIME

Re - gi - na cae - li lae - ta - re, al - le - lu - ia:
 QUEEN OF HEAVEN RE JOICE

Qui - a quem me - ru - is - ti por - ta - re, al - le - lu - ia;
 FOR HE WHOM YOU WORTHILY CARRIED

Re - sur - re - xit si - cut dix - it, al - le - lu - ia:
 HAS RISEN EVEN AS HE SAID

O - ra - pro - no - bis De - um, al - le - lu - ia.
 PRAY FOR US TO GOD

Planned Giving Envelopes 2024/2025 for existing users are available for collection in the porch. If you would like to have a set of planned giving envelopes for the new tax year, please let the parish office know. However, standing orders are the easiest way to contribute to the parish. Both planned giving envelopes and standing orders can allow your contributions to be Gift Aided. This means that the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. Details can be found at:

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/whetstone/wp-content/uploads/sites/80/2022/08/WHETS20.pdf> or

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/whetstone/donate/other-ways-to-give/>

Thank you for your incredible generosity whatever way you give.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024

If you can, please show your support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. All funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of our services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

Refreshments after 9.00am Mass

Please pop into the Parish Hall for tea, coffee and biscuits after 9.00 am Mass every Sunday, starting this Sunday. If you would like to help out and be put on the rota, please contact Anna Franchi on 07713 631389.

Easter-time Booklets for Children and Adults are available for collection in the Church porch and adjacent to the Font. Please leave a donation for the Adult booklets.

Pre-Sacramental Classes for Children who attend non-Catholic Schools will begin on Saturday, 20th April at midday in the Parish Hall. Names to Winnie Brady at winniebrady@rcdow.org.uk to register for your child.

(It is important to note that the Diocese of Westminster now asks for an extended period of preparation for the Sacraments for **all** who attend a non-Catholic school.)

Baptism

Parents wishing to have their child/children baptised are asked, in the first instance, to contact Fr Ben, or to speak to Winnie Brady, for details of the forthcoming Baptism preparation course, which is due to begin in the next few weeks. Regular attendance at Sunday Mass is a pre-requisite prior to preparation for and celebration of the Sacrament.

Parish Hall

Our Parish Hall is available for hire.

Book it for exercise or tutoring classes, children's parties, celebrations or meetings. Services can include hourly or all-day bookings with kitchen facilities. Please contact the Parish Secretary on 020 8445 0838 for details.

PRAY for those who are sick especially Deborah Longford-Ross, Luciana Maestranzi, Patricia Rutt, Nora Prior, Vlasticha Marek Elsie & Paddy Lyons and Peter Carney. We also pray for the housebound, and those in residential care and in local hospices and hospitals and the Faithful Departed especially Peter Jackman, Bridget Gavigan & Lydia Thielamay.

Pay Car Park

Free Parking for Mass goers is:- **Saturday 5.30pm-7.30pm and on Sunday 8.30am-5.30pm**, we must adhere to them, even by a few minutes!

Please be aware that outside of these times, a penalty will be issued – with no appeal through the parish under the terms of the contract.

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.

The Catenians would love to welcome you to London Northern Heights. We form part of an international network of Catholic men and their families who aim to support those in need or less fortunate, whilst creating a space to socialize with like-minded people.

Please see notice board and parish website for more details and email Mick Cunningham on: michaeltcunningham@live.co.uk

March for Life UK

Would you like to connect locally, in-person, with other people who support the pro-life cause? March for Life UK are inviting people to be part of a new initiative called

'Connect' which will help establish local pro-life groups to pray, fundraise, socialise, educate and get involved in outreach. To find out more and be part of an initial online meeting please email Isabel at info@marchforlife.co.uk

The **SVP** are distributing **over 10,000 Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code **60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**. Thank you so much for your support

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 25th May** at 2:30pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Lourdes Pilgrimage 19th- 26th July 2024 - Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve.

All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.