



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 (Year A)

27th November 2016

Stay awake so that you may be ready

Mass Times, etc

26th	Sat	Feria
	10.00	
	10.30	Confessions
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
27th	Sun	First Sunday of Advent
	08.15	
	09.30	Folk Music & Little Church
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	With Hymns
	18.00	
28th	Mon	Advent Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
29th	Tue	Advent Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
30th	Wed	St Andrew
	07.30	
	10.00	
1st	Thu	Advent Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
2nd	Fri	Advent Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	Funeral
	18.15	Confessions
	19.00	First Friday Mass
3rd	Sat	St Francis Xavier
	10.00	
	10.30	Confessions
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
4th	Sun	Second Sunday of Advent
	08.15	
	09.30	Folk Music & Little Church
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	With Hymns
	18.00	



The Season of Advent

There is a marked change of gear in the Church as we begin a new liturgical year.

This Sunday we switch to purple vestments, we omit the Gloria and the liturgy seems a good bit more sober. These changes remind us that we are now in the Holy Season of Advent, the time when we start to ready ourselves spiritually for the celebration of Christmas.

There are some new things too such as Advent Candles and different hymns. The scripture readings now concentrate on John the Baptist and on the need for repentance. Maybe at home you might put up a Jesse Tree or an Advent Calendar to help the children prepare well for Christmas.

Advent is a uniquely Christian way of preparing for Christmas. It is completely out of sync with the commercial run up to Christmas which focusses mostly on shopping and parties.

Advent is a time if not of actual fasting then at least of sobriety and thoughtfulness. It is a time to repent of our sins so that we are ready to celebrate the Nativity of Christ properly through an increase in our own personal holiness and devotion.

So let us mark the season of Advent in a truly Christian way. Let us use this season as a time for repentance and spiritual preparation so that when it comes around Christmas will be all the better for its sudden arrival.

Fr Alex

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11.00 & 19.00-19.30, First Friday 18.15-18.45

Adoration & Benediction: Saturday 19.00-19.30

Baptisms: Sunday 15.00 (By appointment)

Form Signing: Mon & Weds 18.00-19.00 Term time only

Rosary: Tuesday & Thursday at 18.45.

Intention for November: The Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sunday Readings: Year A **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

Cycle of Prayer: Advent

Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees,
Expectant Mothers

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

There will be a special mass at 19.00 on Thursday 8th December, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This is the foundation day for the Salvatorians and the members of the Order will renew their vows at that mass. All welcome.

Salvatorian College – Christmas Hampers

If you know someone who would like a Christmas Hamper from the Salvatorian College, please fill in a form at the back of the Church and return to the presbytery or the College.

He that has love
is far from every sin

St Polycarp

Christmas Lunch

Please return a form to the Parish Office if you would like to come to the Christmas Lunch for those who would otherwise be alone at Christmas. Please sign forms on the board by St Joseph's statue if you are able to provide food, etc or volunteer to help with the Christmas Lunch.

Scripture Study Group

Meets on Fridays after the 10.00 mass in the Catechist's Office to discuss the scriptures of the following Sunday.

St Joseph's School

St Joseph's Primary School Admissions for September 2017 (DOB: 01/09/2012 - 31/08/2013). Closing date 15th January 2017. Download application from school website



Advent Confessions

Saturday 10th December 10.30 Pen Service & 19.00-19.30
Saturday 17th December 10.30 Pen Service & 19.00-19.30
Tuesday 20th December 18.00-20.00 with Exposition

Diocese of Westminster Year Book

Diocesan Yearbook now available. Copies cost £4.50 and the money should be put in the Newspaper box.

Little Church

An age appropriate liturgy is available for children attending Little Church & Tiny Church at the 9.30 mass on Sundays.

Repository

The Repository has Christmas cards and Christmas gifts that make a difference in stock. Please pay a visit.

Coffee Morning

Today in aid of the Parish Development Fund

God's delay is not God's denial

Forthcoming Dates

First Friday Devotions..... from 18.15 2nd December
Salvatorian College 90th Anniversary.. 19.00 7th December
Penitential Service 10.30 10th December
Penitential Service 10.30 17th December
Salvatorian College Carol Concert 19.00 19th December
Penitential Service 19.00 20th December 2016



GRAND CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW



1st Prize: £500

2nd Prize: £100

3rd Prize: Luxury Hamper 4th Prize: Malt Whisky

Please pick up books of tickets after mass
Return counterfoils and money to the Presbytery

Tickets £1 each or £5 per book

Donations of Prizes welcome

Draw takes place after 12.30 Mass on 18th December

Rebuilding of Salvatorian College

Salvatorian College is to be rebuilt as part of the Priority School Building Programme. During re-construction a number of year groups will move to Priestmead School. **You are invited to a Drop-in Event in the School Gymnasium on Tuesday 6 December, from 16.30 to 19.30. Please note this new date.**

Come and see the latest proposals for the new school building, find out what the timeline is for the rebuild, talk to the builders about the construction process and meet the people working on the project.

Architects are now designing the new Salvatorian College, which aims to provide a new building fit for the future for 900 pupils. Before they make a planning application, they want to show progress so far, listen to your views and ideas. Also present will be the contractors and Council Officers involved in traffic management and planning.

Salvatorian College



90th Anniversary Mass with Bishop John Wilson at 19.00 on **Wednesday 7th December (note new date)** in St Joseph's Church. The College will be open from 17.00 with displays of photos and memorabilia. All past students and staff welcome.

Half-Marathon

Pauline Bishop is running a half-marathon on 4th December fundraising for SPUC. Sponsorship cards at back of church.

First Friday Devotions

There will be Confessions and Exposition at 18.15 followed by Mass at 19.00 on Friday 2nd December.

Confirmation

Parents Evening Friday 2nd December at 19.00 in the Church.

Maturity is the art of living in peace
with that which we cannot change

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Sunday 20th November £2,893. Many thanks.

Counting Group

Today Group 7: Next Sunday Group 8.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 1st December, Group 3, 11.30 – 12.30.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

27th Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Mantio, C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 M Correa, E D'Souza, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker, G Simpungwe; 12.30 J Conneely, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. 4th Sat 18.00 G Teague, T Kinsella, S Mantio; Sun 8.15 O Agboro, M Correa, R Yep; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker; 12.30 L McGloin, J Conneely; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

Readers' Rota

27th 18.00 K O'Brien, T O'Brien; Sun 8.15 E Amalathas, A Yep; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 M Kelly; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 A Goldwyn. 4th 18.00 C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 B Adeboye, E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 M Kelly, C Udom; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 E Amexo.

Recently Deceased

Mariamamah Emmanuel, Locket Road. Requiem St Joseph's Carpenders Park 26th November 12.00.

Anthony Fernandes, brother of Josephine and Iggy. Funeral in Manchester.

John Walsh, formerly of this parish, father of Valerie Walsh. Funeral to be arranged.

Veronica Branwhite, of Sudbury. Funeral 10.00 2nd December

May they rest in peace.

Acknowledgement

The late *Mary Corcoran's* family thank the parishioners of St Joseph's for your welcome, love and kindness at her funeral. St Joseph's was our parish for over 30 years before moving to Cornwall and it felt like coming home. We deeply appreciate your kindness. Mass will be offered for your intentions.