



St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd July 2017

Listen anyone who has ears to hear!

Mass Times

22nd	Sat	St Mary Magdalene
	10.00	
	10.30	Confessions
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
23rd	Sun	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	08.15	
	09.30	Folk Music & Little Church
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	With Hymns
	18.00	
24th	Mon	Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
25th	Tue	St James
	07.30	
	10.00	
26th	Wed	SS Joachim & Anne
	07.30	
	10.00	Funeral
27th	Thu	Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
28th	Fri	Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
29th	Sat	St Martha
	10.00	
	10.30	Confessions
	18.00	Vigil Mass
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
30th	Sun	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	08.15	
	09.30	
	11.00	
	12.30	
	18.00	



Burning the Darnel

Darnel

Darnel is a common weed in Palestine and indeed around the world. The seed of the darnel is easily mistaken for wheat and the two plants are indistinguishable until they have ripened. This means that they are easily confused for each other, hence the believability of the conclusion drawn in the parable that it had to have been an enemy who had sowed the darnel among the wheat.

Wheat and darnel are so alike that darnel is even known in some places as false wheat.

The major difference between the two plants is that darnel is highly toxic and when consumed can result in a kind of drunken nausea which in some cases can be fatal. In fact, the Latin name for darnel is *lolium temulentum*; *lolium* is the genus and the description *temulentus* means drunk or intoxicated.

You can see that any farmer would take great care to plant only good seeds. And also that farmers would burn darnel whenever it is discovered so that no seed remains to contaminate the next harvest.

We can see from this that the Parable of the Darnel is one that would have been well understood by the people at the time of Jesus. Of course, what is less clear to them would have been Jesus' interpretation which he gives only to his disciples. He tells them that the wheat stands for the good subjects of the Kingdom of God and the darnel for the subjects of the Evil One.

Jesus knows which is which and warns us that there will be a time of judgement and that we will be dealt with according to where our loyalties lie. While we still have time, we had better make sure of our true allegiance. We need to decide which side we are on: the side of Christ or the side of the Evil One.

Father 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: By appointment. Contact: Deacon Stephen.

Form Signing: Outside of term time, by appointment only.

Rosary: Tuesday & Thursday at 18.45.

Intention for July: Pray for Vocations for the Priesthood and Religious Life.

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

Cycle of Prayer

Summer: Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews, those who suffer Persecution, Oppression, and Denial of Human Rights, Europe, Human Life, Seafarers

University Catholic Chaplaincy

Those who are going to University this autumn should be aware that there is a Catholic Chaplaincy at each University and Higher Education College. Besides the normal weekend masses many social activities and other groups are organised by the Chaplaincies. A list of University Chaplaincies can be found at catholicsatuniversity.org.uk

Scripture Study Group

The Scripture Study Group meetings resume in September.

What peace can we hope to find elsewhere if we have none within us

Teresa of Avila

Little Church

Little Church and Tiny Church is taking a break for the summer and resumes in September.

Car Parking at St Joseph's Church

We are sorry that from Monday this week, the car park beside the church will be completely out of action. This is because of construction works at the school, which necessitate this area being used by the builders. Hence this whole section will be boarded up and no access available for the time being. Weekday mass attenders coming by car are advised to park elsewhere, or come by bus or walk. On Saturday/Sunday, by kind permission of the Head, we will have the use of the Sacred Heart School car park. Weekend worshippers are therefore advised to arrive earlier than usual if coming by car, so as to allow time to park up and walk the short distance from the car park to the church. Your patience and good will is appreciated.

Readers & Eucharistic Ministers

Would all Readers and Eucharistic Ministers please check the noticeboard near the sacristy and sign up when they are available. Over the summer with many people away on holiday it is important that we have sufficient Readers and Ministers to help with the Sunday masses.

Summer Concert

Our Summer Concert raised a fantastic £2,663! Thank you to all our performers, our helpers and everyone who came and supported us. See noticeboard for pictures.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Feast of the Assumption on Tuesday 15th of August is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at 07.30, 10.00 and 19.00.

St Vincent de Paul Society

The SVP are holding an awareness and recruitment day on Sunday 10th September to try to get more volunteers for St Joseph's SVP Conference. There will be a speaker at all masses. The Coffee Morning on that day will be in aid of the SVP and at it there will be the opportunity to speak to some of the local SVP members. A follow up meeting for new members will be held on Monday 18th Sept in the Hut.

Trip to Sturry: Saturday 5th August

Please make sure the £20 fare is paid in advance – place through the letterbox of the Presbytery. Bring a packed lunch – light refreshments will be provided by the sisters.

A house is made of brick and stone, but a home is made of love alone

Form Signing

Please note that there will be no form signing on Monday or Wednesday. If you do have a form that urgently needs signing please ask at the parish office. Please note that UK passports can be signed by any professional person.

Forthcoming Dates

First Friday Devotions..... 4th August
First Friday Devotions..... 1st September
Afternoon Tea 10th September



Afternoon Tea

**Sunday 10th September:
2pm-4pm**

The annual Afternoon Tea costs £7.00 and includes unlimited tea, coffee and fruit juice, a selection of sandwiches, cakes and scones, plus musical entertainment.

Tickets are on sale in the Repository or put your name and telephone number in an envelope, plus £7.00 per ticket, and post it through the Presbytery letterbox.

Choir & Organ

The Choir will be singing at the 11.00 mass this Sunday and will then take a summer break returning on Sunday 3rd September. We thank them for all they do to enhance the liturgy. There will be no music at the Saturday vigil mass during August.

Mass Intentions

If you would like us to offer mass for a particular intention please take a small envelope from the back of the Church, **print the name of the intention clearly, to prevent any misunderstanding**, and put it through the letterbox of the presbytery. The donation should go in the envelope. Mass cards, costing 70p each, are available for you to use if necessary. We will offer the mass and put it on the weekly list of mass intentions on the noticeboard at the back of the Church. If you wish to have the mass offered on a special date please indicate this on the envelope. Please give at least one week's notice if a particular date is required.

**The world tells us to seek
success, power and money;
God tells us to seek
humility, service and love**

Pope Francis

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Sunday 16th July £2,951. Many thanks.

Second Collections

Father Auson Leaving 30th July, Catholic Education 10th September.

Counting Group

Today Group 1: Next Sunday Group 2.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 27th July, Group 2, 11.30 – 12.30.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

23rd Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Mantio, T Kinsella; Sun 8.15 R Yep, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, J Fay; 11.00 G Simpungwe, 12.30 A Jervis, N Barth; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. **30th** Sat 18.00 T Kinsella, C D'Souza, G Teague; Sun 8.15 R Yep, M Correa, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker; 12.30 A Jervis, N Barth; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

Readers' Rota

23rd 18.00 C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 E Amalathas, E Arjune; 9.30 P Horne; 11.00 M Kelly, Z Jimenez; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 E Amexo, A Goldwyn. **30th** 18.00 A Goldwyn; Sun 8.15 A Yep, A Luke; 9.30 P Horne; 11.00 F Ejiofor, M Kelly; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 P Arrigo.

Recently Deceased

Kathleen Delaney. Funeral: Wednesday 26th July at 10.00 followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery.

Bernard Rosset, husband of Ingeborg. Funeral: Thursday 27th July at 14.00 at Breakspear Crematorium.

Rodney Parkes, Harrow. Funeral: Wednesday 2nd August at 10.00 followed by burial at Carpender's Park Cemetery.

May they rest in peace