



# St Joseph's Church

## Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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**XII Sunday in Ord Time**

**20th June 2021**



*And the wind dropped, and all was calm again*

Today's Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. It describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus' ministry.

Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boat that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. His disciples were frightened by the sudden storm. Important to mention the contrast between the disciple' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

This passage is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or "sleeping." We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not blame his disciples for waking him. Instead, he blames them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.

### Rosary

The Rosary is being prayed every weekday after the 10.00am Mass. All are most welcome to join.

### Hidden Ministries (help needed!)

*... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve. (Matthew 20:28)*

St. Joseph's is a community which I liken to a busy, vibrant restaurant. Behind the scenes there are many jobs to be done for the restaurant to run smoothly and effectively. Within our community here at St. Joseph's, there are many ministries, including teaching, caring, parenting, cleaning, gardening, stewarding, ... Some of us choose our ministry, led by the Holy Spirit, others are chosen by their ministry! **A major task where much help is needed now is the cleaning and maintenance of our beautiful church. Cleaning takes place every Wednesday after the 10.00am Mass.** We need as many volunteers as we can get to join this hidden, but wonderful ministry: men, women, young and mature. All are welcome, however much time or however regularly you can commit, make yourself known to the Parish team at the office. In the spirit of words from our own St. Joseph's prayer "...respond to the design of God the Father with total availability."

(Cleaning Team)

### YOUR MASSES

#### Cycle of Readings Year B; Weekday Cycle Year 1

- Monday: **No Public Mass**
- Tuesday: **St John Fisher & St Thomas More, Martyrs 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass**
- Wednesday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Thursday: **The Nativity of St John The Baptist 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass**
- Friday: 7:30 & 10:00: Public Mass
- Saturday: **10.00am & 6pm: Public Mass**
- Sunday: **13th Sunday OT: 8:15; 11:00; 12:45**
- Both Saturday Masses count for a Sunday Mass**

Below is the link (live streamed mass) to St. Joseph Church's Facebook page. You do not need a Facebook account to access:

<https://www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone/>

## Day for Life - Sunday 20th June 2021

The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In the UK alone, more than 126,000 people have died from Covid-19. Each of these lives is precious and every life matters. Behind each statistic there is a person, with a family, with friends, with a story, with a life of infinite value and worth. Each death has rightly been mourned as a tragedy. This tragedy has been further compounded by the inability to be physically present with loved ones at the end of their life, due to the restrictions of the pandemic. The pain of this separation and the preciousness of a loved one's final moments has been keenly felt by many. Yet against this bleak backdrop of suffering and separation, we have witnessed the extraordinary dedication of healthcare professionals and their loving care for the sick and dying. Their presence at the side of a dying loved one has been a source of comfort and consolation for many grieving families. As a nation, we have celebrated the care and commitment of those on the front lines during this pandemic. We too have each played a part in tackling this pandemic through our collective effort and sacrifice to 'stay home and save lives.' These acts of heroic love are a powerful testimony to the fundamental dignity of the human person and to the respect owed to each life, particularly through proper care and love in the last moments of life. However, once again, this gift of life in all its beauty and fragility now faces a profound challenge through attempts to legalise 'assisted suicide.' That legislation which proposes hastening death is now being seriously contemplated, is deeply alarming following a year of pandemic which has caused the untimely deaths of millions around the world. Assisted suicide, as Pope Francis reminds us, is a 'false compassion' and its remedy is one of true compassion, a patient 'suffering with' the vulnerable, sick and dying. A 'true compassion', he says, is 'the just response to the immense value of the sick person.' This is a compassion which finds expression in treating the dying person with love, with dignity and by making use of appropriate palliative care. Life is a gift to be valued until its last breath and countless people have witnessed to this holistic vision of dying, encompassing the relational, spiritual, emotional and physical dimensions of a person and their family. We ask all Catholics to pray for a culture where life, in all its vulnerability, is cherished and to work to promote authentic compassion in the treatment of those who are sick or dying.

### Pope's Intention for June

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

### Rosary intentions for June

For Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life



### 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.

1. Joe Sullivan+(4<sup>th</sup> anni) 2. St Joseph's Priests

## Punctuality When Attending Mass

As the Covid restrictions continue to ease it is great to see a gradual increase in the number of parishioners attending Mass and to see familiar faces in and around the Church. **Please aim to arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins to allow the Stewards to seat you safely.** Often there is a short reflection given by the celebrant at the start of Mass which can set the theme of the Mass or give a thought of the day. Late arrivals can cause disruption in the Church and makes stewarding more of a challenge. Thank you.

### Saturday 10:00 Mass

From Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, the 10:00am Mass will no longer account for a Sunday Mass.



### Father's Day Prayer

*Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work*

*they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.*

**Amen** (author unknown)

### From the Registers...

*Louella Cheuk-Chi Tse  
& Bitania Zeregherghis*

*Were baptised on Saturday 19th June.*

**May the Lord bless them with His Love**

### St Joe's Retreat Day

Join us for a 'Rebuild' retreat at the SPEC Centre in Pinner on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 11am-3pm. Mass included.

### Recently Deceased

*Thomas Reilly* (husband of Helen). Funeral: Tuesday 29th June at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

*Michael Steves* (brother-in-law of Errol Jones). Funeral to take place in Brisbane, Australia

*May they rest in peace*

### Readers & Ministers of Holy Communion

As announced at the beginning of June, from next weekend we are restarting the rota system. Please add your name to the charts by the Sacristy Corridor if you wish to read or help with Holy Communion.

### Covid-19

See notice board for current guidelines and restrictions