



St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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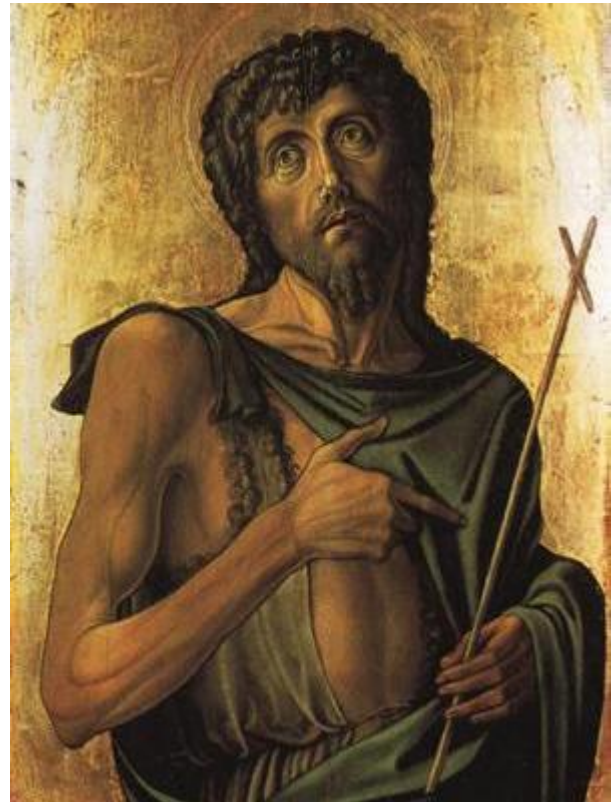
Third Sunday of Advent

11th December 2016

Are you the one who is coming?

Mass Times, etc

10th	Sat	Advent Feria
	10.00	
	10.30	Penitential Service
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
11th	Sun	Third Sunday of Advent
	08.15	
	09.30	Folk Music & Little Church
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	With Hymns
	18.00	
12th	Mon	Advent Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
13th	Tue	St Lucy
	07.30	
	10.00	
14th	Wed	St John of the Cross
	07.30	
	10.00	
15th	Thu	Advent Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
16th	Fri	Advent Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
17th	Sat	Advent Feria
	10.00	
	10.30	Penitential Service
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
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John the Baptist

The role of St John the Baptist was to be the forerunner of Jesus, to be the one who would prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah. He did this by inviting them to repent of their sins and baptising them in the River Jordan as a sign of their sorrow for their transgressions.

During the Season of advent the Church, taking its lead from John the Baptist, invites us to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Seeking sacramental absolution for our sins is surely the best way to prepare for Christmas, please don't forget this important aspect of the Season of Advent.

Confessions at St Joseph's take place on Saturdays throughout the year from 10.30-11.00 and 19.00-19.30 on Saturdays. There will be an extra Penitential Service on Tuesday 20th December from 19.00-20.00

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 December: Peace, love, forgiveness & the truth.

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

Cycle of Prayer: Advent

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

200 Club December Winners

1st Prize, £250 Margaret Peach
2nd Prize, £100 Father Alex McAllister
3rd Prize, £50 Jerry Murphy
4th Prize, £50 Corina and David O'Dowd
5th Prize, £50 Adrian McVann

Congratulations to all our winners!

The next draw will take place on Sunday 1st January.

Many thanks to all our supporters.

Forms to sign up for the 200 Club are at the back of Church

St Joseph's Christmas Services

Cards with a list of our Christmas Services are available at the back of the Church. Please take one home with you.

Christmas Crib

All gifts at the Crib are given to the Catholic Children's Society.

Christmas Lunch

Lists of requirements and helpers needed are on the notice boards. Wrapped gifts (marked for ladies or gentlemen) will be most welcome. Non-perishable goods can be left in the porch of the Parish Office at any time, fresh foods should be delivered on Christmas Eve. Please mark any donations 'Christmas Lunch'. Thank you.

