



# St Joseph's Church

## Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

*Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians*

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**Third Sunday of Lent**

**19th March 2017**

### Give me a drink

#### Mass Times

<b>18th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	10.00	
	10.30	Confessions
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
<b>19th</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>
	08.15	
	09.30	Folk Music & Little Church
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	With Hymns
	17.00	Stations of the Cross
	18.00	
<b>20th</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>St Joseph</b>
	07.30	
	10.00	
	19.00	Mass preceded by Confessions at 18.30
<b>21st</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	07.30	
	10.00	
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	07.30	
	10.00	
<b>23rd</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	07.30	
	10.00	Funeral
<b>24th</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Lent Feria</b>
	07.30	
	10.00	
<b>25th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
	10.00	
	10.30	Confessions
	18.00	Vigil Mass with Hymns
	19.00	Confessions & Exposition with Benediction
<b>26th</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>
	08.15	
	09.30	Folk Music & Little Church
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	With Hymns
	17.00	Stations of the Cross
	18.00	



Christ and the Samaritan Woman at the Well  
*Paolo Veronese 1585*

#### The Woman at the Well

The Gospel reading for this Sunday is about the Woman at the Well and it gives us the opportunity to think about Jesus' relationship with women. It is particularly relevant to do so at this time of the year because International Women's Day took place on 8th March and in the UK Mother's Day falls on 25th March.

It is evident from the interaction between Jesus and the Woman at the Well that he is not constricted by the social regulations of the time as enforced by the Jewish religious authorities. According to these restrictions, Jesus and the woman should not have been even speaking to one another. But Jesus treats her just as he would treat anyone else.

He speaks very frankly to her about her faith. You have to remember that in most of the ancient world faith was the preserve of males, with women playing a very secondary role. Despite this Jesus shows her great respect and she effectively becomes his disciple when she proclaims the Gospel to her fellow villagers, bringing them to faith in him.

It is worth noting that Jesus doesn't normally reveal to anyone that he is the Messiah and yet he entrusts the Samaritan woman with this knowledge. He normally avoids telling people that he is the Messiah for fear that they will misunderstand him. But with this woman he does not seem to be concerned that she will misjudge him.

Jesus evidently also knows all about her problematic marriages, which would ordinarily be a case of shame, and yet he passes no comment and makes no judgement. In short, he treats her properly and not as a second-class citizen as most other men would have done at the time.

It is good that in recent years we in our society have learnt to treat women with respect and as equal in every respect to men. But we have to acknowledge that Jesus was already doing this 2,000 years ago. It's a pity that the rest of us have taken so long to learn.

*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:** 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: Lent**

Candidates for the Sacraments, The Needy and Hungry of the World, Women, Penitents and Wanderers

## Stations of the Cross



### Sundays of Lent at 17.00

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

#### 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.

**Some minds are like concrete,  
thoroughly mixed up and permanently set**

### Holy Week Services at St Joseph's

10th Monday..... Masses at 07.30 & 10.00  
Penitential Service 19.00  
11th Tuesday..... Masses at 07.30 & 10.00  
Chrism Mass at Westminster Cathedral 12.00  
12th Wednesday ..... Masses at 07.30 & 10.00  
Tenebrae 19.00

#### *The Paschal Triduum*

13th Holy Thursday.....No morning Mass  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 20.00  
Watching at the Altar of Repose till Midnight  
14th Good Friday .... Children's Stations of the Cross 10.30  
Ecumenical Walk of Witness 10.30  
Stations of the Cross 12.00  
Celebration of the Lord's Passion 15.00  
15th Holy Saturday.....No morning Mass  
Confessions 10.00 - 11.00  
Easter Vigil 20.30  
16th Easter Sunday .... 08.15, 09.30, 11.00, 12.30 & 18.00  
Easter Week ..... One Mass Only at 10.00

**Teachers open the door,  
but you must enter by yourself**

*Chinese Proverb*

#### Repository

The Repository currently has gifts and cards available for Mother's Day, Easter, First Communion and Confirmation.

#### Sister Avril's Reflection

On Tuesday 28th March after the 10.00 Mass in the hut. Sister Avril will lead a reflection on the 'Stations of the Cross with Pope Francis'. All most welcome.

#### Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Matrimony

The Cardinal invites to a special mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 3rd June at 15.00 those couples who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60th+ wedding anniversary in 2017. Please give names, wedding date, address and email or telephone number to the parish office by *Wednesday 22nd March* so that we can apply for an invitation for you. See notice board for details.

#### Forthcoming Dates

Sister Avril's Reflection ..... 28th March  
First Friday Devotions..... 7th April  
Easter Sunday..... 16th April  
Parish Council ..... 4th May  
First Communion ..... 6th, 13th, 20th May  
Confirmation ..... 9th, 10th, 17th May  
Parish AGM ..... 6th July



### Feast of St Joseph

Monday 20th March is our patronal feast of St Joseph. At the 10.00 & 19.00 masses that day St Joseph's medals will be blessed and distributed. There will be Confessions at 18.30.

#### Offertory Envelopes

Please pick up a new set of Offertory Envelopes from the Church porch. If you would like to enrol for a set of envelopes, please ring the Parish Office on 020 8427 1955 during office hours.

#### Easter Duties

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

#### Penitential Services

There will be Penitential Services for Lent on Saturday 8th April at 10.30 and on Monday 10th April at 19.00. Confessions also from 10.00 to 11.00 on Holy Saturday.

#### Family Bingo

Friday 24th March at 19.30 in aid of Parish Development Fund. Donations for prizes most welcome.

#### Coffee Morning

This Sunday in aid of Father Patrick's Mission.

#### Accommodation Required

Fulltime working lady looking to rent accommodation in a double room. Please contact 07950 679028.

#### Fundraising Concert

#### Friday 30th June 19.30-21.30

Due to building work starting in the Salvatorian College at Easter, it will not be possible to hold an International Day this year. Instead, we plan to hold a concert in the Church. Details of how you can get involved either as a performer or behind the scenes will be available shortly.

**The finest steel  
has to go through the hottest fire**

#### Last Week's Offertory Collection

Sunday 12th March £2,764. Many thanks.

#### Second Collections

14th April Holy Places

#### Counting Group

Today Group 7: Next Sunday Group 8.

#### Church Cleaning

Thursday 23rd March, Group 2, 11.30 - 12.30.

#### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

**19th** Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Manton, 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; 12.30 J Conneely, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. **26th** Sat 18.00 T Kinsella, C D'Souza, G Teague; Sun 8.15 M Correa, T Drew, R Yep; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker; 12.30 J Conneely, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

#### Readers' Rota

**19th** 18.00 C D'Souza, E Moore; Sun 8.15 B Adeboye, E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 M Kelly; 12.30 M Coyle; 18.00 E Amexo, A Goldwyn. **26th** 18.00 A Goldwyn, J Cahill; Sun 8.15 A Yep, E Amalathas; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 **Reader Required** 12.30 **Reader Required** 18.00 A Goldwyn.

#### Recently Deceased

*Mary McLoughlin*, formerly of Weighton Road, who died in Killarney. Requiem Mass: Thursday 23rd March at 10.00 followed by burial at North Watford Cemetery.

*Mary (Maureen) Trainor*, Stanmore. Reception: Wednesday 5th April at 19.00. Funeral: Thursday 6th April at 10.00 followed by burial at Carpender's Park Cemetery.

*May she rest in peace*