



# St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

*Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians*

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**6th Sunday of Easter**

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**17th May 2020**

**21st May 2020**

**I will not leave alone**



***We are never alone***

*As we begin another week within the context of Covid-19 and we move toward the end of the Easter Season, it is encouraging to know that we are never alone. The Gospel reading for this weekend is from John 14:15-21. It reminds us of Jesus' promise that he will ask the Father to give us the Spirit of Truth.*

*There is a story that when Jesus returned to heaven after his death and resurrection, the Archangel Gabriel was surprised to see him back so soon. Thirty-three years is not a long time, especially when you think about the importance and proportions of the task he had been given to do. 'Back so soon' Gabriel said to Jesus. 'Well, I would have stayed longer but they crucified me' Jesus replied. 'Oh, so they crucified you' said Gabriel. 'That means you failed.' 'Not necessarily' said Jesus. 'You see I called together a little group of disciples. They will carry on my work.' 'And what if they should fail?' asked Gabriel. 'I have no other plans' Jesus answered.*

*Jesus had preached the Gospel only to Israel. But now he commissioned the apostles to preach the Gospel to all the nations. It was a daunting task. But he promised that he will send the Holy Spirit. He also assured them that he would be with them always: 'I will be with you always; yes, to the end of time.'*

*The Ascension of Jesus is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth. During his earthly ministry he could only be in one place at a time. But now that he is united with the Father, he is present wherever God is present; and that is everywhere. That is the full meaning of the Ascension of the Lord. He is always with us.*

*Fr Thomas Malal, SDS*

### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Thank you for your continued support of St Joseph's Church, especially at this difficult time for everyone.

Your new box of envelopes is available to collect from the Presbytery office for those who can. Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon. Please check the list, take your box (and for your neighbours if possible) and then tick off the list, to say you have taken your new set.

Please note that the list has been revised and you may not receive the same numbered box as you had last time. This is, however, a purely administrative arrangement. Just take the numbered box with your name & address attached and all will be well. For the time being, contributions may be dropped at the Presbytery letterbox.

Many thanks, once again for your continued help.  
May God bless you and keep you safe.

### **Prayer for spiritual communion**

**My Jesus,  
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy  
Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You  
sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.  
Amen.**



### 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. These may be offered for intentions at £10 each. Please enquire at the Presbytery.

#### Week commencing Saturday 16th May

1. **Patrick (Paddy) Kelleher**
2. **Aileen O’Keeffe**

#### Week commencing Saturday 23rd May

1. **Gonguzca Kumram (Mother’s Day ints)**
2. **Catherine’s intentions**

### Mass Intentions

Your Priests continue to celebrate Masses, without the faithful, on a daily basis. Your Mass intentions are being offered.

### Polite Notice

Please do not leave bags of clothes on the Church premises. Unwanted items should be taken to charity shops once they reopen. Any food donations should be taken directly to one of Harrow’s Foodbanks. Many thanks.

### Baptisms

We regret that all Baptisms arranged for June will have to be postponed. We will contact families individually to re-arrange dates once it is safe to do so.

### Confirmation

Unfortunately, it will not be possible for candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in June. Please continue to prepare by studying ‘YouCat’. We will keep you updated via the newsletter.

### Safeguarding

The Bright Sky Domestic Abuse App is a free to download mobile app, launched in partnership with the Vodafone Foundation, providing support and information to anyone who may be in an abusive relationship or those concerned about someone they know.

<https://www.hestia.org/brightsky>

### Rosary Intentions

Our Lady’s Intention. Adore My Son.

### Recently Deceased

*Gerry Brothers* (husband of Philomena). Funeral: Monday 18th May at Harrow Weald Cemetery at 3pm. A memorial service will be arranged in due course.

*Barrie Pride* (Son in Law of John and Mary Flood). Funeral has taken place.

*May they rest in peace*

### YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2

**17th May 6th Sunday of Easter**

18th May: Monday: Easter feria

19th May: Tuesday: Easter feria

20th May: Wednesday: Easter feria

**21st May: The Ascension of the Lord: Solemnity**

*Anniversary of the installation of Card Vincent Nichols,*

*Archbishop of Westminster*

22nd May: Friday: Easter feria / St Rita of Cascia

23rd May: Saturday: Easter feria

**24th May: 7th Sunday of Easter**

### ~ A Prayer for Everyone:

God, Our Father,  
Creator of the world, almighty and merciful.  
Out of love for us, you sent your son into the world  
as the doctor of our souls and bodies.

Look upon your children,  
who in this difficult time of confusion and dismay  
in many regions around the world  
turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief.

Deliver us from illness and fear,  
comfort our sick and their families  
give wisdom to our rulers,  
energy and reward to our doctors,  
nurses and volunteers,  
and eternal life to those who have died.

Do not abandon us in this moment of trial,  
But deliver us from all evil.

We ask this of you who with the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
live and reign for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

Mary, Mother of Health and Hope,  
Pray for us.

*Amen*

### MASS ONLINE

#### Sunday Mass

**10.00am St Saviour’s Parish Abbots Langley**

[www.facebook.com/St-Saviours-Parish-Abbots-Langley](http://www.facebook.com/St-Saviours-Parish-Abbots-Langley)

**11:00 St. Joseph’s Church Wealdstone**

[www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone](http://www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone)

#### Weekday Mass Monday to Saturday:

**10:00 St. Joseph’s Church Wealdstone**

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### OTHER WEBSITES

There are many websites offering information and support at this time. Among them are: The Diocese of Westminster  
[www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk)

The Bishops’ Conference [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
[www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)