



St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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Ascension of the Lord

28th May 2017

Know that I am with you always

Mass Times

27th	Sat	St Augustine of Canterbury
		10.00
		10.30 Confessions
		14.00 First Communion Mass
		18.00 Vigil Mass with Hymns
		19.00 Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
28th	Sun	Ascension of the Lord
		08.15
		09.30 Folk Music & Little Church
		11.00 Solemn Mass
		12.30 With Hymns
		18.00
29th	Mon	Easter Feria (Bank Holiday)
		10.00
30th	Tue	Easter Feria
		07.30
		10.00
31st	Wed	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
		07.30
		10.00
1st	Thu	St Justin
		07.30
		10.00
2nd	Fri	Easter Feria
		07.30
		10.00
		18.15 Confessions & Exposition
		19.00 First Friday Mass
3rd	Sat	St Charles Lwanga & Companions
		10.00
		10.30 Confessions
		18.00 Vigil Mass with Hymns
		19.00 Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
4th	Sun	Pentecost Sunday
		08.15
		09.30 Folk Music & Little Church
		11.00 Solemn Mass
		12.30 With Hymns
		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: By appointment. Contact: Deacon Stephen

Form Signing: No form signing during half term.

Rosary: For Our Lady's Intentions. The Rosary will be prayed every evening, Monday to Friday, at 18.45 during May.

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

Cycle of Prayer: Easter: New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, Right Use of the Media, The Church



The Ascension

According to me the Ascension is one of the most underestimated feasts in the Church calendar. The actual reason it is rather important and which we often overlook is because it marks the conclusion of Christ's saving work on earth. Having completed all that he had to do Jesus returns to the right hand side of the Father.

So the Feast of the Ascension brings us to the very end of our celebrations of the Paschal Mystery. By Paschal Mystery what we mean is all that Jesus did to bring about our salvation namely his death and resurrection and all the associated events.

It is therefore a feast which marks the completion of the greatest intervention by God in the world. It gives us the opportunity to look back on the last few months during which we fasted and feasted. This feast gives us the opportunity to recapitulate the events of the entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the arrest, torture and judgement of Jesus, his ascent of Calvary, his death on the Cross, the burial in the tomb, his resurrection and his appearances to the disciples in various locations.

Most importantly it gives us the opportunity to reflect on the last words of Jesus spoken just before he ascended to heaven in which he told us to baptise all nations, not forgetting his final reassurance that he will always be with us.

These final words of Jesus are the impetus which gives rise to the Church. We its members have the clear task to spread the Gospel and through the sacrament of Baptism to incorporate as many people as we can into the Church so that they may find salvation in Christ Jesus.

Father Alex

Summer Concert

Friday 30th June: 19.30-21.30

Please join us in the Church for a wonderful evening of entertainment. There will be music and singing including classical, popular and all your favourites from the West End Shows. During the interval, there will be a bar selling Irish Coffee, Wine, Tea & Coffee in the Salvatorian College Dining Hall. There will also be a raffle with some fantastic prizes including an Irish Hamper, a bottle of Whisky, Wine, Chocolates and lots more.

Tickets will be available to buy next weekend and will cost £7.00 Adults and £3.50 for children. All proceeds will go towards the Parish Development Fund. If you wish to be involved in any way please contact Julie Conneely on: 07933 775627.

Please collect a leaflet from the back of the church for more information.



Letter from the Bishops

At the back of the Church are copies of the letter from the Bishops in England & Wales regarding the forthcoming General Election. Please take one home with you.

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.

When we lend an ear, we lend a hand

Bank Holiday Monday

There will be one Mass only at 10.00.

Form Signing

There will be no form signing on Monday & Wednesday due to the half term holiday.

New Altar Servers

There will be an Altar Servers meeting at 9.30 on Saturday 3rd June in the Church. Prospective new Altar Servers, especially those who made their First Communion recently, are most welcome.

Please note date change

The Art of Dying Well

The Art of Dying Well is a new website that offers a helping hand to those grappling with issues around death and dying. Based in the Catholic tradition but open to all, it features real-life stories about the highs and lows of dealing with the final journey. Professionals in palliative care, ethics, chaplaincy and history have informed the site content. For more information visit: artofdyingwell.org

Kneel before Jesus and you can stand before anyone

Sister Avril's Talks

Sister Avril OP's final talk on The 'I AM' sayings of Jesus 2, will be on Tuesday 27th June in the Hut after 10.00 mass.

Forthcoming Dates

First Friday Devotions..... 2nd June
Concert..... 30th June
Parish AGM..... 6th July



Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (25th May to 4th June) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Prayer cards are available at the back of the Church. You can pledge to pray on www.thykingdomcome.global.

First Friday Devotions

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

Knights of St Columba

This year's annual sponsored walk will be on Sunday 4th June in aid of the Daylight Christian Prison Trust. For more information, contact Martin Clancy on: 07948 394118.

Family Bingo

The next Family Bingo, will be held on Friday 9th June at 19.30 for 20.00 start in the Salvatorian College Canteen. Donations of gifts for prizes are urgently required.

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning, in aid of the Parish Development Fund on Sunday 11th June.

A big part of loving is listening

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Sunday 21st May £2,881. Many thanks.

Second Collections

18th June, Day for Life.

Counting Group

Today Group 1: Next Sunday Group 2.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 1st June, Group 1, 11.30 - 12.30.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

28th Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Mantio, T Kinsella; Sun 8.15 R Yep, E D'Souza, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker, G Simpungwe, L McGloin; 12.30 A Jervis, J Conneely; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. **4th** Sat 18.00 T Kinsella, C D'Souza, S Mantio; Sun 8.15 M Correa, T Drew, R Yep; 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.

Readers' Rota

28th 18.00 C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 E Amalathas, A Yep; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 F Ejiolor, Z Ejiolor; 12.30 P Duggan; 18.00 E Amexo, A Goldwyn. **4th** 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 E Arjune, A Luke; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 P Singh, C Udom; 12.30 P Duggan; 18.00 P Arrigo.

Recently Deceased

Ruth Cottee, Rowanweald Nursing Home. Funeral: Tuesday 30th May at 15.15 at Breakspear Crematorium.

Michael Vesey, Brother of Kathleen Finn. Funeral to take place in Ireland.

May they rest in peace

Acknowledgement

Mary Dunleavy & family would like to thank parishioners for their kind prayers, Mass cards, sympathy and support. Thank you also to everyone who attended Brian's funeral. £1,250 was raised for St Luke's Hospice in his memory. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

The family of the late *Eileen Whelan* would like to thank parishioners for the kind sympathy, prayers and Mass cards following their recent bereavement. They would also like to thank Father Frank for his support and for the wonderful Funeral Mass. £500 was raised for St Luke's Hospice in memory of Eileen. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.