



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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Courage! It is !! Don't be afraid.

Peter's experience reflects situations that, more often, we also eventually undergo. Who has never, ever felt, at least once, that the world was crumbling around and then decided to let it all go and surrender to despair? Under these circumstances we must revive our faith.

For the ancient mentality, the sea was where the evil forces dwelt, the kingdom of death, threatening for all men. By "walking on the water", Jesus is telling us that through his death and resurrection He defeats the evil and death powers that threat and wants to destroy us. Is it not our existence like a fragile boat, delivered to the stormy waves of the sea of life with the hope of reaching some meaningful waterside?

Peter believed to have a clear faith and a rather consistent strength. Why does Peter sink just when he starts walking on the water? Because, instead of looking at Jesus' face, he looks at the sea and, as of that moment, he loses his strength, his confidence in the Lord, and he just breaks down. But "Jesus put out his hand at once and held him".

The Lord does not let his apostle to sink in remorse and despair, and with His generous forgiveness He restores his confidence. In the battle of life, whom do I look at the most? When I feel the weight of my sins and mistakes dragging me down, sinking me, do I allow the good Lord to stretch out His hand and save me?

The church is opened for you as follow:

- Monday: NO PUBLIC MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
- Tuesday: Funeral. No Public Mass
- Wednesday: Public Mass (10.00am)
- Thursday: Public Mass (10.00am)
- Friday: Public Mass (10.00am)
- Saturday: Public Mass (10am & 6pm)
- Sundays: (8:15 & 11:00 & 12.30). Both Saturday Masses are **accounted for a Sunday Mass.**

According to Government regulations, a record of attendance with name, contact details and time in church. It will be kept securely for 21 days and then be destroyed. The stewards will give the Contact card when entering in the church.

Please observe the following guidelines when attending Holy Masses:

- Don't enter the church if you have any symptoms of covid-19. If you are sick, have a cold, flu or fever, you must stay home.
- Ensure you sanitise your hands at entry to and exit from the church.
- A mask or other face-covering must be worn during Holy Mass.
- In the church, the stewards will assist you on the one-way system and where you might sit down. The stewards are there to help us so please be kind & patient.
- Please remember to leave your collection in the box/basket when entering or leaving the church.
- Due to social distance requirements (2 metres) space in the church is now limited to 90 people. Therefore, there may be instances in which entry to the church will not be possible.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Since Services stopped in March, in Church offertory both envelope and loose have been reduced by over 75%.

Thank you for your continued support of St Joseph's Church, especially at this challenging time for everyone.

Your new box of envelopes is available to collect at the back of the church. Please check the list, take your box (and for your neighbours if possible) and then tick off the list, to say you have taken your new set.

If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme, and would still like a box for your contributions, please enquire at the Presbytery.

Contributions may be dropped at the Presbytery as well.

Many thanks, once again for your continued support.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

Regarding weddings, funerals & Baptisms

Weddings:

The maximum number permitted to attend is 30.

Funerals:

The maximum number permitted to attend is 30.

Baptisms:

The maximum number permitted to attend is 15.

First Reconciliation: Wed 2nd & 9th Sept at 6pm.

FHC: Sat 12th & 19th Sept, 3rd & 10th Oct at 10am.



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Two lamps constantly burn before the tabernacle to indicate the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The candles burn for 7 days - Saturday to Saturday. These may be offered for intentions at £10 each.

1. **John & Lima O'Dowd+(anni)**

2. **Mr & Mrs Alwis (intentions)**

Sanctuary Lamps can be booked at the presbytery.

From the Registers...

Oliver Anthony Edwin Pearce,

Kiseri Smina &

Sinead Rose Fernandes

were baptised on Saturday 8th August

May the Lord bless her with His Love

Rosary intention for August

To stop Abortion and remember the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

Pope's Intention for August

The Maritime World: We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

Confessions

Due to Covid 19, if you wish confession, please contact one of the priests or make it by appointment through the Parish Office.

First Holy Communion 2020

Our children will be making their First Holy Communion at special Masses during September and October: Saturday, 12th, 19th & 26th September and Saturday 3rd & 10th October.

Please note: Each child may bring with them, 5 family members only.

A guide is available for parents to collect from the presbytery to help your child make their First Reconciliation.

Please continue to work through the 'I Belong' book and ensure that your children know their prayers, in particular the 'Sorry Prayer' (Act of Sorrow or Contrition) for their First Reconciliation.

If you would like to contribute towards decorating the church for the First Holy Communion Masses (flowers and ribbons on the pew ends) please leave your donation at the presbytery. Thank you your kind donations so far.

Recently Deceased

John Halpin (husband of Bridie). Funeral: Tuesday 11th August at 10.00am followed by burial at Harrow Weald Cemetery.

Nora McGrath, née Salmon (wife of the late Matthias, and mother to Amanda, Amy, Matthias & Emily). Funeral: Tuesday 18th August at 10.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

May they rest in peace

Cardinal prays for people of Beirut

Following the devastating industrial blast in Beirut on Tuesday 4th August, Cardinal Vincent offered prayers for those who suffered in the explosion and all who attended to them. In a message of support sent to Cardinal Bechara Boutros al-Rahi, Maronite Catholic Patriarch of Antioch and Head of the Maronite Church, the Cardinal writes:

'I watched with deepening horror the unfolding news of the dreadful industrial explosion in the centre of your beloved Beirut. The widespread devastation it has caused has brought such a high toll of death, injuries and destruction. This is a tragedy of immense proportions for this city and for the whole of the Lebanon.

'I pray earnestly today for you all. I know that many people will be doing so, especially within the Catholic community in England and Wales. I pray for those who have lost their lives and for their families. I pray for the injured and those who attend them. I pray for those rendered homeless or derelict through this terrible event. I raise my prayers to your great saint, Saint Charbel, whose relic adorns my chapel, that he may win for you all the courage and perseverance to meet this awesome challenge.

'May God bless you, your people and the country of Lebanon.'