



# St Joseph's Church

## Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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Epiphany of the Lord

8th January 2017

## We saw his star and have come to do him homage

### Mass Times

|             |            |   |
|-------------|------------|---|
| <b>7th</b>  | <b>Sat</b> | <b>Christmas Feria</b>                          |
|             |            | 10.00   |
|             |            | 10.30 Confessions                               |
|             |            | 18.00 Vigil Mass with Hymns                     |
| <b>8th</b>  | <b>Sun</b> | <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>                     |
|             |            | 08.15   |
|             |            | 09.30 Folk Music & Little Church                |
|             |            | 11.00 Solemn Mass                               |
|             |            | 12.30 With Hymns                                |
|             |            | 18.00   |
| <b>9th</b>  | <b>Mon</b> | <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>                  |
|             |            | 07.30   |
|             |            | 10.00   |
| <b>10th</b> | <b>Tue</b> | <b>Feria</b>                                    |
|             |            | 07.30   |
|             |            | 10.00 Funeral                                   |
| <b>11th</b> | <b>Wed</b> | <b>Feria</b>                                    |
|             |            | 07.30   |
|             |            | 10.00   |
| <b>12th</b> | <b>Thu</b> | <b>St Aelred of Rievaulx</b>                    |
|             |            | 07.30   |
|             |            | 10.00   |
| <b>13th</b> | <b>Fri</b> | <b>Feria</b>                                    |
|             |            | 07.30   |
|             |            | 10.00 Funeral                                   |
| <b>14th</b> | <b>Sat</b> | <b>Feria</b>                                    |
|             |            | 10.00   |
|             |            | 10.30 Confessions                               |
|             |            | 18.00 Vigil Mass with Hymns                     |
|             |            | 19.00 Confessions & Exposition with Benediction |
| <b>15th</b> | <b>Sun</b> | <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>           |
|             |            | 08.15   |
|             |            | 09.30 Folk Music & Little Church                |
|             |            | 11.00 Solemn Mass                               |
|             |            | 12.30 With Hymns                                |
|             |            | 18.00   |



Adoration of the Magi, Gentile da Fabriano 1423

### Epiphany of the Lord

We know practically nothing about the Three Wise Men but this has not stopped people writing about them. All down the centuries various theories have been proposed as to who these men were.

It has been mooted that they were astrologers because they followed a star while others think they were Zoroastrian priests. Some say they came from three different countries, namely Arabia, Persia and India. Others suggest they represent the three ages of man namely young, middle-aged and old. There is a tradition that one was black and another that all three were eventually martyred for the faith. And what is purported to be their relics can be venerated in the Cathedral of Cologne.

Actually the Bible tells us very little about them. We do not even know how many there were. In the West it is thought that there were three because they brought three gifts but the Armenians believe there were twelve of them.

The one thing we can be certain of is that they were foreigners i.e. non-Jews, and in this it is clear that they are meant to represent us. Their presence confirms from the outset Christ that intended to save absolutely everyone: Jews as well as Gentiles. Thank God for that!

*J. 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:** Sunday 15.00 (By appointment)

**Form Signing:** Mon & Weds 18.00-19.00 Term time only

**Rosary:** Tuesday & Thursday at 18.45.

Intention for January: Peace & purity in our world.

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

**Cycle of Prayer: Winter**

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



## SPUC White Flower Appeal



Today we will take up a second collection for the SPUC White Flower Appeal. As Catholics, we have a duty to oppose the situation in our country whereby the government supports practically unrestricted abortion.

SPUC has worked for fifty years to oppose legislation which attacks the unborn, to educate the public and to counteract the misleading propaganda of pro-choice organisations. Please give your financial support so that they can continue their excellent work.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from 18th to the 25th January 2017.

**When you shoot an arrow of truth,  
dip its point in honey**

Arab Proverb

### Christmas Lunch

Deacon Stephen is holding a meeting at 12.00 on Saturday 28th January for all who were involved with the Christmas Lunch. The meeting will take place in the Hut behind the Parish Office. There will be a glass of wine and nibbles. We are grateful to all who helped with the Christmas Lunch.

