



St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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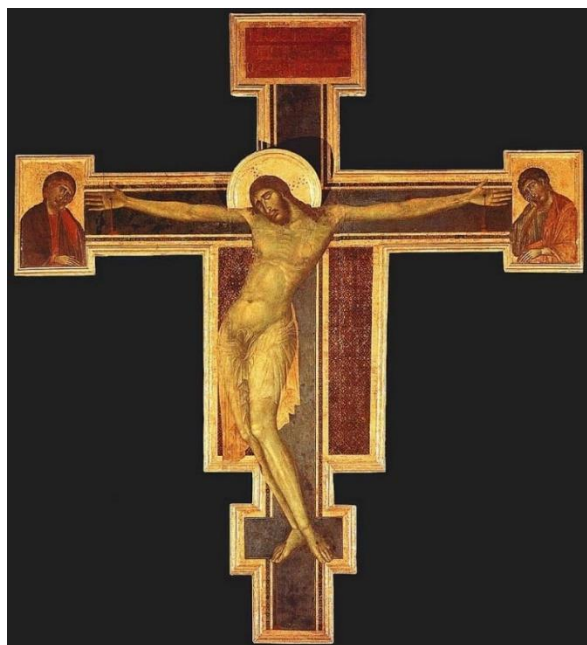
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XV Sunday in Ordinary Time

11th July 2021



Touch Wood

'Touch wood' is a saying which has remained very popular down through the ages. It goes back to the Middle Ages and originated, of course, from the practice of touching the wood of the Cross, the most prized relic of all.

Many a Catholic would venerate a relic of the Cross before beginning a journey or undertaking a hazardous task or whenever they encountered a severe danger such as the plague. If they couldn't touch an actual relic of the Cross then any small crucifix would do, such as those attached to a rosary which many people would carry with them.

Today most people are satisfied with touching any piece wood as a substitute and, being ignorant of its spiritual origins, they regard it as a superstition which might help them to avoid something bad happening.

There is another tradition that the wood of the Cross came from the aspen tree, and it is said that this explains why the aspen always trembles.

Rosary

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

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when we are invited to remember all those who live and work at sea. Seafarers are commonly recruited from poor countries where wages are low. They work in extremely difficult and often dangerous conditions and they suffer from loneliness, spiritual deprivation and even exploitation as they transport the goods we use and consume every day.



A high proportion of seafarers are Catholics and the Church owes them and other seafarers a duty of pastoral care. The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church in Great Britain. It reaches out to seafarers that visit our ports each year, offering pastoral and practical support. The AoS is wholly dependent on voluntary donations, receiving no funding from either the Church or the government; it takes the love of Christ to seafarers in the name of the Church, recognising them as our brothers and sisters in need.

Envelopes are at the back of the church or you can visit: www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk if you wish to make a donation.

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year B; Weekday Cycle Year 1

- Monday: **No Public Mass**
- Tuesday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Wednesday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Thursday: **St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor**
7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Friday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Saturday: 10.00am: Public Mass
- Saturday: 6pm: Vigil Mass of 15th Sunday OT**
- Sunday: 16th Sunday OT: 8:15; 11:00; 12:45**

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/>

Water for Kalamba

Thank you for all your generous donations so far. The people of Kalamba are still in great need for clean water and your support is much appreciated. You can help by supporting our appeal and enabling us to reach out to more families and communities in desperate need of help.

Please donate to Society of the Divine Saviour Mission (Acc. 20327833 SC 16-24-06), 191 High Rd, Harrow, HA3 5EE with as reference "Water for Kalamba." Thank you very much.

Father Thomas is away during the month of July for a break and to assist Father Richard with the Clean Water for Kalamba Project.

Pope's Intention for July

Let us pray that, in social, economic, and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

Rosary intentions for July

To pray for people to return to God's House for Holy Mass.



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. **Josephine (Jo) McGuire (30th anni & b/day)**
2. **Bak family intentions**

From the Registers...

*Gamaralalage Apsara Eranika Gamage
& Brayden Enosh Perera*

Who were baptised on Saturday 10th July.

May the Lord bless them with His Love

Plant Sale



Cheryl Wharton will be holding a Plant Sale on Sunday 25th July starting before the 11.00am Mass and finishing after the 12.45pm Mass. Money raised will be given to the Kalamba Water Project.

Donations of plants would be most welcome. Enquiries can be made via the Parish Office.

Family Day & Concert

We are planning a Family Day, including a BBQ and children's entertainment, followed by a Concert in the Salvatorian College on **Sunday 5th September**. Please keep the date free! More details to follow.

Weddings

Couples intending to marry at St Joseph's (or elsewhere) should normally give at least six months' notice of their intention to do so. This is to provide adequate time for preparations to be made.

Parish Office

Due to staff holidays the Parish Office will only be open on Wednesdays, 9am – 12 noon and Fridays, 9am – 4pm. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Punctuality When Attending Mass

Please aim to *arrive 15 minutes* before Mass begins to allow the Stewards to seat you safely.

Mass Intentions

Please post your Mass Intentions through the Presbytery letterbox (191 High Road). There may be a delay to your intention being said if the envelope is left in the weekly collection box at the back of the church.

Church Cleaning

Our Church is cleaned every Wednesday after the 10.00am Mass. Please consider joining our team of volunteers. Many hands make light work!

Readers & Ministers of Holy Communion

Please add your name to the charts by the Sacristy Corridor if you wish to read or help with Holy Communion.

Covid-19 Protocol

Please follow directions from the stewards when inside the Church & use the available hand sanitiser at entry and at exit. All adults must wear a face mask when in church & everyone must ensure they are maintaining social distancing. Do not come to church if you are feeling unwell or showing symptoms of Covid-19 - Stay at home. Please take your Mass Sheet & Bulletin home.

The Wish Centre

Students from Form 9S at the Sacred Heart Language College are looking to raise awareness of this vital local charity that supports children's mental health. Please see notice board for details. If you would like to make a donation please go to: gofund.me/fef05958. Thank you.

Electrical Works at St Joseph's

This coming week will see some work on the replacement of light bulbs in the Church. This should take place after the 10am Mass, and so cause little disruption to those attending Mass, or saying the Rosary afterwards.

Recently Deceased

Frances (Mary) Loftus (wife of Jim). Funeral: Monday 19th July at 11.00am followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery.

Hermine Deeley (Harrow). Funeral: Tuesday 20th July at Breakspear Crematorium at 1.30pm.

Jim Whelan. Funeral: Our Lady & St Michael's, Garston on Wed 21st July at 1pm. No flowers please. Donations via www.ginder.co.uk (James Whelan).

May they rest in peace.