



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30th July 2023



Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Year I

- Monday: **St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest**
7.30 & 10.00: Mass
- Tuesday: **St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Dr**
7.30 & 10.00: Mass
- Wednesday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass
- Thursday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass
- Friday: **St John Vianney, Priest (1st Friday)**
7.30, 10.00 & 7pm: Mass
- Saturday: 10:00: Mass
6pm: Vigil Mass
- Sunday: **The Transfiguration of the Lord**
8.15; 9.30; 11.00 & 12.30.

Livestreaming link:

<https://youtube.com/@stjosephsharrow>

Together to Sturry!

A Parish trip to Sturry (**Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions**) has been arranged for Saturday 23rd September. Details to follow.

Kisiju Mission Introduction

by Father Patrick Keaney

Saturday 29th July after the 6pm Mass, and after all Masses today, Sunday 30th July in the Parish Hall.

After 40 years as a priest in Tanzania, this will be an opportunity to see how Father Patrick, working together with the Salvatorian Sisters, is changing lives through training workers to build a hospital, maternity ward, kindergarten, primary school and church. He will share pictures and stories of the mission. Meet Father Patrick for tea, coffee and refreshments after the talk.



Altar Linen Cleaning Rota

We are trying to organize a rota of people to wash the cloths used by the priest during Mass. If you would be interested in helping out (say once a month or so), please contact Jo on: 07811 344400.

Young Readers

The Young Readers Course will begin in September on **Saturday 2nd & 9th, Sunday 17th and Saturday 23rd September (please note change of date) from 4.30 – 5.30pm**. Meetings will take place in the Catechists' Office and the Church. Any young parishioners who would like to read during Mass are most welcome to attend these sessions – call the Parish Office to register: 020 8427 1955.



First Friday Devotions

Friday 4th August: Adoration (6.15pm – 6.45pm) with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass at 7pm

From the Registers...

Mason River Masterson

who was baptised on Saturday 29th July
May the Lord bless him with His Love

RCIA

If anyone is thinking of becoming a Catholic, please let us know as we are planning to run an RCIA Course in the Autumn.



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

2 lamps constantly burn before the tabernacle to indicate the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The candles burn for 7 days - Sat to Sat. These may be offered for intentions at £10 each. Enquire at the Presbytery.

1. Margaret Torpey (birthday)
2. Thanksgiving

Pope's Intention for August

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Rosary intention for August

For love and reconciliation in families.

Coffee Morning in Support of Turkey & Syria

The Coffee Morning in support of those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey & Syria held in April raised an incredible £950. This money has now been sent to the British Red Cross. A huge thank you to everyone who supported this cause.

Pilates with Mary

In St Joseph's Parish Hall, on Wednesdays: 10.15-11am. For info email: marycoconnor15@gmail.com.



International Mass & Family Day

Our Events Team are planning another Family Day on **Sunday 10th September**. Mass at 12.30pm will be multilingual to celebrate our wonderfully diverse parish, with food from around the world and games from 1pm in the Salvatorian College, followed by a concert at 4pm. If you would like to contribute, please contact the Parish Office on: 020 8427 1955. Please take a flyer from the back of the church.

Form Signing

During the school holidays, the usual times for form signing are suspended. In an emergency, please speak to the priest after one of the weekday Masses.

Offertory Collection: 23rd July £1,710. Many thanks

Planned Giving

Please consider joining one of our Planned Giving Schemes either by using weekly envelopes or setting up a Direct Debit payment. **If you are a UK Taxpayer and wish to Gift Aid your donation, please contact the Parish Office. Your support is both needed and appreciated.**

Recently Deceased

Joseph Olaniyi Efunshile (Bicester). Funeral: Friday 11th August at 10.00am followed by burial at Carpenders Park Cemetery.

Patrick Joe McHale (husband of Ethna). Funeral: Monday 14th August at 10.00am followed by burial at Carpenders Park Cemetery.

Moira Humphrey (sister of Cheryl Wharton) died in Cornwall. Funeral to be arranged.

Sybil Fernando (sister of Chandi Parekh) died in Sri Lanka.

Eileen Power (late of St Joseph's parish) Funeral: Sacred Heart Church, Bushey, on Monday 7th August at 10.00am.

Colin MacIntosh (brother of Catriona Horne) died in Scotland. Funeral: Tuesday 1st August in Glasgow.

May they rest in peace.

Ministers of Communion Rota

30th Sat 18.00 Carol 8.15 **Minister Req** 9.30 J Donohue 11.00 **Minister Req** 12.30 G Simpungwe **6th Sat** 18.00 Albertina 8.15 **Minister Req** 9.30 **Minister Req** 11.00 Pam Singh 12.30 G Simpungwe.

Readers' Rota

30th Sat 18.00 Albertina, Sr Catherine 8.15 E Arjune, M Nwamadi 9.30 **Reader Req** 11.00 Pam Singh 12.30 Christine, Eileen Kinnear. **6th Sat** 18.00 (Fay) Albertina, Sr Vui 8.15 E Arjune, S Padden 9.30 **Reader Req** 11.00 **Reader Req** 12.30 **Reader Req**.