



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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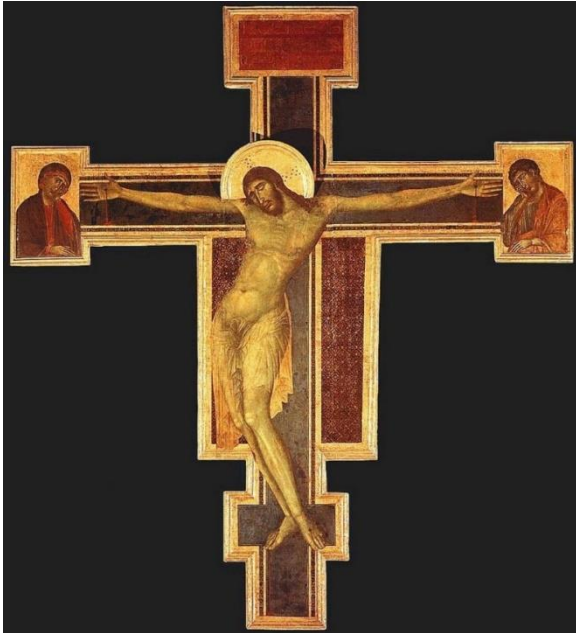
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Nineteenth & Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th & 20th August 2023



Crucifix, Cimabue 1287-88

Touch Wood

'Touch wood' is a saying which has remained very popular down through the ages. It goes back to the Middle Ages and originated, of course, from the practice of touching the wood of the Cross, the most prized relic of all.

Many a Catholic would venerate a relic of the Cross before beginning a journey or undertaking a hazardous task or whenever they encountered a severe danger such as the plague. If they couldn't touch an actual relic of the Cross then any small crucifix would do, such as those attached to a rosary which many people would carry with them.

Today most people are satisfied with touching any piece of wood as a substitute and, being ignorant of its spiritual origins, they regard it as a superstition which might help them to avoid something bad happening.

There is another tradition that the wood of the Cross came from the aspen tree, and it is said that this explains why the aspen always trembles.

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Year I

Monday: **St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest**

7.30: Mass

10.00: Funeral

Tuesday: **The Assumption of the BVM**

Holy Day of Obligation

7.30, 10.00 & 7pm: Mass

Wednesday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Thursday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Friday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Saturday: 10:00: Mass

6pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.15; 9.30; 11.00 & 12.30.

Monday: **St Pius X, Pope**

7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Tuesday: **The Queenship of the BVM**

7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Wednesday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Thursday: **St Bartholomew, Apostle**

7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Friday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Saturday: 10:00: Mass

6pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.15; 9.30; 11.00 & 12.30.

Livestreaming link:

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

Father Patrick Keaney: Kisiju Mission

An incredible £1,800 was raised following Father Patrick's presentation and the coffee morning held by Concepta Keaney and her team. Concepta would like to thank everyone for their generosity and for all the help received during her 40 years of holding fundraising coffee mornings. May we continue to support this wonderful Mission.

Form Signing

In an emergency, please speak to the priest after one of the weekday Masses.

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.

Together to Sturry!

A Parish trip to Sturry (**Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions**) has been arranged for Saturday 23rd September. A 'sign up' sheet will be available soon.

RCIA

We plan to hold an RCIA course in the Autumn. If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic, please contact the parish office for more information.

From the Registers...

*Cinderella Sequeira & Demetrius Crasto
who were married on Saturday 12th August
& Oliver Carlsson & Cian Nunn
who were baptised on Saturday 12th August
& Jasmine Arowojolu & Faviola Barretto
Who will be baptised on Sat 19th August
May the Lord bless them with His Love*

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.



Week commencing 12th August

1. Thanksgiving
2. Private Ints

Week commencing 19th August

1. Private Intentions
2. Alec Moody+

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.



International Mass & Family Day Sunday 10th September: 1pm-6pm

Mass at 12.30pm will include multilingual prayers and readings to celebrate our wonderfully diverse parish. Food from around the world and games start at 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. **In particular, we need donations of gifts for raffle prizes or tombola prizes.** Please take a flyer from the back of the church.

200 Club July Winners

1st Prize, £250 Teresa Drew
2nd Prize, £100 Caroline Carey
3rd Prize, £50 John Lynch
4th Prize, £50 Joanne Kind
5th Prize, £50 Mark Fletcher

Congratulations to all our winners!

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.**

Offertory Collection: 6th Aug £1,545. Many thanks

Recently Deceased

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

Catherine Fennelly (mother of John). Funeral: Monday 21st August at 2.30pm at Breakspear Crematorium.

Maria Bellamina Rodrigues (mother of Lourdes Flora Inacinha). Funeral to be arranged.

May they rest in peace.

Ministers of Communion Rota

13th Sat 18.00 Albertina 8.15 **Minister Req** 9.30 **Minister Req** 11.00 Maurice Correa 12.30 Julie Conneely. 20th Sat 18.00 **Minister Req** 8.15 **Minister Req** 9.30 **Minister Req** 11.00 **Minister Req** 12.30 **Minister Req**

Readers' Rota

13th Sat 18.00 (Fay) Eileen 8.15 E Arjune, Sharon Padden 9.30 **Reader Req** 11.00 F Ejjiofor 12.30 Liz Dennehy. 20th Sat 18.00 **Reader Req** 8.15 E Arjune, E Amalathas 9.30 **Reader Req** 11.00 **Reader Req** 12.30 G Simpungwe.