



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

14th March 2021



“Dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus house”

The fourth Sunday of Lent is also called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means “rejoice.” Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today’s Gospel consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus’ reply to Nicodemus. He acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus told him that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between them that followed was about the meaning of this sentence. The 2nd part of today’s Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus’ words to Nicodemus. The reflection is on a number of themes: light and darkness, belief and unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives.

Mothering Sunday



Today we pray for you all, giving thanks for all you do. Of course, we think of those mothers who have gone on to heaven - may God bless you all, living and departed.

St Patrick & St Joseph

We have two Major feast days this week—**St Patrick** on Wednesday and **St Joseph (Patron of the Diocese & Patron of our Parish)** on Friday. Masses will be at 7:30 & 10:00 as usual on both days. We are now in the year of St Joseph which concludes on 8th December.

Cardinal’s Lenten Appeal

Please support the Cardinal’s Lenten Appeal. Our donations will assist various areas of diocesan life: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, Caritas Westminster and the Education Service. Many thanks.

YOUR MASSES

Sunday Readings Year B: Weekday Lenten Season

Monday: **No Public Mass**
Tuesday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
Wednesday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass (St Patrick)
Thursday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass
Friday: 7:30 & 10:00: Public Mass (St Joseph)
Saturday: 10.00am & 6pm: Public Mass
Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent (8:15; 11:00; 12:45)
Both Saturday Masses count for a Sunday Mass

Here is the link to St. Joseph Church's Facebook page, you do not need a Facebook login to access: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone/>

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.

- 1. Christopher D’Souza+(1st anni)**
- 2. St Joseph’s (ints)**

Novena Prayer to St Joseph

Ever glorious St Joseph, good and faithful servant, God was pleased to place his own family in your care. We thank you for being such a wonderful example of humility and faith, of prayerfulness and courage, in your ordinary daily life.

Through your intercession, may God grant us the blessing of living continually in his presence, and responding to his love in our daily lives. And when we have lived our days on earth, may God give us the great joy he gave you – that of entering eternal life in the company of Jesus and Mary. Most Loving St. Joseph, accept our Novena prayers and obtain for us through your powerful intercession, the favours and graces we ask for in this Novena.

Pause to call to mind your special intention...

St Joseph, Pray For us.

Add: Our Father..., Hail Mary..., and Glory be to the Father..., Amen.

Your Lenten gift will transform lives

Water for Kalamba, Water for Lent

During these challenging times, your donation to Salvatorian Mission Office's Lent Appeal is needed more than ever. With your donations to the Salvatorian Mission Office's Lent Appeal we can reach out to one particular village, Kalamba in DR Congo around the world to help them thrive even in the most difficult environments. Kalamba has about 12,000 inhabitants who still rely on rainwater and unclean water from springs and rivers. Yet they still have to walk long distances to get it. Through this Lenten Appeal, we are aiming to raise funds for around £25,000.00 for the first well. In normal circumstances it would cost around £12,000.00 to dig one well. However, Kalamba is far from the main city with very poor road infrastructure. Rising costs are mainly down to the difficult transportation of the huge drilling machinery to Kalamba. Once we have machinery in the vicinity, costs will be far less to dig subsequent wells. Will you help the people in Kalamba?

A gift this Lent is a lifeline to people in Kalamba. You can help by [supporting our Lent 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 and have a fruitful Lent.

Pope's Intention for March

We pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Rosary Intention for March

Let us pray for vocations for the priesthood and religious life. Let us kneel and pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Water Damage in Choir Loft (Update)

Firstly, and as always, I would like to thank you once again for your outstanding generosity towards this project. The figure we have now reached is £5,365 which is fabulous and edges us ever close to the target of £9,000. **If you are a UK Taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your donation, please contact the Parish Office.** I am pleased to announce that the work has begun and it is anticipated that it will be completed during this coming week. We are very grateful to the contractors for carrying out the work with a minimum of disruption to the church. Once again thank you for your continued support with this project.

Train to Teach at Salvatorian College

This route allows you to learn 'on the job' while you train towards Qualified Teacher Status (QTS). If you hold an undergraduate degree, and are interested to learn more, please send a brief CV to recruitment@salvatorian.harrow.sch.uk. For more information see getintoteaching.education.gov.uk.

Every Sunday during Lent

**Stations of the Cross will be
live streamed at 4pm**

**For your safety no parishioners will be
allowed to attend, this is an 'online'
service only.**

First Holy Communion

Thank you to all the children who attended last Thursday's class with their parents. The next session will be on Thursday 18th March at 6pm. Please ensure that you complete chapters 6 & 7 of your 'I Belong' Book in time for next week's lesson. We look forward to seeing you at Mass at the weekend. **Please note full attendance for the whole session is required if your child is to make their FHC in May.**

Confirmation

Thank you to everyone for attending our first session last week. We look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 18th March at 6pm, for Session 2. A Zoom link will be sent to your email addresses. Please see our website for information, www.catholicwealdstone.org or email Paula Donnelly: poilinnidhonnaile@gmail.com

Recently Deceased

Greene Simpungwe (father of Gertrude Simpungwe). Funeral: Tuesday 16th March at 11.30am followed by burial at Hendon Cemetery.

Denis McDaid (husband of Ann). Funeral: Wednesday 17th March at 11.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear.

Ruby Cahillane (mother of Collette & sister-in-law of Paula, Annette, Dee & Estelle Funeral to take place in Luton.

Mary Monaghan (mother of Mary Conroy) died in Ireland.

May they rest in peace