



# St Joseph's Church

## Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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**Nativity of the Lord**

**25th December 2016**

*Today a Saviour has been born to you*

### Mass Times, etc

<b>24th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Christmas Eve</b>
		10.00
		10.30 Confessions
		16.00 Children's Mass
		18.00 First Mass of Christmas
		23.15 Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass
<b>25th</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Nativity of the Lord</b>
		08.15
		09.30 Folk Music & Little Church
		11.00 Solemn Mass
		12.30 With Hymns
		NB No Evening Mass
<b>26th</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>St Stephen</b>
		10.00 With St Stephen's Guild
<b>27th</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>St John</b>
		10.00
<b>28th</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents</b>
		10.00
<b>29th</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>St Thomas Becket</b>
		10.00
<b>30th</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Holy Family</b>
		10.00
<b>31st</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas</b>
		10.00
		10.30 Confessions
		18.00 Vigil Mass with Hymns
		19.00 Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
<b>1st</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mary the Mother of God</b>
		08.15
		09.30 Folk Music & Little Church
		11.00 Solemn Mass
		12.30 With Hymns
		18.00



Adoration of the Child with Saints Filippo Lippi 1460-1465

### When the Song of the Angels is Stilled

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.

*Howard Thurman*

### 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 & truth.

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

**Cycle of Prayer: Advent/Christmas**

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



**Every good wish and blessing for Christmas**  
from Fathers Alex, Frank, Auson, Deacon Stephen  
and all the Salvatorians

**Christmas Lunch**

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Christmas Lunch in whatever way. It is much appreciated. Volunteers are still able to help, just turn up in the College Dining Hall.

**The hinge of history is to be found  
on the door of a Bethlehem stable**

**Thanks**

A big thanks to all our cleaners, flower arrangers, Christmas Tree erectors, Crib organisers and everyone else who has contributed to getting the Church ready for Christmas. Your work is appreciated by us all.

**Christmas Crib**

All gifts at the Crib are given to The Catholic Children's Society. Please support this work as generously as you can.

**Cosy Bar**

Kathleen would like to thank all their sponsors for their kind generosity, making the Seniors Christmas Party possible. Many thanks to all the people who cooked food and helped on the day – we couldn't have managed without you.

**Scripture Study Group**

Resumes Friday 6th Jan at 10.30 in the Catechist's Office.

**Little Church**

Little Church is taking a Christmas break and resumes on Sunday 8th January, Feast of Epiphany.

**St Stephen's Guild**

There will be a special mass on St Stephen's Day, Monday 26th December, for all Altar Servers. Several will be inducted into the Guild of St Stephen; we offer them all our congratulations and thanks for their outstanding service to the liturgy throughout the year.

**Form Signing**

No form signing over Christmas. Resumes 4th January.

**Make me pure, Lord: Thou are holy:  
Make me meek, Lord: Thou wert lowly**

Gerard Manley Hopkins

**Christmas Offertory Collection**

The Christmas Offertory Collection  
is your personal gift to the clergy.  
Many thanks for your kindness and support during the year.

**Choir**

We express our thanks to our Choir and to the organist Ben Fowler and his assistant Dominic Gilani for all their extra work at Christmas to make the liturgy so beautiful. It is much appreciated.

**Lights of Life Christmas Tree**

Remember your loved ones by writing a memorial card, by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and placing it on the Tree.

**Forthcoming Dates**

First Friday ..... 6th January  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity..... 18th-25th January  
Mary's Meals Rags to Riches Collection..... 19th February  
First Communion ..... 6th, 13th, 20th May  
Confirmation ..... 9th, 10th, 17th May

**Joseph**

I am Joseph, carpenter,  
Of David's kingly line,  
I wanted an heir, discovered  
My wife's son wasn't mine.

I am an obstinate lover,  
Loved Mary for better or worse.  
Wouldn't stop loving when I found  
Someone Else came first.

Mine was the likeness I hoped for  
When the first-born man-child came  
But nothing of him was me, I couldn't  
Even choose his name.

I am Joseph who wanted  
To teach my own boy how to live.  
My lesson for my foster son:  
Endure. Love. Give

UA Fanthorpe

**Love came down at Christmas;  
Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Stars and angels gave the sign**

Christina Rossetti

**Last Week's Offertory Collection**

Sunday 18th December £2,757. Many thanks.

**Counting Group**

Next Sunday Group 4.

**Church Cleaning**

Thursday 5th January, Group 1, 11.30 – 12.30.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota**

**25th** Sat 23.15 G Teague, S Mantio, T Kinsella; Sun 8.15 M Correa, E D'Souza, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker; 12.30 A Jervis; **1st** Sat 18.00 G Teague, T Kinsella, S Mantio; Sun 8.15 R Yep, M Correa, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker; 12.30 J Conneely, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

**Readers' Rota**

**25th** 23.15 E Arjune, C D'Souza, A Goldwyn, A Goldwyn, K Terrence; Sun 8.15 B Adeboye; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 P Singh, M Kelly; 12.30 P Adedipe. **1st** 18.00 C D'Souza Sun 8.15 A Yep E Amalathas; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 **Reader Required**; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 P Arrigo.

**Recently Deceased**

*Margaret Hoban*, Byron Road, Harrow. (wife of John). Funeral: Wednesday 4th January at 19.00 followed by burial in Ireland. *May she rest in peace.*



**GRAND CHRISTMAS**



**PRIZE DRAW**

**Winners:**

- 1st Prize: £500 ..... Caroline Bishoff
- 2nd Prize: £100 ..... N Major
- 3rd Prize: Malt Whisky ..... Imelda Brennan
- 4th Prize: Hamper ..... E Croft
- 5th Prize: Brandy ..... Selen McGrenere
- 6th Prize: Sherry ..... Rosaleen
- 7th Prize: Schnapps ..... Sally DeSouza
- 8th Prize: Vodka ..... R Thompson
- 9th Prize: Spumante ..... Peg Moore
- 10th Prize: Red Wine ..... Maggie Wickham
- 11th Prize: White Wine ..... Krishna Basu
- 12th Prize: Rose Wine ..... Kent
- 13th Prize: Mulled Wine ..... Liz Dennahy
- 14th Prize: Chocolates ..... J Mulhearne

After expenses a total of £1,639 was raised for the Parish.

A big thank you to all who participated.

Winners can claim their prizes from the Parish Office.