



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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The Nativity of St John the Baptist

24th June 2018

What will this child turn out to be?

Mass Times

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| 23rd | Sat | Feria |
| | 10.00 | |
| | 18.00 | <i>Vigil Mass with Hymns</i> |
| 24th | Sun | The Nativity of St John the Baptist |
| | 08.15 | |
| | 09.30 | <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> |
| | 11.00 | <i>Solemn Mass</i> |
| | 12.30 | |
| | 18.00 | |
| 25th | Mon | Feria |
| | 07.30 | |
| | 10.00 | |
| 26th | Tue | Feria |
| | 07.30 | |
| | 10.00 | <i>Requiem Mass for Clement Samuels</i> |
| 27th | Wed | St John Southworth |
| | 07.30 | |
| | 10.00 | |
| 28th | Thu | St Irenaeus |
| | 07.30 | |
| | 10.00 | |
| 29th | Fri | Ss Peter & Paul (Holy Day of Obligation) |
| | 07.30 | |
| | 10.00 | <i>Requiem Mass for Ann Mary Healy</i> |
| | 19.00 | |
| 30th | Sat | Feria |
| | 10.00 | |
| | 18.00 | <i>Vigil Mass with Hymns</i> |
| 1st | Sun | 13th 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: Saturdays 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 at 18.45

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

Cycle of Prayer for England & Wales - Easter

New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media
The Church; Human Work



Statues of St Peter & St Paul at the Vatican

SS Peter & Paul

On Friday we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul, two men with very different characters and backgrounds, who became the greatest pillars of the Church.

Peter, the fisherman from provincial Galilee, was a rather impulsive man, always ready with an answer, willing even to walk on water! His audacity did not prevent him from denying Jesus, but his sorrow and love for Jesus restored him to become shepherd of Jesus' sheep.

Paul, educated in the city of Jerusalem, was such a zealous Jew he persecuted the Christians. His unexpected experience of the Risen Christ made him the missionary to the Gentiles, defending their freedom against the demands of the Jews.

Both died in Rome, leaving behind the testimony of their lives, their writings, and the manner of their death. And from Rome generations of Christians would go out to the ends of the earth spreading Christ's Gospel of hope and love.

May we follow the example of the Apostles Peter and Paul and transform our lives and dedicate ourselves each day to the building up of God's Kingdom.

Please avoid loud chatter in the church!

Congratulations

Congratulations to Fathers Peter Preston and Eric Powell SDS who celebrate 60 years of Ordination on Friday 29th June.

Confirmation

Sixty-three candidates were Confirmed on 20th, 21st & 22nd June by Bishop John Sherrington. We congratulate our young people on receiving this important sacrament and being willing to commit themselves to sharing the Gospel with others.

From the Registers...

*Chloe Duggan, Charlotte Lopes & Grace O'Malley
who were baptised by Father Frank
on Saturday 23rd June*

May the Lord bless them with His love.

Adoremus Extra Booklet

Adoremus Extra, in support of Pastoral Congress in Liverpool in September, is on sale at the back of the Church. £4.95.

Pilgrimage to Sturry

Again this year, the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions hope to have a parish visit to Sturry Convent and Heritage House, near Canterbury. The date this year will be Saturday 22nd September. It is another chance to meet the sisters who once worked here in Wealdstone and old friends. A "sign up" list will be put at the back of the Church in a few weeks' time and we ask you to add your name as soon as possible. We look forward to welcoming you again and to see those who were unable to join us last year.

**The Church is a house with a hundred gates,
and no two men enter
at exactly the same angle**

GK Chesterton

St Dominics

Principal's Charity Concert, Thursday 28th June at 6.30pm at St Dominic's Sixth Form College, in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Trust. See notice board for details.

St Joseph's Scouts

St Joseph's Scouts meet on Tuesdays from 7pm – 8.30pm. For details contact Barry or Dan on: 07961 888645.

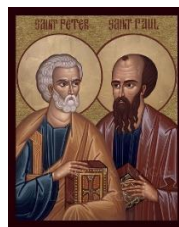
Forthcoming Dates

First Friday Devotions.....from 6.15pm 6th July
Pilgrimage to Sturry22nd September

A big part of loving, is listening

Pilates with Mary

Fully qualified instructor. Group Classes for beginners and improvers. Wednesdays 10-10.45am and 7-7.45pm at the Harrow Weald Memorial Club. See notice board for details.



Feast of St Peter and St Paul

Please note that the Feast of St Peter and St Paul on Friday 29th June is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be an extra mass at 7pm besides the usual masses at 7.30am and 10.00am.

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. Please enquire at the Repository.

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

1 & 2 Rena Stamaria (intentions – peace in the world)

Child Protection

Parents or guardians must accompany children to the toilet in the Church. Please walk to the back of the church rather than crossing in front of the altar, and try to avoid going there during the Consecration of the elements.

Church Cleaning

Wednesday 27th June at 11.00am.

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

Last Week's Offertory Collection

17th June £2,972 – for which many thanks.

Counting Group

Today Group 1: Next Sunday Group 2

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

24th Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Mantio, C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 E D'Souza, M Correa, R Yep; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker, G Simpungwe; 12.30 J Conneely; 18.00 A Arrigo, E McCarthy. **1st** Sat 18.00 C D'Souza, G Teague, S Mantio; Sun 8.15 M Correa, R Yep, E D'Souza; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, J Fay; 11.00 I Walker; 12.30 J Conneely; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

Readers' Rota

24th Sat 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 M Kelly, P Singh; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 E Amexo. **1st** Sat 18.00 **Reader Required**; Sun 8.15 A Yep, E Amalathas; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 M Kelly; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 **Reader Required**.