### Scripture Study Group

The Scripture Study Group takes place on Fridays after the 10.00 mass in the Catechist's Office.

### Little Church

Little Church resumes this Sunday at the 9.30 mass after its Christmas break.

### Form Signing

Forms (passports, school applications, etc) are signed at 18.00 on Mondays and Wednesdays during Term Time. Please be aware that in UK law a passport countersignatory must know the applicant for two years. Please note a wide range of professionals and officials can sign passports including teachers, accountants, bank clerks, managers, etc.

**Parents who are afraid  
to put their foot down usually have kids  
who step on their toes**

### Bulletin

If you would like to receive this Parish Bulletin by email each week please send a note to the secretaries at [office@catholicwealdstone.org](mailto:office@catholicwealdstone.org).

### St Joseph's School

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Admissions for September 2017 (DOB: 01/09/2012 - 31/08/2013). Closing date for receipt of applications is 15th January 2017. Please download an application form from school website.

### Forthcoming Dates

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity..... 18th-25th January  
First Friday Devotions..... from 18.15 3rd February  
Mary's Meals Rags to Riches Collection..... 19th February  
First Communion ..... 6th, 13th 20th May  
Confirmation..... 9th, 10th, 17th May



### 200 Club January Winners

1st Prize, £250 ..... John Moore  
2nd Prize, £100 ..... Ann Aitken  
3rd Prize, £50 ..... Natalie Barth  
4th Prize, £50 ..... Father Alex McAllister  
5th Prize, £50 ..... Gary & Jenifer Reilly

Congratulations to all our winners!

The next draw will take place on Sunday 5th February.

Many thanks to all our supporters.

Forms to sign up for the 200 Club are at the back of Church

### Marriage in 2017

If you are considering getting married in 2017 please contact Father Alex as soon as possible so that the preparation process can be started in good time.

### Christmas Crib

As usual at this Season, all gifts at the Christmas Crib are given to the Catholic Children's Society. Please support this work as generously as you can.

### Child Protection

Parents or guardians please accompany children to the toilets in the Church. Try to avoid going there during the Eucharistic Prayer.

**If we fail in love  
we fail in everything else**

### Last Week's Offertory Collection

Sunday 1st January £3,380. Many thanks.

### Second Collections

This Sunday SPUC White Flower Appeal, 12 March CAFOD Lent Fast Day.

### Counting Group

Today Group 5: Next Sunday Group 6.

### Church Cleaning

Thursday 12th January, Group 3, 11.30 - 12.30.

### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

**8th** 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 M Kelly, I Walker, G Simpungwe; 12.30 L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. **14th** Sat 18.00 T Kinsella, C D'Souza, S Mantio; Sun 8.15 E D'Souza, R Yep, M Correa; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker; 12.30 L McGloin, J Conneely; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

### Readers' Rota

**8th** 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 E Arjune, B Adeboye; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 F Ejiolor; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 E Amexo. **14th** 18.00 **Reader Required**; 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

*John Curran*, Brinsley Road, Harrow. Funeral: Tuesday 10th January at 10.00 followed by cremation at Breakspear.

*Margaret Barton*. Friday 13th January at 10.00 followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

*Anthony Meehan*, Grant Road, Harrow. Reception: Monday 16th January at 19.00. Funeral: Tuesday 17th January at 10.00 followed by burial at Carpenter's Park.

*Ann Deering*. Friday 20th January at 10.00. Details to follow.

Margaret (Maev) Goode, mother of Michael and Niamh. Funeral to be held in Ireland.

*May they rest in peace*

### Acknowledgement

The family of the late *Jim Treacy* would like to thank everyone for their kind support, mass cards and sympathy following their recent bereavement. Thank you for your generous donations to St Luke's Hospice in memory of Jim. Holy Mass has been offered for your intentions.