



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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Christmas Edition

24th & 31st December 2017

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

Mass Times

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



Every 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

Christmas Offertory Collection

The Christmas Offertory Collection is your personal gift to the clergy.

Many thanks for your kindness and support during the year.

Christmas Lunch

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Christmas Lunch in whatever way. It is much appreciated. Volunteers are still able to help, just turn up in the College Dining Hall.

Christmas Crib

All gifts at the Crib are given to The Catholic Children's Society. Please support this work as generously as you can.

Choir

We express our thanks to our Choir and to the organist Ben Fowler all their extra work at Christmas to make the liturgy so beautiful. 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.

St Stephen's Guild

There will be a special mass on St Stephen's Day, Tuesday 26th December, for all Altar Servers. Several will be inducted into the Guild of St Stephen; we offer them all our congratulations and thanks for their outstanding service to the liturgy throughout the year.

Form Signing

No form signing over Christmas. Resumes 3rd January.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 4pm



All children are most welcome to come along to this particular mass dressed as a character - or animal - from the Nativity... we are also hoping that Father Christmas will stop by afterwards ;-)

First Holy Communion 2018

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

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

Week commencing 24th December

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

Week commencing 31st December

1: Margaret Wright (ints) 2: Special Intentions

Last Week's Offertory Collection

17th December £2,876 - for which, many thanks.

Counting Group

Today Group 7: Next Sunday Group 8.

Church Cleaning

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

Thursday 4th January, Group 3, 11.30 - 12.30.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

24th Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Mantio, C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 T Drew, M Correa, E D'Souza; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 G Simpungwe, I Walker; J Fajfer-Wieczorek; **See Christmas Rota on notice board.** **31st** Sat 18.00 C D'Souza, G Teague, S Mantio; Sun 8.15 T Drew, E D'Souza, 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.

Readers' Rota

24th Sat 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 E Arjune, E Amalathas; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 M Kelly, P Singh; **See Christmas Rota on notice board.** **31st** Sat 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 **Reader Required**; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 P Arrigo.

Recently Deceased

Kathleen D'Brass, mother of Terry D'Brass. Funeral: Thursday 28th December at 10.00 followed by burial at Carpenter's Park Cemetery.

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.

David Nagle, son of James Nagle. Funeral: Thursday 28th December at 10.45 at Breakspear Crematorium.

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

Mary Agnew, formerly of this parish, died in Brussels.

Rest in Peace