

# St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

7th May 2017

## I am the gate of the Sheepfold

		Mass Times
6th	Sat	Easter Feria
	10.00	
	10.30	Confessions
	11.00	First Communion Mass
	14.00	First Communion Mass
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
7th	Sun	Fourth Sunday of Easter
	08.15	
	09.30	Folk Music & Little Church
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	With Hymns
	18.00	
8th	Mon	Easter Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
9th	Tue	Easter Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
	19.00	Confirmation Mass
10th	Wed	Easter Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
	19.00	Confirmation Mass
11th	Thu	Easter Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
12th	Fri	Easter Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	Funeral
13th	Sat	Easter Feria
	10.00	
	10.30	Confessions
	14.00	First Communion Mass
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
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	09.30	Tolk Husic & Little Charen
	11.00	Solemn Mass

#### **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: Mon & Weds 18.00-19.00 Term time only
Rosary: For Our Lady's Intentions. Rosary will be prayed every evening Monday to Friday at 18.45 during May.

Sunday Readings: Year A

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



The Good Shepherd, Philippe de Champaigne, 1650-60

#### The Good Shepherd

Today we are presented with the image of the Good Shepherd. A whole chapter of John's Gospel is given over to Jesus' description of himself as the Good Shepherd it is a rich and interesting image. In using this description of himself Jesus is revealing his attitude towards his followers and telling us that his care for us can be compared to the love that a shepherd has for his sheep.

I was once hiking in the Outer Hebrides and met a shepherd walking with his sheep towards new pastures. I engaged him in conversation and asked him about the sheep. He told me that they were a bit off colour that day.

The sheep looked perfectly fine to me; but he obviously was so sensitive to his sheep that he could spot tiny differences in their behaviour and so was aware on that particular day that all was not well with them. He was so attuned to the behaviour of the sheep that he could tell exactly what was wrong with them. I got the impression that he was moving them to different pastures so that they could feed on certain grasses which would help make them well again.

This is a good parallel with the relationship that Christ has with his flock which is the Church. He is highly sensitive to us and our needs and he knows how best to care for us. He is our Good Shepherd and he cares for us better than any one else ever could.

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#### **First Communion**

First Communion took place yesterday at 11.00 and 14.00 and will also take place at 14.00 on 13th and 20th May. We congratulate all those who made their First Communion yesterday and assure all those making their First Communion in the next two weeks of remembrance in prayer.

#### Confirmation

Bishop John Sherrington will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St Joseph's at 19.00 on 9th and 10th May. Please pray for our candidates at this important time.

#### **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.

## The example of the parents is the book which the children read

St Augustine

## 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 and a raffle. Tickets will be available to buy soon 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.

# The Church is a house with a hundred gates, and no two men enter at exactly the same angle

**GK Chesterton** 

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

God our Father,
look in love upon our homes, our families
and our communities.
Raise up among us worthy priests,
to teach the Gospel to all people,
to minister at your altar
and to care for your flock.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit
and make us faithful and inspiring witnesses
to your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Security**

Please do not leave personal items unattended during Mass as thieves are operating in this area.

#### Sister Avril's Talks

Sister Avril OP will be giving a series of summer talks in the Hut after 10.00 mass.  $\,$ 

Tuesday 23rd May ......The 'I AM' sayings of Jesus 1 Tuesday 27th June.....The 'I AM' sayings of Jesus 2

#### **Forthcoming Dates**

First Communion	6th, 13th, 20th May
Confirmation	9th, 10th May
First Friday Devotions	2nd June
Concert	30th June
Parish AGM	6th July
First Friday Devotions	7th 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

#### **Priest's Training Fund**

There will be a second collection today for the training of students for the priesthood. Many thanks.

#### On Street Car Parking

Please note that times of restricted parking in the High Road need to be observed. Pay careful attention to the marked times otherwise you risk getting a ticket especially on Saturday evenings.

#### **Migrants Mass**

The annual Migrants' Mass in honour of St Joseph the Worker takes place Saturday, 20th May at St Antony of Padua, Forest Gate, E7 9QB. Hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood, the Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams SM. Banners assemble at 10.30 on the Priory Lawn; Mass begins at 11.00.

#### Repository

Gifts & cards are available for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Help is required to run the Repository after the Sunday evening Mass on the 4th and 5th Sunday of the month. To volunteer please call Susan on 07786 980374.

# The intellect of the wise is like glass; it admits the light of heaven and reflects it

#### **Last Week's Offertory Collection**

Sunday 30th April £2,997. Many thanks.

#### **Second Collections**

7th May Priest's Training Fund, Day for Life 18th June

#### **Counting Group**

Today Group 6: Next Sunday Group 7.

#### **Church Cleaning**

Thursday 11th May, Group 1, 11.30 - 12.30.

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota**

**7th** Sat 18.00 C D'Souza, 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, J Conneely, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. **14th** 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, M Kelly; 12.30 A Jervis, J Conneely, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

#### Readers' Rota

**7th** 18.00 Reader Required; Sun 8.15 E Amalathas, E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 M Kelly, P Singh; 12.30 M Coyle; 18.00 P Arrigo. **14th** 18.00 C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 B Adeboye, A Yep; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 C Udom; 12.30 Reader Required; 18.00 E Amexo, A Goldwyn.

#### **Recently Deceased**

Pauline Panther, Harrow Weald (mother of Richard, Paul & Linda-Marie). Funeral: Friday 12th May at 10.00 followed by cremation at Breakspear.

Brian Dunleavy, (son of Mary, Wickham Road, Harrow Weald) formerly of this parish. Funeral to be arranged.

Catherine Kowin, (sister of Barbara). Funeral will take place in Exeter. Devon.

May they rest in peace