



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 Lent

22nd March 2020

Mass Times

21st Sat	Lent Feria
10.00	
18.00	Vigil Mass
22nd Sun	Fourth Sunday of Lent
08.15	
09.30	
11.00	Solemn Mass
12.30	
18.00	
23rd Mon	Lent Feria
07.30	
10.00	
24th Tues	St Patrick
07.30	
10.00	
25th Wed	The Annunciation of the Lord
07.30	
10.00	
26th Thurs	Lent Feria
07.30	
10.00	
27th Fri	Lent Feria
07.30	
10.00	
28th Sat	Lent Feria
10.00	
18.00	Vigil Mass
29th Sun	Fifth Sunday of Lent
08.15	
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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.

March Intentions: To love, care & share for our fellowman.

Sunday Readings: Year A **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,

Now, it is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has given us the guidance regarding the way to live out our individual and community faith during this disturbing and challenging time.

Our parish church will remain open as usual. Because the church is the focal point of prayer, where we find solace and strength. In these emergency circumstances, visiting the church will help us to stay close to Jesus our Saviour, present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Keep in mind that the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation. You are invited to be spiritually united with the priest saying the Mass in the community chapel.

The parish office is open as usual: Monday to Friday from 9am-4pm. At other times, please leave a message on the answerphone.

For this weekend, our Bishop has given a pastoral letter which you can find at the back of the church or on The Westminster Website: www.rcdow.org.

All other gatherings, such as First Holy Communion classes, Confirmation Classes, coffee mornings etc are suspended for now. Regarding First Holy Communion, would parents please continue to follow the 'I Belong' book where possible and help their children individually. Confessions and form signing will, for the foreseeable future, be only by appointment with the priest through the parish office.

Fr Thomas Malal, SDS



Mothers Sunday

Today we pray for you all, giving thanks for all you do. Of course, we think of those mothers who have gone on to heaven - may God bless you all, living and departed.

Mass Intentions

Our Priests will continue to celebrate Mass, without the faithful, on a daily basis. Your Mass intentions will continue to be said.

Reflection and Formation of Lay Ministers
Re-commissioning at Mass on Maundy Thursday (9th April at 8pm) has been cancelled.
Ministers of the Word: 23 March - postponed
Ministers of the Body and Blood of Christ
Monday 30th March has been postponed.

Open Morning at Salvatorian College

This event has been postponed until further notice.

Mass for the Sacrament of Matrimony

This event has had to be postponed until Autumn. We will update you as soon as we have more information.

First Holy Communion 2020

Following advice from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, First Reconciliation planned for Wednesday 25th March has been **postponed**. Classes have also been suspended. We will keep parents updated with regard to First Holy Communion in May. Please continue to work through the 'I Belong' book with your child.

Family Bingo & Coffee Morning

Family Bingo and the Coffee Morning planned for the weekend of 27th-29th March are cancelled.

Confirmation 2020

Confirmation Classes are currently suspended.



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 these for intentions at £10 each. Please enquire at the Repository.

1. Catherine's Intentions
2. Laura Fernandes (Thanksgiving)

Church Cleaning

Wednesday 25th March at 11.00am.

Last Week's Offertory Collection

Sunday 15th March £2,039 - for which many thanks.

Counting Group: No counting this week

Recently Deceased

Christine Thomas (The Middle Way). Funeral: Wednesday 25th March at 2.45pm at Breakspear Crematorium. *May she rest in peace.*

CORONAVIRUS

The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has agreed that the cessation of public liturgies will begin from Friday evening 20th March.

Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick will be deferred/cease until we are permitted to gather once again in public.

Funerals should take place at the graveside or at a crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the local authorities. Arrangements should be made for a Mass to be celebrated "in memoriam" when congregations are allowed to gather.

If a person is in danger of death and requires a priest, please contact the Parish Priest by telephone or email. To keep up with the latest advice, go to: <https://cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/>

MASS ONLINE

The following churches in the diocese are live streamed and can be visited online at any time using the relevant website address. Mass will be celebrated for online participation at the times listed below:

Sunday Mass

- 6.30pm (Sat.) Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate
www.churchservices.tv/newsouthgate
7.45am St Monica, Palmers Green
www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen
8.30am Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate
www.churchservices.tv/newsouthgate
9.00am St Joseph and English Martyrs, Bishops Stortford
www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford
10.00am St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Borehamwood
www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood
10.30am Holy Apostles, Pimlico
www.churchservices.tv/pimlico
11.00am Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar
www.churchservices.tv/pottersbar
12 noon St Anselm and St Cecilia, Lincoln's Inn Fields
www.churchservices.tv/lincolnsinnfields
12.30pm Holy Apostles, Pimlico (Spanish Mass)
www.churchservices.tv/pimlico

