



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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High Road, Harrow Weald

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First Sunday of Advent

1st December 2019

Mass Times

30th Sat	St Andrew
10.00	
18.00	Vigil Mass
1st Sun	First Sunday of Advent
08.15	
09.30	<i>With Children's Liturgy</i>
11.00	<i>Solemn Mass</i>
12.30	
18.00	
2nd Mon	Advent Feria
07.30	
10.00	
3rd Tues	St Francis Xavier
07.30	
10.00	
4th Wed	Advent Feria
07.30	
10.00	
5th Thurs	Advent Feria
07.30	
10.00	
6th Fri	Advent Feria
07.30	
10.00	
19.00	<i>Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart</i>
7th Sat	St Ambrose
10.00	
18.00	Vigil Mass
8th Sun	Second Sunday of Advent
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 6pm-7pm.

Public Rosary: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6.45pm.

November Intention: For the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sunday Readings: Year C **Weekday Readings:** Year 1

Cycle of Prayer for England & Wales - Easter

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



The Season of Advent

There is a marked change of gear in the Church as we begin a new liturgical year.

This Sunday we switch to purple vestments, we omit the Gloria and the liturgy seems a good bit more sober. These changes remind us that we are now in the Holy Season of Advent, the time when we start to ready ourselves spiritually for the celebration of Christmas.

There are some new things too such as Advent Candles and different hymns. The scripture readings now concentrate on John the Baptist and on the need for repentance. Maybe at home you might put up a Jesse Tree or an Advent Calendar to help the children prepare well for Christmas.

Advent is a uniquely Christian way of preparing for Christmas. It is completely out of sync with the commercial run up to Christmas which focusses mostly on shopping and parties.

Advent is a time if not of actual fasting then at least of sobriety and thoughtfulness. It is a time to repent of our sins so that we are ready to celebrate the Nativity of Christ properly through an increase in our own personal holiness and devotion.

So let us mark the season of Advent in a truly Christian way. Let us use this season as a time for repentance and spiritual preparation so that when it comes around Christmas will be all the better for its sudden arrival.

With Love
Father Thomas

Clean Water for Kalamba

Salvatorian Missionaries established a mission in the village of Kalamba in 1961 and the village has now grown to nearly 12,000 people! In 2017 a group of militia ransacked the mission, destroying the church and homes. The Fathers and Brothers returned to rebuild the village, which desperately needs clean water, in 2017. We are currently fundraising to support this project and would be grateful for your support. Envelopes are at the back of the church, if you wish to donate. Please post your donations through Presbytery door.

Father Peter Preston SDS

We would like to let parishioners know that Father Peter has now moved to St Vincent's Nursing Home in Eastcote.

Christmas Lunch

We are happy to confirm that Christmas Lunch will be held in the Salvatorian College canteen this year. Barry O'Sullivan will be speaking at all Masses today, appealing for volunteers. Invitations are available to collect at the back of the church. If you know of anyone who would like to join us on Christmas day, please pick up an invitation for them. Sign Up sheets for donations of food/time will be displayed shortly.

St Joseph's Christmas Services

Cards with a list of our Christmas Services are available at the back of the Church. Please take one home with you.

First Holy Communion 2020

Children registered for First Holy Communion, who do not attend Catholic schools **must** now attend Children's Liturgy on Sundays during the 9.30am Family Mass – a register will be taken. All children should now have their Mass Attendance Card, which must be signed by the priest after Mass. **Registration has now closed.**

Christmas Cards

Christmas cards, supporting the Mission Appeal are on sale in the Repository and Presbytery, costing 50p each.



Family Bingo is being held in the Parish Hall, on Friday 13th December at 7pm for **7.30pm start**. Donations for prizes and raffle would be very much appreciated.

Senior Citizens Tea Party

Salvatorian College is hosting a tea party for senior citizens on Thursday 12th December at 2.30pm. If you would like to attend, or would like to bring a relative or friend, please pick up a form from the back of church, complete, and return to the school office, or telephone on 0208 863 2706. The school has step-free access.

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.

1 & 2 Priests' Intentions



First Friday Devotions

There will be confessions and Exposition at 6.15pm followed by Mass at 7pm on Friday 6th December.

Forthcoming Dates

Sr Avril's Reflection 11am Tuesday 10th December



GRAND CHRISTMAS



PRIZE DRAW

1st Prize: £500

2nd Prize: £200

3rd Prize: Luxury Hamper

4th Prize: Bottle of Malt Whisky

Please pick up books of tickets after mass and return counterfoils and money to the Presbytery

Tickets £1 each or £5 per book

Donations of Prizes needed and most welcome

Draw takes place after 12.30 Mass on Sunday 22nd December in the hall.

Advent Extra

Available to buy at the back of the Church for £1. Please put the money in the wall safe marked 'papers'.

Repository

Christmas cards, gifts, calendars, Advent Calendars & Diaries are on sale in the Repository.

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a Parish Council Meeting [on Thursday 12th December](#) at the earlier time of 7pm in the Parish Hall to which all are welcome. An agenda will be prepared for the meeting but if anybody would like to ask any questions or have anything specific discussed then this must be sent either by email to office@catholicwealdstone.org or you can drop a note into the parish secretaries office by no later than [Monday 9th December](#). Please note that the parish car park will be opened that evening.

Salvatorian College – Christmas Hampers

If you know of someone who would benefit from a Christmas Hamper prepared by the pupils of the college, please find nomination forms at the back of the church and return it to the presbytery. All enquiries to Salvatorian College 0208 863 2706.

Pilates with Mary

Pilates for beginners is being held in the Parish Hall on Tuesdays mornings: 10-10.45am. See noticeboard.

Church Cleaning

Wednesday 4th December at 11.00am.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Sunday 24th November £2,461 – for which many thanks.

Counting Group

Today Group 4: Next Sunday Group 5

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

1st Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Mantio, C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 E D'Souza, R Yep, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne; 11.00 I Walker, P Singh, G Simpungwe; 12.30 A Jervis, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo, J Fay. **8th** Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Mantio, C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 O Agboro, E D'Souza, T Drew; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne; 11.00 I Walker; 12.30 J Conneely, A Jervis, L McGloin; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo.

Readers' Rota

1st Sat 18.00 J Gordon, T Cousins; 8.15 E Arjune; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 E Ryan, M Kelly; 12.30 E Kinnear; 18.00 **Reader Required**. **8th** Sat 18.00 **Reader Required**; 8.15 A Yep, E Amalathas; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 E Ryan; 12.30 **Reader Required**; 18.00 E Amexo.