



# St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

*Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians*

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**First Sunday of Advent**

**29th November 2020**



*“Be on your guard, stay awake”*

**Welcome back to your parish for public masses. We will resume public masses (10:00) on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.**

This weekend, we start the Season of Advent, the liturgical time which prepares us for Christmas. During the first part of Advent, we are focusing on our preparation for the second coming of Christ at the end of time. We move into Year B in the Sunday Cycle with most of the Sunday Gospels coming from St Mark.

In Advent Season we do not just live in anticipation of Christmas; we are also called to rekindle the anticipation of the glorious return of Christ — when he will return at the end of time — preparing ourselves, with consistent and courageous choices, for the final encounter with him. We remember Christmas, we await the glorious return of Christ, and also our personal encounter: the day in which the Lord will call.

During these 4 weeks we are called to leave behind a resigned and routine way of life and to go forth, nourishing hope and dreams for a new future.

May this Advent Season help us to be on our guard and stay always awake.



**November**

**The Month of the Holy Souls**

Please take an envelope from the back of church and return it to the presbytery with your list of deceased relatives and friends who you wish to be remembered during the month of November. The list will be placed on the Altar of Repose and the names remembered at all November masses.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen*

## YOUR MASSES

**Cycle of Readings Year B: Weekday Cycle Year 1**

**Monday: No Public Mass**

**Tuesday: Live streamed Mass 10.00am**

**Church open for private prayer 11.00 – 12.00 noon**

**Wednesday: Mass (10.00am)**

**Thursday: St Francis Xavier, Priest. Mass (10.00am)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday: St John Damascene. Mass (10.00am) &**

**6:00pm: Mass of the Sacred Heart**

**Saturday: Mass (10.00am & 6.00pm)**

**Sunday: Public Mass (8.15am, 11.00am & 12.45pm)**

**Both Saturday Masses count for a Sunday Mass.**

Here is the link to St. Joseph Church's Facebook page, you do not need a Facebook login to access: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone/>

**We are currently setting up a booking system for the Christmas Masses.**

**Details will be published next week.**

## OUR PARISH PRAYER

God our Father you call us together to make our Parish a sign of the heavenly kingdom. Help us through this Church and our lives to be a fountain of faith, a beacon of hope and a haven of charity and prayer. We ask these prayers through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

## Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion 2021

Registration will start from next weekend. Details will be published next week.

## Christmas Lunch 2020

Dear fellow Parishioners,

As you may have read in the newsletter in recent weeks, in place of our annual Christmas lunch for this year the parish will be working with the boys of the Salvatorian College to provide Christmas hampers for individuals and families who are in need this Christmas. There is no doubt that due to the COVID pandemic the number of families requiring support this year will be a higher number than in previous years so your support, as it always is, will be extremely welcome!

**Those who need support:** Our first task is to identify those who need support. So far, we have consulted the guest list from last year's lunch, liaised with our local schools and had a number of referrals from our parish community. If you are aware of anyone who would benefit from being added to the guest list, please forward their name and details to the parish office or by email: [office@catholicwealdstone.org](mailto:office@catholicwealdstone.org).

**Please do this ASAP and by no later than 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** The Christmas lunch team is always overwhelmed by the generous response of the parish to our request for support. We know this year will be no different! As in previous years the opportunity to donate will be in the form of donating items, giving your time and financial support.

### **Opportunities to donate items**

The Christmas boxes will have basic day to day items and Christmas themed items. The full list will be displayed in the Church from next weekend. However, to give you some advance idea the list below will give you a good idea of what we will require: • Tea bags • Coffee • Sugar • Mince pies • Crackers • Fruit • Small to medium boxes of luxury biscuits • Chocolates and sweets • Children's Selection boxes • Wrapping paper • Plus other items (please refer to lists in Church)

**NB To help streamline the collection of goods we are having a GIVING SUNDAY on 20<sup>th</sup> December when we ask that most of the donations are brought to the parish hall.**

**Opportunities to donate your time:** In the past we have asked for donations of time on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This year your help is needed in the week leading up to Christmas Day.

**The sorting team: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** to sort and prepare the donations of items.

**The hamper preparation team: Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December:** to fill the boxes and prepare them for delivery to our guests. There will be different slots to accommodate different commitments. (please refer to lists in Church)

**The delivery team: • Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December:** to collect hampers from the parish hall to deliver to our guests.

### **Opportunities to sponsor a meal**

The team have sourced a chilled meal which can be heated in a microwave to be delivered to our guests with their hamper. This is an additional cost to previous years and this year there will be an opportunity to sponsor a meal. Further details can be found by referring to the lists in the Church.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. In these lockdown times it is the only way we can communicate our plans with you!

If you require any further information or have any questions, please email the parish office and one of the team will get back to you.

With grateful thanks for your continued support.

**The Christmas Lunch Team**

### **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.

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- 2. Catherine's Intentions & Catherine Peiris +**

### **Pope's Intention for December**

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

### **Rosary Intention for December**

To get rid of the epidemic and return to Holy Mass and family life for Christmas.

### **Recently Deceased**

*John Joseph Collins* (Husband of Grace & father of Sharon). Funeral: Thursday 10th December at 10.00am followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery. *May he rest in peace.*