6.30pm St Thomas More, Swiss Cottage
www.churchservices.tv/swisscottage

Weekday Mass Monday to Friday:

- 7.00am St Thomas More, Swiss Cottage
www.churchservices.tv/swisscottage
9.30am St Monica, Palmers Green
www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen
10.00am Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar
www.churchservices.tv/pottersbar
6.00pm St Anselm and St Cecilia, Lincoln's Inn Fields
www.churchservices.tv/lincolnsinnfields

Saturday:

- 10.00am St Thomas More, Swiss Cottage
www.churchservices.tv/swisscottage
10.00am Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate
www.churchservices.tv/newsouthgate

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

Lent in Isolation www.lentinisolation.com

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Pastoral Letter for the Fourth Sunday in Lent (Laetare Sunday) 22 March 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

You need no words from me to state the grave seriousness of the crisis of the spread of the coronavirus around the world and throughout this country. We know the steps and the sacrifices we must take in order to play our part in slowing its spread, saving lives and enabling the NHS to continue its vital work. These things are our duty before God.

There are other vitally important aspects of this moment in our history that are less prominent in our media and conversations.

At this moment we stand before God. That is never to be forgotten. Together we turn to God in prayer, at this moment as never before.

Our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is the bedrock on which we live. Prayer is the first and loving expression of this relationship. Prayer is an acknowledgement that we are not in ultimate control of our lives or of our world. That is so clear at this time. Prayer is the recognition that our lives, individually and communally, are marked by failure and sin. Prayer is an expression of our turning to God for that grace which alone can heal us, strengthen us and give us the resolve and generosity to do all that is rightly expected of us today. Please make this a time of prayer, personally, in the family and wherever you happen to be.

The highest form of prayer is the celebration of the Holy Mass. This is at the heart of the rhythm of the life of the Church, the rhythm of prayer which sustains us all. The present crisis will not disturb that rhythm. Mass will continue to be celebrated, day by day. The prayer of the Church will continue day by day.

What will change is the manner of our participation in those celebrations of the Mass. In response to the pandemic and the official guidance, which we must follow, public participation in the celebration of the Mass is not, for now, possible. This is a sacrifice we have to make. It is not easy, for any Catholic, but it is what we must do.

I want to make it exceptionally clear that the teaching of the Church is that, in these circumstances, the obligation of attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days no longer applies. Please have no doubt about this.

This does not mean that we lose our love of the Mass or our desire to take part in the celebration of the Mass. Mass will be celebrated, day by day, in your church. There are many ways of taking part in this prayer. Associate yourself with the celebration of the Mass spiritually. Read the Scriptures of the day. Use some of the materials that are available to be close in your heart. Learn again the practice of spiritual communion. If you are helped by a visual participation in the Mass, then go to one of the websites on which that celebration is being streamed. The list of those websites is available to you.

There are many ways in which we can deepen our participation in the Mass and our life of prayer in these strange and stressful days. Indeed, they are an opportunity for us to do so.

Two other points.

Being unable to attend Mass is the experience of many, many Catholics around the world. They are deprived of the Mass through distance, or through violence, or through persecution. We can unite our experience with them and, like them, return to the Mass with fresh love and enthusiasm when, again, it is possible for us to do so, in bigger numbers than ever.

Secondly, you understand well that from our prayer, and from the prayer of the Mass, flows the love and compassion which we want to show to those around us who are in need. Jesus gives Himself entirely for us in His sacrifice, the sacrifice made present again for us in every Holy Mass. What we receive from Him we offer to others. So please do look out for every way in which you can help those in need around you. Thank you.

We know that this time of crisis is not going to be brief. We are involved in a lengthy battle. We encourage each other. We pray for each other. Together we turn to Mary for her special protection, especially on 29 March when again, in keeping with our ancient tradition, we offer ourselves and our country to her, as our gift, and seeking her protection.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, pray for us
Mary, Mother of Sorrows, pray for us
Mary, Mother of Joys, pray for us.

Amen.

Yours devotedly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross symbol at the beginning.

✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster

PS: I was given this prayer a few days ago. It touched me deeply. It is a prayer for our times.

Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me. At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer Him my service: What I am, what I have, offer as my gift. At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all. During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting Him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place. Plead with Him, that through His sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved. When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen.

We are still surrounded by the angels and by the saints who are glorifying God and protecting and assisting mankind. Why should we not make them our particular friends and allies in situations where we are touching limits that we cannot overcome?