



# St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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**Christmas Edition**

**24th & 31st December 2017**

**"He will be great and called Son of the Most High"**

## Mass Times

<b>23rd</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Advent Feria</b>
	10.00	
	18.00	<i>Vigil Mass with Hymns</i>
<b>24th</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
	08.15	
	09.30	
	11.00	<i>Solemn Mass</i>
	<b>NO 1230 MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST</b>		
	16.00	<i>Children's Christmas Mass</i>
	18.00	<i>Christmas Vigil Mass</i>
	23.15	<i>Carol Service</i>
	00.00	<i>Midnight Mass</i>
<b>25th</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
	08.15	
	09.30	<i>Family Mass with Carols</i>
	11.00	<i>Solemn Mass</i>
	12.30	
	<b>NO 18.00 MASS TODAY</b>	
<b>26th</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>St Stephen - Boxing Day</b>
	10.00	<i>Altar Servers Mass</i>
<b>27th</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>St John</b>
	10.00	
<b>28th</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents</b>
	10.00	<i>Requiem Mass for Kathleen D'Brass +</i>
<b>29th</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>St Thomas Becket</b>
	10.00	
<b>30th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>6th Day of Christmas Octave</b>
	10.00	
	18.00	<i>Vigil Mass with Hymns</i>
<b>31st</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>
	08.15	
	09.30	
	11.00	<i>Solemn Mass</i>
	12.30	
	18.00	
<b>1st</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Mary, Mother of God</b>
	10.00	
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Ss Basil &amp; Gregory</b>
	10.00	
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Christmas Feria</b>
	10.00	<i>Requiem Mass for Patrick Callanan +</i>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Christmas Feria</b>
	10.00	
<b>5th</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Christmas Feria</b>
	10.00	
	19.00	<i>Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
<b>6th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Christmas Feria</b>
	10.00	
	18.00	

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of your parish clergy, I take this opportunity to extend to all of you our Christmas prayers and good wishes. We would also like to thank all of you who have sent personal cards and gifts - they are very much appreciated.

A huge amount of effort goes into preparing the church for this special time of year. My very special thanks go to our cleaners, flower arrangers, repository ladies and to our sacristy assistants for all they have done by way of preparation.

Our masses are always well-prepared and thought through over the Christmas period. To this end, I thank all parish musicians and singers who have helped us all appreciate the beauty of Christmas through their ministry. Without them, Christmas would be a very bland affair indeed.

To our readers, ministers of Communion; to our parish MC and his servers, and to our Sunday counters, my special thanks go to you too, whilst not forgetting a word of thanks to the catechists who are preparing our children for the Sacraments.

The parish is a busy place all year round, but much more so at this time of year. To put it bluntly, we priests would be lost without the assistance of our parish secretaries, Terri and Julie, who staff the office all year round and ensure times and dates go into our diaries, whilst dealing with your enquires at the door and on the telephone. They are most deserving of my appreciation and thanks.

As you know, we have clergy in retirement in the community and they also receive first class care and attention. On their behalf, I sincerely thank Lucella and Agnes who remain dedicated to their well-being.

A parish would not be a parish without parishioners - the "living stones" which keep the Church alive. To all of you, for the commitment to your faith and to your Church, may God bless you all and give to you and your families His gifts of love, unity and peace, this Christmas and over the year ahead.

With the assurance of my prayers and good wishes, as ever.

*Fr Paul x*



## GRAND CHRISTMAS



### PRIZE DRAW

#### Winners:

1st Prize: £500..... Eileen Sinnott  
 2nd Prize: £200..... A G Williams  
 3rd Prize: Luxury Hamper.....Tim Geraghty  
 4th Prize: Malt Whisky.....Anthony Mordi  
 5th Prize: Candle Holder.....Liz Dennehy  
 6th Prize: Teddy..... M Foley  
 7th Prize: Biscuits.....Liam Lavery  
 8th Prize: Panettone.....Joanne Kind  
 9th Prize: Wine.....Killian Noonan

After expenses a total of £1,544 was raised for the Parish.

A big thank you to all who participated.  
 Winners can claim their prizes from the Parish Office.

#### Confirmation 2018

A meeting will be held for candidates and parents on Monday 8th January, 7pm in the church. All candidates will be expected to be present as the working arrangements of the classes will be finalised. As the meeting will be held in church, Father Paul reminds all attendees of the expected behaviour and etiquette.

#### Christmas Lunch

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Christmas Lunch in whatever way. It is much appreciated.

#### Lights of Life Christmas Tree

Remember your loved ones by writing a memorial card, by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and placing it on the Tree.

#### Cosy Bar

Kathleen would like to thank all their sponsors for their kind generosity, making the Seniors Christmas Party possible. Many thanks to all the people who cooked food and helped on the day – we couldn't have managed without you.

Love came down at Christmas;  
 Love all lovely, love divine;  
 Love was born at Christmas,  
 Stars and angels gave the sign

Christina Rossetti

#### Form Signing

No form signing over Christmas. Resumes 3rd January.

#### First Holy Communion 2018

Class dates are: Wednesday and Thursday, 10th/11th January 2018, 6pm prompt.



very good wish and blessing for Christmas  
 from Fathers Paul, Frank, Fortu,  
 and all the Salvatorians

#### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Two lamps constantly burn before the tabernacle to indicate the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The candles burn for 7 days - Saturday to Saturday. Parishioners may offer these candles for their intentions at £10 each. Intentions will be printed each week in the bulletin. Please enquire at the Repository.



No mobile phones

#### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Week commencing 24th December

1: Pat & Josie Kelly+ 2: Harrington & Martin families (ints).

Week commencing 31st December

1: Margaret Wright (intentions) 2: Special Intentions

#### Last Week's Offertory Collection

24th December £2,130 - for which, many thanks.

#### Counting Group

Today Group 8: Next Sunday Group 1.

#### Church Cleaning

Thursday 28th December, Group 1, 11.30 – 12.30.

Thursday 11th January, Group 2, 11.30 – 12.30.

#### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

**31st** Sat 18.00 C D'Souza, G Teague, S Mantio; Sun 8.15 T Drew, M Correa; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker; 12.30 J Conneely, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. **7th** Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Mantio, C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 T Drew, M Correa, 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

**31st** Sat 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 P Singh; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 P Arrigo. **7th** Sat 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 A Yep, E Amalathas; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 **Reader Required**; 12.30 M Coyle; 18.00 P Arrigo.

#### Recently Deceased

*Patrick Callanan*, son of the late Sheila Callanan. Reception: Tuesday 2nd January at 7pm. Funeral: Wednesday 3rd January at 10.00 followed by burial at Carpenders Park Cemetery.

*Rosemary Halliday-Hunt*, wife of Dermot Hunt. Funeral: Monday 8th January at 10.00 followed by burial at Harrow Weald Cemetery.

*Margaret McAllister*, mother of Father Alex McAllister SDS. Funeral to be held in Christ the King parish, Thornbury.

*Florence Mary Kelly*, Northwood Nursing Home. Reception: Tuesday 16th January at 7pm. Funeral: Wednesday 17th January at 10.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear.

*Michael Gallagher*, brother of Patrick Gallagher. Funeral to be arranged.

Rest in Peace