



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

22nd December 2019

Mass Times

21st Sat	Advent Feria
10.00	
18.00	Vigil Mass
22nd Sun	Fourth Sunday of Advent
08.15	
09.30	<i>With Children's Liturgy</i>
11.00	<i>Solemn Mass</i>
12.30	
18.00	
23rd Mon	Advent Feria
07.30	
10.00	
24th Tues	Advent Feria (Christmas Eve)
16.00	<i>Children's Mass</i>
18.00	<i>Christmas Vigil Mass</i>
23.15	<i>Carol Service</i>
00.00	<i>Midnight Mass</i>
25th Wed	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
08.15	
09.30	<i>Family Mass with Carols</i>
11.00	<i>Solemn Mass</i>
12.30	
NO 18.00 MAS TODAY	
26th Thurs	St Stephen – Boxing Day
10.00	Altar Servers Mass
27th Fri	St John
10.00	
28th Sat	The Holy Innocents
10.00	
18.00	Vigil Mass
29th Sun	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
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

Public Rosary: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6.45pm.

December Ints: Vocations to the Priesthood & religious life.

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 faith of Saint Joseph

The emphasis in Advent changes this Sunday. Over the last two weeks we have heard a lot about John the Baptist. But today the focus is turned to Joseph as we hear how the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and told him to take Mary as his wife and informed him that what was within her had been conceived by the Holy Spirit. It's significant to note that Saint Joseph embraced the Christ Child because of a dream. But was it only a dream? We all have many dreams and some of them are strange and nonsensical. So why did Saint Joseph rely upon the authenticity of this dream?

The answer to this question is quite simple. Even though the dream he had was just that – a dream, it was also accompanied by the gift of faith. Joseph knew, with a certainty beyond human reason, that the voice of God had spoken to him and he responded with generous faith.

As we approach Christmas and remember the great day on which Mary gave birth to Jesus we recall also Joseph's vital role and we invoke the intercession of them both on behalf of our families and loved ones.



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 **TODAY** 22nd December, in the hall.

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. **Please note the following correction :** Monday 23rd December – Masses at 7.30am & 10.00am (not 10.00am & 10.00).

Christmas Lunch

Sign Up sheets for donations of food/time are displayed by St Joseph's Shrine. **We are still looking for volunteers for drivers and the clean-up team. Please help if you are able.** Can all volunteers please collect the letter from the back of the church, which will hopefully answer all your questions regarding timings. **Please enter the school via the rear gate in Athelstone Road, HA3 5DY.**



Coffee Morning

After all Masses today. The Christmas Grand Draw will take place following the 12.30 Mass in the Parish Hall.



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. Kennedy & McGrath families
2. Pat & Josie Kelly

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.

St Stephen's Guild

There will be a special Mass on St Stephen's Day, Thursday 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.



Church Christmas Tree

This year we are most grateful to Saville & Son, Funeral Directors, who have most generously sponsored our Tree. Many thanks.

Christmas Decorations & Crib

Thank you to the parishioners who decorated our Christmas tree this week and to those who have built our crib at St Joseph's shrine. Thank you also to the two parishioners who have made generous donations towards the cost of the Christmas decorations.

Westminster Diocesan Yearbook 2020

Now available to buy for £4.50 on the table outside the Repository. Please make sure to deposit the correct money in the wall-safe used for the newspapers.

Repository – Gifts for Christmas

For cards, gifts, calendars, Advent Calendars & Diaries.

Christmas Cards

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

First Holy Communion 2020

Children at non Catholic schools **must** now attend Children's Liturgy on Sundays during the 9.30am Mass – a register will be taken. Mass Attendance Cards must be signed by the priest after Mass.

Church Cleaning for Christmas

The Church will be cleaned for Christmas on Monday 23rd December at 11.00am. All welcome – many hands make light work!

Church Cleaning for the New Year

The Church will be cleaned on Monday 30th December at 11.00am – not Wednesday, which is New Year's Day!

Second Hand Clothes

Please do not leave bags of second hand clothes/shoes etc in the church. We have nowhere to store such items which should be taken to a local charity shop. Thank you.

Form Signing

No form signing during school holidays.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Sunday 15th December £3,779- for which many thanks.

Counting Group

Today Group 7: Next Sunday Group 8

Carol Service – Readers Required

Four Readers are required for the Carol Service before Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Please sign up on the noticeboard by the Sacristy Corridor – Readings will be displayed on the noticeboard, for you to take away, shortly.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

22nd Sat 18.00 G Teague, S Mantio, C D'Souza; Sun 8.15 E D'Souza, R Yep; M Correa; 9.30 J Donohue, P Horne, B O'Sullivan; 11.00 I Walker, G Simpungwe, M Kelly; 12.30 L McGloin, A Jervis, J Conneely; 18.00 E McCarthy, A Arrigo, J Fay.

Readers' Rota

22nd Sat 18.00 **Reader Req**; 8.15 E Amalathes, A Yep; 9.30 A Avenia-Viney; 11.00 P Singh, A Mutanda; 12.30 E Kinnear; 18.00 E Amexo.

Recently Deceased

Geneveva (Genny) D'Souza, mother of Eric, Evan, Errol & Stephanie, died peacefully at home on 14th December. Funeral arrangements to be confirmed.