



St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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II Sunday of Advent

5th December 2021



As the years pass, we might be tempted to reflect that, while we hear the call to prepare well every Advent, nothing much seems to change either in our own lives or in the family or in the Church or in the world at large.

But if we do think like that, we would be wrong. The first coming of Jesus did radically change the course of human history. John's proclamation of a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins paved the way for Jesus to minister his Father's compassion to us in a way far beyond our imagining. Nothing can ever be the same again, whether we have taken this fact on board yet or not.

The faith of the Church is that everything is moving towards the fulfilment of God's plan and that in due time the Lord will come again in glory. This is the very much part of the Advent message: we look back and celebrate the coming of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem and at the same time we look forward to his coming again in glory. So, there is a lot to prepare for.

Resuming Monday Masses

Masses on Monday morning have now been resumed. Please note, there is no longer Mass at 6pm on Sunday.

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year C; Weekday Cycle Year 2

- Monday: **St Nicolas, Bishop & Doctor**
7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Tuesday: **St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor**
7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Wednesday: **Immaculate Conception of the BVM**
Foundation of the Salvatorian Order
7:30, 10.00 & 12 noon: Public Mass
- Thursday: 7:30 & 10:00: Public Mass
- Friday: **Bl Virgin Mary of Loreto**
7:30 & 10:00: Public Mass
- Saturday: **St Damasus I, Pope**
10.00am: Public Mass
- Saturday: 6pm: Vigil Mass**
- Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent: 8:15; 9:30; 11:00; 12:30.**

In line with the advice from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, our Sunday obligation returns from the First Sunday of Advent. Therefore, we have suspended live-streamed masses.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion 2022 Attendance Cards

All young parishioners who have enrolled for these Sacraments must bring their Attendance Card to Mass each week for the priest to sign. Weekly attendance at Mass is essential if you wish to make your Sacrament. Confirmation candidates can collect their attendance cards from the priest after Mass.

Parish Council

We will be holding the first Parish Council meeting since the pandemic began on **Thursday 16th December at 7pm in the Salvatorian College.** Access will be through the main entrance. All most welcome to attend.

8th December

Each year the Salvatorians remember the Foundation Day of the Order by Blessed Francis Jordan who was beatified on the 15th of May 2021 in Rome. We will celebrate the Feast here at St Joseph's, with Mass at 12 noon, with Lay Salvatorians and the Board of Governors of the Salvatorian College. Fr Richard, Provincial Superior, will preside. All Salvatorian priests present will renew their vows. You are welcome to attend.

Confirmation 2022



Can anyone applying for Confirmation in 2022, please submit their Registration Forms (including the £40 registration fee) to the Presbytery Office (or post through letterbox) by **Wednesday 8th December**.

Honouring Sunday

In a statement from the Bishops' Conference, Bishop John Sherrington tells us that the Sunday Eucharist is a gift; as God's holy people we are called to praise and thank God in the most sublime way possible. This is why Sunday Mass is the very heartbeat of the Church and of our personal life of faith.

Carols by Candlelight

The Salvatorian College Carol Service will take place at 5pm on Thursday 16 December. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend to hear the Christmas Story, read and performed by the pupils and staff of the College. Admission is by ticket only (free) which can be reserved online: bit.ly/salvochristmas or by calling 020 8863 2706.

Pope's Intention for December

We pray for catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Rosary intention for December

To pray for Peace, Love and Reconciliation for Families. Rosary & Divine Mercy, Tuesday & Thursday at 6.45pm.



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. **Thomas Liam Moore+** 2. **Baby Moore+**

Need for readers

We would very much appreciate some more volunteers to read on a regular basis at the Sunday Masses. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to the Parish clergy or simply put your name on the rota which is on the notice board by the Sacristy Corridor.



Christmas Hampers Project

Last Christmas our parish was able to support nearly 100 individuals and families as a result of our Christmas Hamper project. Once again, our schools are helping us to identify families in need. We would also be grateful if parishioners could let us know of anyone who might need some extra support this Christmas. Please forward their name & details to the Parish Office, using the forms at the back of the church, or email: office@catholicwealdstone.org. Details of items required will be shared with you shortly.



Last week's Family Bingo raised an amazing £370! Thank you for all your support. Our next Bingo will be on Friday 17th December at 7.30pm for 8pm start, in the Parish Hall. Donations of unwanted gifts for prizes would be most appreciated.

Coffee Morning

Thank you for joining us at last Sunday's coffee morning, which raised £189. The next coffee morning will be on Sunday 19th December in the Parish Hall.

Repository

Christmas Cards, Calendars and gifts are on sale in the Repository now.

St Teresa's PFA – Christmas Extravaganza & Raffle

Tickets for the above event and raffle will be on sale outside the Church for the next 2 weeks. See notice board for details. Proceeds will be split between St Teresa's School and the Church.

Recently Deceased

Alan Gerrard (formerly of Drummond Drive, Stanmore). Funeral: Friday 10th December at 10am followed by burial in Harrow Weald Cemetery.

Vicky Donaghey (daughter of Art & Kate Donaghey & sister of Brian & Tara Donaghey & Karina Nagle). Funeral: Tuesday 14th December at 10.00am followed by Cremation at West Herts Crematorium.

Sylma Van-Loo (Luton). Funeral: Tuesday 14th December at 1pm at Northwood Cemetery.

Martin Moniz (husband of Martha and father of Alyssa). Funeral: Thursday 16th December at 10.00am followed by burial at Carpender's Park.

Thomas McConnon (father of Ann-Marie). Funeral: Friday 17th December at 10.00am followed by burial at Harrow Weald Cemetery.

Sonny Cory Joseph Brinnard-Bartlett (son of Jason & Corinne Bartlett). Funeral: Thursday 9th Dec at 12.00 noon at St Mary's Church, Hemel Hempstead.

May they rest in peace.