



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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IV Sunday of Advent

19th December 2021



On this the last Sunday before Christmas, the Gospel prepares us to witness Christ's birth by sharing our faith with others.

The Gospel recalls Mary's actions after the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation.

The two women joyfully shared their faith together. A great deal is said today about spreading the faith, "new evangelisation".

That is how the church began, how the Gospel was first preached and how it spread throughout the world. People couldn't keep it to themselves: good news has to be shared. There are a lot of ways to do it: singing carols round the streets and collecting for good causes; sending Christmas cards of the nativity; having nativity plays; inviting someone to come with you at Christmas Mass. Through such simple ways people can come to recognise that what we are celebrating is the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

Parish Council

We apologise that the Parish Council was cancelled at short notice. We will reschedule the meeting in the new year. This decision was taken after the Salvatorian College cancelled the Carol Service due to Covid concerns.

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year C; Weekday Cycle Year 2

Monday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass

Tuesday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass

Wednesday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass

Thursday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass

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**

With Thanks

We are very grateful to all who help and contribute to the life of the parish and to the various groups within the Parish who continue to support and help us. We wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

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 organizations 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. **Canice Rafferty+(2nd anniv)**
2. **Amanda Commins+ Rita & Jack Williams (wedding anniv)**

Christmas Celebration

Fr Thomas, Fr Frank, Fr Mario, Fr Noel, Fr Peter, wish everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.



Christmas Masses

Friday December 24th Christmas Eve

4:30pm: Christmas Eve for Families

6:00pm: Christmas Eve for all

11:30pm: Carol Service followed by Solemn Christmas Midnight Mass

Saturday December 25th Christmas Day

8:15; 9:30; 11:00 & 12:30: Mass

Sunday December 26th Holy Family

8:15; 9:30; 11:00 & 12:30: Mass

Monday December 27th

10:00 Mass for St Stephen's Guild for Altar Servers

Tuesday Dec 28th to Friday Dec 31st

only 10:00 Public Mass

Saturday January 1st New Year

10:00 & 6pm Mass

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 this Sunday 19th December. Please cut to a manageable size. Thank you.



Christmas Hampers Project

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 this weekend (18th/19th Dec). Many thanks for your kind generosity. **Help with this project would be gratefully appreciated. To volunteer, please call Patricia on 07543 607276. God Bless you all.**

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning after all Masses **this Sunday 19th December** in the Parish Hall. You are most welcome!

Attendance at Holy Masses over Christmas

With the daily news about the Omicron variant, there is much discussion and concern about its further spread. With respect to the current situation, it is important to ensure the following points are followed:

- If you are displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 you should stay at home.
- Use hand sanitiser when entering & exiting Church.
- Face masks must be worn (covering both nose and mouth) whilst in Church.
- We would prefer if you didn't stand throughout Mass.

Please be mindful of your safety and the safety of others.

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!

Recently Deceased

Agnes Heaney (formally of Cypress Road, Harrow Weald) passed away peacefully in New Zealand surrounded by her family.

Hughie McHugh died in Ireland. Funeral has taken place at Donegal.

Angela Conlon (Aunt of Maria Clyne) died in Ireland. Funeral has taken place.

John Molloy (brother of Patsy O'Connor). Funeral has taken place.

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

May they rest in peace