



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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Nativity of the Lord

25th December 2019

Mass Times

24th	Sat	Christmas Eve
		NO 10.00 MASS TODAY
	16.00	Children's Christmas Mass
	18.00	First Mass of Christmas
	23.15	Carol Service followed by Midnight Mass
25th	Wed	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
	08.15	
	09.30	Family Mass with Carols
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	12.30	
		NO 18.00 MASS 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	
	11.00	Solemn Mass
	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: No form signing during the school holidays

Public Rosary: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 18.45

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

Dear parishioners,

On behalf of the parish clergy, I take this opportunity to extend to all of you my Christmas prayers and Best Wishes. I would also like to thank those of you who have sent personal Christmas cards and gifts.

A lot of effort goes into preparing the Church for this special time of the year. My very special thanks go to those who dedicated their time and energy in donating the best of themselves especially those who put up and decorated our Christmas tree and crib in the Church.

To Maureen who arranges and displays our flowers throughout the year, our Church cleaners, repository ladies and to our assistant Sacristans for all you have done as preparations and commitments. Thank you very much.

The Parish Masses are always well-prepared and thought through over the Christmas period. I would like to extend my gratitude to all our parish choirs (musicians and singers) who have helped us recognise and found the beauty of Christmas through their ministry. Without you, Christmas would be a very blind and meaningless celebration indeed.

My special thanks to you our Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, to the chair of the parish council, to our parish Master of Ceremonies, Tony Peiris and all the Altar serving team, and to our Sunday Counters, to the catechists who are preparing our children and all the catechumen for the Sacraments.

The parish is a very busy place throughout the year, but much more at this time of year with different liturgical Celebrations. To put it bluntly, we, priests would be lost without the assistance of our parish secretaries, Terri, Julie, and Agnes who staff the office the whole year round and ensure times and dates go into our diaries, whilst dealing with your enquiries at the door and on the telephone. They are most deserving of my appreciations and thanks. As you know, we have retired clergy in Parish community and they also receive first class care and attention. On their behalf, I sincerely thank Lucella, David and Ewelina who remain dedicated to their care and well-being.

A parish would not be a parish without parishioners - the "living stones" which keep the Church alive. To all of you, for your commitment to your faith and to your Beloved and cherished Parish, St. Joseph, may God bless you all and give you and your families His gifts of love, unity and peace and happiness, during this Christmastide and over the year ahead.

With the assurance of my prayers.

I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2020.

Fr. Thomas Malal, SDS



GRAND CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW



Winners:

- 1st: £500 – T Maguire
- 2nd: £200 – Helen Callinan
- 3rd: Luxury Hamper – Custodio Pacheco
- 4th: Whisky – Terry Williams
- 5th: Cognac – Angela Lawrence
- 6th: Cyprus Brandy – John Smeaton
- 7th: Wine – Liz Burke
- 8th : Chocolates –A Ronen
- 9th: Biscuits – M Pinner
- 10th: Toiletries – Paul Whicker
- 11th: Toiletries – Eileen McDonnell

A big thank you to all who participated.
Winners can claim their prizes from the Parish Office.
Total Profits will be published next week.

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.

Christmas Crib

All gifts at the Crib are given to the Catholic Children's Society.

Christmas Offertory Collection

The Christmas Offertory Collection is your personal gift to the Salvatorian Fathers.
Many thanks for your kindness & generosity.

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.



First Friday Devotions

There will be confessions and Exposition at 6.15pm followed by Mass at 7pm on Friday 3rd January.

Forthcoming Dates

First Friday Devotions..... from 6.15pm 3rd January



Every good wish & blessing for Christmas

from Fathers Thomas, Frank, Fortunatus, Mario and all the Salvatorians

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Christmas Lunch in whatever way. It is much appreciated.

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.

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.

**Christmas day is a day of joy and charity.
May God make you very rich in both**

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

Form Signing

No form signing over Christmas. Resumes Monday 6th January.

The hinge of history is to be found on the door of a Bethlehem stable



Silent Night Oh Holy Night.