



St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th February 2017

Do not worry about tomorrow

Mass Times

25th	Sat	Feria
	10.00	
	10.30	Confessions
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
26th	Sun	Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	08.15	
	09.30	Folk Music & Little Church
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	With Hymns
	18.00	
27th	Mon	Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
28th	Tue	Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	Funeral
1st	Wed	Ash Wednesday
	07.30	
	10.00	
	18.15	Holy Hour & Confessions
	19.00	
2nd	Thu	Lent Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
3rd	Fri	Lent Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
	18.15	Confessions
	19.00	First Friday Mass
4th	Sat	Lent Feria
	10.00	Mass with Sacrament of the Sick
	10.30	Confessions
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
5th	Sun	First Sunday of Lent
	08.15	
	09.30	Folk Music & Little Church
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	With Hymns
	17.00	Stations of the Cross
	18.00	

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 March: To keep and teach the children the 10 Commandments.

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

Cycle of Prayer: Winter

Peace on Earth, Christian Unity, Sick & their Carers, Victims of Trafficking & those who combat it, Racial Justice, Unemployed.



Consider the Flowers Growing in the Fields

Prayer of Abandonment

Father, I abandon myself into your hands;
do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me,

and in all Your creatures -

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul;

I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,

for I love you Lord,

and so need to give myself,

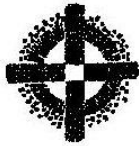
to surrender myself into your hands,

without reserve,

and with boundless confidence,

for you are my Father.

Blessed Charles de Foucauld



Ash Wednesday

Mass times at St Joseph's
on Ash Wednesday, 1st March:
07.30, 10.00 & 19.00
with the distribution of Ashes.

Ash Wednesday Holy Hour with Confessions
beginning at 18.15

Stations of the Cross

Sundays of Lent at 17.00
Please come along
to this important Lent Devotion

*We adore you O Christ and we praise you because by
your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world*

**The good man is free, even if he is a slave
The evil man is a slave, even if he is a king**

St Augustine

Salvatorian College

OFSTED inspectors visited the Salvatorian College at the on 25th & 26th January 2017. After a thorough inspection they have declared that the College is in the category of a GOOD school. We congratulate the staff and pupils on this important achievement. The full report is available on the College website. The decant of Years 7, 8 & 9 to Priestmead School takes place during the Easter break and work on the rebuilding of the College will commence at that time.

Mary's Meals

The parish contributed 1,455 kg of unwanted clothes to Mary's Meals last weekend; there were also cash donations of £1,120.55 making a **total contribution of £1,848.05**. Mary's Meals have asked us to say how grateful they are for our support. The amount raised will feed 132 children who will not only get one good, nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, but will get an education too.

Scripture Study Group

Meets after the 10.00 Mass every Friday in the Catechist's Office to study the Gospel of the following Sunday.

Little Church

Little Church and Tiny Church take place during the 9.30 mass on Sundays. Please ensure children are accompanied.

International Women's Day of Prayer

Friday 3rd March at 13.30 here at St Joseph's Church. All are welcome to pray together for the people of the Philippines. Contact: Sister Elizabeth on 07541 640043.

**To enter marriage
is to enter a school of love**

Dostoyevsky

CAFOD

CAFOD invite us to fast on Friday 10th March and contribute the money saved to support their projects in the developing world. There will be a second collection for this purpose on Sunday, 12th March.

Forthcoming Dates

Ash Wednesday..... 1st March
First Friday Devotions.....3rd March
Parish Council 4th May
First Communion 6th, 13th, 20th May
Confirmation..... 9th, 10th, 17th May
Parish AGM.....6th July

Ash Wednesday

The Church emphasizes the penitential nature of Ash Wednesday by calling us to fast and abstain from meat on that day. Catholics who are over the age of 18 and under the age of 60 are required to fast, which means that they can eat only one complete meal and two smaller ones during the day, with no food in between. Catholics who are over the age of 14 are required to refrain from eating any meat, or any food made with meat, on Ash Wednesday.

This fasting and abstinence is not simply a form of penance, however; it is also a call for us to take stock of our spiritual lives. As Lent begins, we should set specific spiritual goals we would like to reach before Easter and decide how we will pursue them e.g. undertaking a specific penance or attending daily Mass.

Easter Duties

The faithful are required by Canon Law to receive the Eucharist at least once a year and this precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. It is presumed that Catholics would ordinarily go to confession in preparation for receiving Holy Communion.

Lent Extra & Walk with Me

For guided reading through Lent, available at the back of the Church. Both booklets cost £1.00 each.

Coffee Morning

Today in aid of the Parish Development Fund.

First Friday Devotions

There will be Confessions and Exposition at 18.15 followed by Mass at 19.00 on Friday 3rd February.

There is no education like adversity

Benjamin Disraeli

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Sunday 19th February £2,861. Many thanks.