Recently Deceased

Clement Cecil Samuels, (Stanmore). Funeral: Tuesday 26th June at 10.00am followed by burial at Carpender's Park Cemetery.

Eugene John McGoldrick (Harrow). Funeral: Thursday 28th June at 1.30pm at Breakspear Crematorium.

Ann Mary Healy (Gillian House). Reception: Thursday 28th June at 7pm. Funeral: Friday 29th June at 10.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear.

John Gonzalez (Watford). Funeral: Tuesday 3rd July at 10.00am followed by burial at Harrow Weald Cemetery.

Veronica Duggan (Queens Walk, Harrow). Funeral: Wednesday 4th July at 10.00am followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery.

Robert John Keane (Wealdstone). Reception: Monday 9th July at 7pm. Funeral: Tuesday 10th July at 10.00am followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery.

May they rest in peace



**No mobile
phones**



Pastoral Letter on the Priesthood

The Nativity of St John the Baptist 23-24 June 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

On the left-hand side of Westminster Cathedral, in the second side Chapel, lie the mortal remains of St John Southworth. In preparation for his Feast Day on 27 June, they move into the middle of the main aisle.

St John Southworth has a very special place in our history and in our hearts. A Lancashire man, he had been ordained a priest in 1619 at the English College in Douai, in northern France, at a time when it was impossible to prepare men for the Catholic priesthood in this country. This year, Douai College is celebrating its 450th anniversary. We are all included in this celebration, for the College is a crucial part of Catholic survival and heritage, succeeded first by St Edmund's College in Ware, Hertfordshire, and then by Allen Hall, our own Diocesan seminary.

To be a Catholic priest in England in those days was considered to be an act of treason and punished by the cruel death of hanging, drawing and quartering. This is how St John Southworth died on 28 June 1654 at Tyburn, near Marble Arch in central London.

By then he was no stranger to central London. His priestly ministry started in Lancashire. But after his first arrest, he was moved to a gaol in London. In 1630, he was spared execution and deported to France. He returned, determined in his mission, to minister in the streets of central London, around Westminster, to those impoverished and sick because of the plague. In 1637, he was again imprisoned. Again, he avoided trial and for 14 years continued his clandestine ministry in our streets, in and out of prison. Finally, in 1654, he was arrested and brought to trial. He refused to deny that he was a priest. The magistrate, sick of so many executions, reluctantly sent him to his death on the gallows.

St John Southworth is a key patron saint of the priests of this Diocese. He is an inspiration and an intercessor for us. We bring his body into the central aisle of the Cathedral not only for his Feast Day but so that he is there among the candidates for the priesthood on the day of their ordination. Next Saturday, in the Cathedral, six men will be ordained priests for service in our parishes. During the singing of the Litany of the Saints, they will prostrate themselves, face down on the floor. In their midst will be the prostrate body of the Martyr. But he lies face up, reflecting the glory of God shining in him as he now enjoys the fullness of God's grace in heaven. He is indeed our special patron.

Today I ask you to pray for all our priests. Pray particularly for the six new priests and the priest(s) serving in your parish. Our lives may not be as dramatic nor as full of public conflict as the life of St John Southworth. Yet we priests strive to express in our daily ministry exactly the same dedication to the mission of Jesus Our Lord as he did. Like him, we depend on the support and love of faithful people. For St John Southworth that was literally a matter of life and death. While that deadly drama has ended, over the centuries a marvellous tradition has remained of genuine love for priests and a readiness to support them, through thick and thin. I ask you, today, to continue that tradition and share it with your families.

Of course, we priests and bishops are sinners. There is no hiding our mistakes and faults. Indeed, we have learned painfully, that trying to hide major failures, especially in relation to the most vulnerable, seriously compounds the failures and betrayals that so damages our shared mission. Today I express my sorrow at our failings and I ask for your patience, forbearance and, indeed, forgiveness. In the Church, we are bound together in Christ Jesus. He is full of mercy. We can only strive to show that mercy to each other, always and everywhere.

In the months ahead, remembering Douai College and so many martyr priests, we will be striving to renew our priestly mission and purpose. As priests, we will try to encourage each other more steadfastly. This time of renewal will come to a key moment next year, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a day set aside by Pope Francis for prayer and renewal for all priests throughout the world. On that day, 28 June 2019, all Diocesan priests in England and Wales will be invited to come to Westminster Cathedral to celebrate together a Mass of thanksgiving and renewal. On that day too, we will gather around the precious body of St John Southworth, knowing that he will intercede for us. I hope and trust that you will do so too.

At Mass today we heard these words: 'The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name' (Isaiah 49:1). Today they are applied to St John the Baptist. Yet they are words of truth for everyone who hears them, for each of us has a God-given purpose in our lives. Pray, then, for each other, that you may all have that same sense of purpose and dedication in your life. Then you will pray with joy, as I do, the words of today's Psalm: 'I thank you, Lord, for the wonder of my being' (Psalm 138).

Yes, Lord, I thank you every day. Amen.

Yours devotedly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Vincent Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster