



St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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III Sunday of Advent

12th December 2021



This Sunday is known as *Gaudete Sunday*. The term *Gaudete* refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". We also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

It is the Shepherds' candle, reminding that God sent the angels to proclaim his arrival to common man and that he still uses ordinary people today to spread the good news of Christ.

The third Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare in our hearts a sense of holy anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus as well as for his second coming.

The Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us. Our great joy is to see the day when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead us into His kingdom.

Over this Advent, let us pray that the *joy of the Lord* would be evident in our heart and home. May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we joyfully await the opportunity to celebrate the arrival of our King and Saviour.

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.

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year C; Weekday Cycle Year 2

- Monday: **St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr**
7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Tuesday: **St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor**
7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Wednesday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Thursday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Friday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
- Saturday: 10.00am: Public Mass
- Saturday: 6pm: Vigil Mass**
- Sunday: 4th 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.

Confessions

Saturday: 10.30am – 11.00am and 5.15pm – 5.45pm.
First Friday: 5.15pm – 5.45pm.



Penitential Liturgy & Confessions Tuesday 21st December at 7pm

St Joseph's Christmas Services

Cards with a list of our Christmas Services are available at the back of the Church. Please take one home.

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.

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.

Salvatorian College Volunteers

Salvatorian College has 40 pupils on the Duke of Edinburgh programme who are looking to gain volunteering experience as part of their qualification. If you work with, or know of, any local organisations who could benefit from volunteers, please contact the school via admin@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk or by calling 020 8863 2706. Thank you.

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. **Anne Kelly+(birthday)**
2. **Mary Sullivan (birthday)**

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.

Appeal for Holly

The church will be decorated for Christmas w/c 20th December. If you have any spare holly (with berries or variegated), please leave it in the church porch on Sunday 19th December. Please cut to a manageable size. Thank you.



Christmas Hampers Project

We are making good progress with our Christmas Hampers Project. We now have a list of people and families who are in need, thanks to suggestions from parishioners and our schools. A list of items required to fill the hampers is on the notice board on the right hand side of the Altar. Please write your name beside the item(s) you wish to donate. Donations can be brought to the Presbytery this week. Hampers will be put together next weekend (18th/19th December). Many thanks for your kind generosity. A huge thank you to the staff and students at the Sacred Heart Language College for their support. **Help with this project would be gratefully appreciated. To volunteer, please call Patricia on 07543 607276. God Bless you all.**



Our next Family Bingo will be this Friday 17th December at 7.30pm for 8pm start, in the Parish Hall. Donations for prizes would be most appreciated.

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning after all Masses **next Sunday 19th December** in the Parish Hall.

Repository

Christmas Cards, Calendars & gifts are on sale now.

Big Christmas Clean Up

The Church will be cleaned for Christmas on Friday 24th December after the 10.00am Mass. All most welcome. Many hands make light work!

St Teresa's PFA – Christmas Extravaganza & Raffle

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

Recently Deceased

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 Carpenter's Park.

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

John Mangan (brother of Geraldine Breen) died in Palmers Green. Funeral to be arranged.

May they rest in peace