



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th February 2018

"He went off to a lonely place and prayed there"

Mass Times

3rd	Sat	Ss Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore
	10.00	
	18.00	<i>Vigil Mass with Hymns</i>
4th	Sun	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	08.15	
	09.30	<i>with Children's Liturgy</i>
	11.00	<i>Solemn Mass</i>
	12.30	
	18.00	
5th	Mon	St Agatha
	07.30	
	10.00	
6th	Tue	St Paul Miki
	07.30	
	10.00	
7th	Wed	Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	<i>Requiem Mass for Margaret Malone +</i>
8th	Thu	Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
9th	Fri	Feria
	07.30	
	10.00	
10th	Sat	St Scholastica
	10.00	
	18.00	<i>Vigil Mass with Hymns</i>
11th	Sun	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	08.15	
	09.30	<i>with Children's Liturgy</i>
	11.00	<i>Solemn Mass</i>
	12.30	
	18.00	

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30-11.00 & 19.00-19.30. First Friday 18.15-18.45

Adoration & Benediction: Saturday 19.00-19.30

First Friday 18.00-18.50

Baptisms: Saturdays at Noon - by appointment

Form Signing: Mondays & Wednesdays in the Presbytery

18.00 for one hour - during school term time only

Public Rosary: Tuesday & Thursday evenings 18.45

Sunday Readings: Year B **Weekday Readings:** Year 2

Cycle of Prayer for England & Wales - Ordinary Time:

Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and their carers;

Victims of Trafficking and those who work to combat it;

Racial Justice; The Unemployed.

Dear Parishioner,

As you will have already gathered, this year the Sunday gospels are usually taken from St Mark. It is the shortest of all the accounts of Jesus' life and most likely to have been the first to be written. And because it is the shortest, it is also "padded out" as it were, in church readings, with other material from St John.

Mark's style is plain and unadorned. He's a man in a hurry and very fond of the word "immediately" as we find in last week's and this week's gospels. He also uses Aramaic (the language used by Jesus) which he sprinkles six times into his story (a bit like a cook using herbs for special flavour) For instance, to cure Jairus' daughter, Jesus says "Talitha kum", variously translated as "Little girl, get up". He's also fond of sandwiches. Not the sort from Tesco or Waitrose, but the technique of telescoping one story into another (as Mark 5:21-43), like the filling between two slices of bread.

Mark's gospel was, of course, written in ancient Greek, which was the then common language of the Mediterranean world. Almost in the middle of his sixteen chapters is the story of the Transfiguration with its dramatic pronouncement "This is my beloved Son; listen to him" (9:7). This has given rise to the theory that Mark planned his gospel around that moment when Jesus is revealed as God's Son on the mountainside.

It is thought that Mark's original account ends at 16:8, with the women running away terrified from the empty tomb. The following verses are reckoned to be from the hand of a later editor(s). Why Mark ends on this abrupt note is a mystery – perhaps part of the scroll on which he wrote was somehow lost. If you like, he leaves you and me – his gospel readers – to complete the story by our own lives, week by week.

With every good wish
Fr Frank

New Shrine Candles

You will notice that we have new "real" candles available in five of the shrines in church. These candles are on a 6 week trial period for us to consider making them a permanent feature. It should also be noted that the candles used are 100% smoke free so as to avoid blackening of the surrounding paintwork. Many people have already made positive comments about how much better it is to have real candles back in the church, but unlike electric candles, real candles actually cost money so we cannot afford for candles to be lit without making the suggested donation of 50p. The cost of keeping the church open 12 hours a day, together with utility bills, continues to rise. Candle offerings make up a huge chunk of the annual income, which helps offset running costs. Please bear this in mind when making your candle offering, and feel free to express your opinion to the clergy about the use of real or electric candles in the church.

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.

Repository

Gifts and cards on sale for St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day and Easter.

Family Bingo

The next Family Bingo will be held on Friday 23rd February in the hut, in aid of the Parish Development Fund. Donations of unwanted gifts for prizes would be most appreciated. The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 25th February.