Prayer is the oxygen of the soul

Scripture Study Group

The last session of the Scripture Study Group is on Friday 16th December at 10.30. It resumes on Friday 6th January.



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 19.00-20.00 with Exposition

Little Church

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

Folk Group Candlelit Advent Liturgy

The Folk Group will be leading an Advent liturgy on Wednesday 21st December at 19.00. All most welcome.

No Christian escapes a taste of wilderness on the way to the promised land

Baptism Preparation Class

Today after the 9.30 Mass in the Catechist's Office.

Celebrating Christmas in Song

Friday 16th December at 19.00 at the Niland Conference Centre. See noticeboard for details.

Reflection by Sister Avril OP

Thursday 22nd December at 10.30 in the hut: *A Dickens Christmas - The virtues and vices in "A Christmas Carol"*.

Cosy Bar Seniors Christmas Party

Friday 16th December at the Cosy Bar, Weald Lane. Lunch provided from 15.00 onwards. All seniors welcome.

Appeal for Holly

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Tuesday 20th December. If you have spare holly (with berries or variegated), please leave at Church on Sunday 18th December. Please cut to a manageable size. Thank you.

Forthcoming Dates

Penitential Service 10.30 17th December
Salvatorian College Carol Concert 19.00 19th December
Penitential Service 19.00 20th December 2016
Folk Group Advent Liturgy.....19.00 21st December
First Friday Devotions.....from 18.15 6th January 2017



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

St Dominic's Sixth Form

Congratulations to St Dominic's recently named as Sunday Times Sixth Form College of the Year. This national award recognises outstanding results and university entrance achieved over a long period. It is a great moment for the College and for Catholic Education. Admissions for 2017 close on 31st December 2016.

Lights of Life Christmas Tree

The Bethany Group invite you to remember your loved ones by writing a memorial card, by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, & placing it on the tree - cards available from 14th December. We wish you a blessed & peaceful Christmas.

Harrow Winter Night Shelter

Harrow Winter Night Shelter will give up to twelve homeless men and six homeless women accommodation from January to March. The shelter needs volunteers to spend one night sleeping there to support the Night Staff. The Night Supervisor stays awake all night with the guests in their dormitory. The overnight volunteer has a room to sleep in with a camp bed and bedding. In the last three years, no overnight volunteer was called on during the night. Volunteers leave early in the morning. The shelter cannot run without an overnight volunteer. Call Mary on 07976 759968 or maryprazer.mp@gmail.com for details.

When we lend an ear, we lend a hand

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Sunday 4th December £2,856. Many thanks.

Counting Group

Today Group 1: Next Sunday Group 2.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 15th September, Group 1, 11.30 - 12.30.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

11th Sat 18.00 G Teague, C D'Souza, T Kinsella; Sun 8.15 E D'Souza, R Yep, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker, G Simpungwe, M Kelly; 12.30 A Jervis, J Conneely; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. **18th** Sat 18.00 G Teague, C D'Souza, S Mantio; Sun 8.15 E D'Souza, M Correa, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, J Fay, O Agboro; 11.00 I Walker, M Kelly; 12.30 A Jervis, J Conneely, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

Readers' Rota

11th 18.00 A Goldwyn Sun 8.15 E Amalathas, A Yep; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 F Ejiolor; 12.30 T O'Farrell, M Coyle; 18.00 P Arrigo. **18th** 18.00 K O'Brien, T O'Brien; Sun 8.15 B Adeboye, E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney, P Horne; 11.00 F Ejiolor, P Singh; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 A Goldwyn, E Amexo.

Recently Deceased

Sarah Harrison, of Harrow View. Funeral: Tuesday 20th December at 10.00 followed by Cremation in Amersham.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late *Mark Power* would like to thank everyone for their prayers, support and Mass Cards following their recent bereavement. Thank you for your kind donations towards the East Anglian Air Ambulance and MacMillan Cancer Support in Mark's memory. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.