Second Collections

12th March CAFOD Lent Fast Day, 14th April Holy Places

Counting Group

Today Group 4: Next Sunday Group 5.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 2nd March, Group 2, 11.30 - 12.30.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

26th Sat 18.00 G Teague, C D'Souza, 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, J Conneely, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. **5th** Sat 18.00 T Kinsella, G Teague, S Mantio; Sun 8.15 R Yep, M Correa, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker, G Simpungwe; 12.30 J Conneely; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

Readers' Rota

26th 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 E Amalathas, E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 M Kelly; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 A Goldwyn. **5th** 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 B Adeboye, A Yep; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 **Reader Required**; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 E Amexo.

Recently Deceased

Enjoliver Imiruaye who died on 19th January. Reception of the Body 19.00 on 27th February. Requiem mass on 28th February followed by burial in Hendon Cemetery.

Margaret Spindler, Locket Road, Wealdstone. Funeral: Thursday 2nd March at 11.45 at Breakspear Crematorium.

Michael Lehane (father of Lauren & Sophie). Funeral: Friday 3rd March 15.00 at West London Crematorium, Kensal Green

Eileen Whelan (wife of Idwal). Funeral: Monday 6th March at 10.00 followed by cremation at West Herts Crematorium.

May they rest in peace

Acknowledgement

Anne Hession and family would like to thank Fr Auson for the beautiful Mass to celebrate the life of the late Patrick Hession. The family also thank everyone for their prayers, Mass cards, support and generous donations to St Luke's Hospice. Mass will be offered for your intentions.



Pastoral Letter for Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

'Called to Serve the Sick'

One of the great gifts of Pope Francis to the Church has been the Jubilee Year of Mercy, which concluded last November. During that Year, we entered so much more deeply into an understanding and acceptance of the mercy of God towards each of us, no matter the circumstances of our life. We also refreshed the flow between the mercy we receive from the Lord and the mercy we extend to those around us through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Now, for the next six months, I ask you all to focus on one particular corporal work of mercy: caring for the sick. From now until the close of our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes at the end of July, I hope that we can look again at how we respond to those in our midst who are sick, in body or in mind, and how we support them and their families. The care we extend will embrace not only sick members of our own family and our relatives, but also those in our neighbourhood, those in hospital, and those who are burdened with chronic illness or painful conditions. This special season, with the title 'Called to Serve the Sick', is being led by Bishop Paul McAleenan. I thank him for all his work in this.

Caring for the sick is a daily, practical expression of the mercy we have first received from God. This means that our caring for the sick arises from our faith in God and is most fully completed when it takes its shape from that faith. The care we offer, then, is shot through with a loving trust that this sickness, these special needs, which a person is carrying, are capable of bringing that person closer to God, and of helping others through their own pain. This is what we mean by 'redemptive power of suffering'. I am sure you know the words of that wonderful hymn which says: 'Nearer my God to thee, nearer to thee. E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, nearer my God to thee.'

The first reading of our Mass today expressed the feelings experienced by many in their illness: 'The Lord has abandoned me. The Lord has forgotten me'. Indeed this is often how we feel. But the promise contained in that reading from Isaiah assured us that God's love is stronger even than a mother's love. God promises: 'I will never forget you.' And God looks to us to give practical expression to that promise. God wants us to say to those for whom we care: 'I, too, in God's name, will never forget you!' This is what St Paul means when he says that we have been 'entrusted with the mysteries of God' and prays that we may be found worthy of that trust.

My mother had a special way of approaching the presence of illness and suffering in her life. She often remarked that the traditional saying 'God never gives a cross without the back to bear it' was wrong. She insisted that it ought to say 'God never gives a cross without the backs to bear it' for it is only by standing shoulder to shoulder that can we carry the crosses which come our way from the Lord. Indeed, quite often it is the shoulders of the sick persons themselves who help us to carry the cross together. Often it is the sick who bless us with their courage, tenacious faith and enduring hope.

On Wednesday this week, we begin the time of Lent in which we try to follow more closely Our Blessed Lord, especially in the sufferings he bore for us. This longer season of 'Called to Serve the Sick', can start by our looking again, during Lent, at how we care for those who are going through a time of illness, or indeed whose lives are coming to an end. It asks us to see beyond all the necessary practical help and medical care to the very soul of the person, seeing them as a precious daughter or son of our Heavenly Father, making their way to him, coming closer, step-by-step, with Christ himself. As Cardinal Hume said: 'The journey to heaven always goes over the hill of Calvary.' We can make that journey together.

Please do look out for the steps and events of this season. Please do make a renewed effort to remember the sick and the dying in your prayers. Please do not turn your back on them, simply handing them over to professional care, important though that care is. The mystery of the gift of life in each one of us becomes more precious at such times. Let us treasure and serve that mystery, for it is the mystery of God himself.

Yours devotedly,

+ Vincent Nichols

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Archbishop of Westminster