Reflections with Sister Avril OP

Tuesday 13th February after the 10.00 Mass in the hut: Martyrs Ancient & Modern.

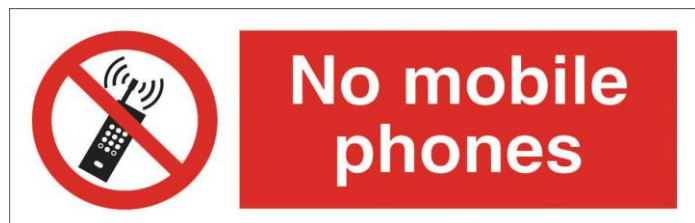
Lent Extra Devotionals

Available to buy at the back of the Church for £1.00.

In thought, faith
In word, wisdom
In deed, courage
In life, service

Forthcoming Dates

Sister Avril's Reflection 13th February
Ash Wednesday 14th February
First Friday Devotions from 6.15 2nd March
Sister Avril's Reflection 13th March
Palm Sunday 25th March
Easter Sunday 1st April
First Communion 5th, 12th & 19th May
Confirmation 20th 21st & 22nd June



Catholic Education

The Westminster Education Service is hosting an Event on Tuesday 6th February at 6.30pm in Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London, SW1P 1QN, to engage with Catholic teachers and leaders currently working outside of Catholic Education. See notice board for details.

New Parishioners

If you are new to the Parish please ensure that you complete a parish census form which is available at the back of the Church. You are most welcome at St Joseph's.

Lent 2018

Although Lent is still a week away, it may be as well to be thinking even now about how to approach this holy season. If you are thinking about some spiritual reading, copies of the Redemptorist booklet "Lent Extra" are available on the newspaper table, price £1. This year our schools will be closed on Ash Wednesday due to half term, but mass with distribution of ashes will be at the usual times here, i.e. 7.30am, 10.00am and 7.00pm.

Child Protection

Parents or guardians must accompany children to the toilet in the Church. Please try to avoid going there during the Eucharistic Prayer.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

- 1: Gerald Jacklin+(anniversary - husband & father)
- 2: Special Intentions.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

28th January £3,073 - for which, many thanks.

Counting Group

Today Group 5: Next Sunday Group 6.
Rota for 2018 available in the Counting Room.

Church Cleaning

Thursday 8th February, Group 1, 11.30 - 12.30.

The good man is free, even if he is a slave
The evil man is a slave, even if he is a king

St Augustine

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

4th Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Mantio, C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 M Correa, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 G Simpungwe, I Walker, 12.30 A Jervis, J Conneely; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo. **11th** 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; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

Readers' Rota

4th Sat 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 E Arjune, E Amalathas; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 **Reader Required**; 12.30 M Coyle **Reader Required**. **11th** Sat 18.00 A Goldwyn; Sun 8.15 E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 **Reader Required**; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 E Amexo.

Recently Deceased

Margaret Malone, Locket Road, Wealdstone. Reception: Tuesday 6th February at 7pm. Funeral: Wednesday 7th February at 10.00am, followed by burial at Harrow Weald Cemetery.

James (Jim) Cunningham, Long Elmes, Harrow. Funeral: Monday 12th February at 10.00am followed by burial at Carpenter's Park Cemetery.

James (Jim) Regan, Hamilton Road, Harrow. Reception: Thursday 15th February at 7pm. Funeral: Friday 16th February at 10.00am followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery.

Maureen McGrath, formerly of Church Lane, (wife of John, mother of Tony Gammell). Funeral: Monday 19th February at 10.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear.

Peter McIntyre, brother of Pauline Judge. Funeral: Friday 9th February in Luton.

Patsy Markey, formerly of Kenton, Uncle of Sinead Griffin. Funeral to be arranged.

May they Rest in Peace

Acknowledgement

The family of the late *Patrick Callanan* would like to thank everyone for their kind sympathy, support and mass cards following their recent bereavement. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.