



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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7th Sunday of Easter



Apostles, Chartres Cathedral (1206)

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are keeping well and managing to keep your spirits up despite the dark days of the virus. I'm afraid I have some more sad news to share with you today. We are sorry to announce that Fr Fortunatus will be on the move shortly. He has been appointed Assistant Priest at our parish in Plumstead and will work with Fr Auson. Our many thanks are due to him for all the work he has done during his time here at Wealdstone. Due to the lockdown, we will not have the opportunity to make a presentation to him at the moment. However, we hope to invite him back in the future so as to have a proper farewell. We assure him of our prayers and best wishes for the future. Fr Mario (who has been here in a part-time capacity) will be Fr Fortu's successor, and work both in the parish and the Salvatorian College. We likewise offer him our support and prayers.

You have probably read or heard reports of the possibility of the churches reopening soon – possibly in early July or even sooner. However, things may not be as straightforward as you imagine. There will need to be a risk assessment of each church, with supervision at entrances and exits. Not everybody will be able to attend due to the quite limited space created by health restrictions. This means that some sort of

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regulation (possibly ticketing) will need to be sorted out. The distribution of Holy Communion will also need to be thought through and people will only be kept in church for as short a time as possible. Cleaning will need to be done on a regular basis and everyone (including children) will need to wear a mask. There will probably be a mixture of streamed services as well as "live" masses. Let's hope we don't have to put up with these restrictions for too long and we can return to some sort of normality as quickly as possible.

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.**

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

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

There are still a number of boxes of envelopes available for collection 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.



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 23rd May

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

Reopening of Churches – process

Below is an extract from the Cardinal's letter to all Priests regarding the reopening of our churches:

“The time has come for us to begin to prepare for the opening of our churches. Exactly when that opening may be is not known, but you are aware of the indicative date of 4 July and, given the current discussions, some more limited opening may be possible before then. You and I also know the thirst that our people have to return to pray before the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament even before the resumption of the celebration of the Mass.

There are many things to be attended to before that can happen as we have a duty to ensure that our churches are as free as possible of the risk of spreading the virus. While some are eager to enter the church, others are fearful. We must help people to move from seeing the church as another place of risk to one where they can find peace and sanctuary. This is a demanding and necessary service. It is indeed part of our ministry of giving witness to the Lord's ways of grace and salvation in which we put our trust. The place of sacraments in the Catholic faith is one of its great and distinguishing gifts.

Also, I ask you now to identify someone in your parish who will be able to take the lead on ensuring that, when the time comes, the church can be reopened safely and all necessary guidelines followed.

Information on further steps that will need to be taken will be available as soon as possible.

It is important that in each of these steps we work with the Government approved guidance.

This is the next step on our journey through this extraordinary time. We will make it together, with a clear sense of our duty to keep people safe and to give them the longed for opportunity to practice their faith more fully.”

Mass Intentions

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

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Cycle Year 2

24th May 7th Sunday of Easter

25th May: Monday: St Bede the Venerable

26th May: Tuesday: St Philip Neri

27th May: Wednesday: St Augustine of Canterbury

28th May: Easter Feria

29th May: Friday: Easter Feria

30th May: Saturday: Easter feria

31st May: Pentecost Sunday

Rosary Intentions

Our Lady's Intention. Adore My Son.

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>

Recently Deceased

Patrick (Paddy) George O'Neill, (husband of Christine & father of Kate Heracleous), formerly of this parish. Funeral has taken place in Rickmansworth.

May he rest in peace

MASS ONLINE

Sunday Mass

10.00am St Saviour's Parish Abbots Langley

www.facebook.com/St-Saviours-Parish-Abbots-Langley

11:00 St. Joseph's Church Wealdstone

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

The Bishops' Conference www.cbcew.org.uk

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham www.walsingham.org.uk