



St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th August 2023



It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Year I

Monday: **St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor**

Bank Holiday Monday

10.00: Mass

Tuesday: **The Passion of St John the Baptist**

7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Wednesday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Thursday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Friday: 7.30, 10.00 & 7pm: Mass (1st Friday)

Saturday: 10:00: Mass

6pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.15; 9.30; 11.00 & 12.30.

Livestreaming link:

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

Parish visit to the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions, Sturry - Heritage Centre

Saturday 23rd September

We are happy to invite the parish again after a few years of COVID restrictions. Please feel welcome to sign up and come along, old friends of the sisters and new parishioners. Please bring a packed lunch - the sisters will provide refreshments throughout the day.

We will finish our day with the Eucharist for Sunday and join the community in St Anne's Chapel. Many sisters formerly from Wealdstone have retired to St Anne's Convent and will be delighted to welcome you. Also this is a chance to visit the Tomb of our Foundress, Euphrasie Barbier, whose cause for Veneration is in process in Rome. For more details contact the office or Sr Rose Mary: 07753 125606.

There is a 'sign up' sheet at the back of the church (by the Repository). Please add your name to the list then put £26 in an envelope (clearly marked with your name and 'Trip to Sturry') post through the presbytery letterbox.



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

Mass at 12.30pm will include multilingual prayers readings & music to celebrate our wonderfully diverse parish. From 1pm, in the Salvatorian College, we will have food from around the world including: Africa, India, Poland, Irish Coffee, a BBQ plus Tea & Cakes. There will be bouncy castles, soft play and games for the children. The concert starts at 4pm.

To make this event a success we need help! 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.

Tickets cost £5.00 (children under 12 are free) and will be on sale outside the church after all Masses this weekend. They are also available to buy from the Parish Office.



First Friday Devotions

Friday 1st September: Adoration (6.15pm – 6.45pm) with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass at 7pm



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.

Young Readers

The Young Readers Course will begin **next 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.



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. Elena Emmanuel (private ints)
2. Private Ints

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.**

Congratulations

Congratulations to the students of the Salvatorian College, The Sacred Heart Language College and St Dominic's College for their fantastic GCSE & A Level results. As a parish community, these results make us so proud. Thank you to our Teachers and parents for their hard work, supporting their students/children during, what is always, a stressful time. We pray for our young parishioners' future success.

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

Offertory Collection: 20th Aug £1,445. Many thanks

Ministers of Communion Rota

27th Sat 18.00 Sr Vui 8.15 O Agboro 9.30 **Minister Req** 11.00 **Minister Req** 12.30 Lily McGloin **3rd Sat** 18.00 **Minister Req** 8.15 **Minister Req** 9.30 **Minister Req** 11.00 Pam Singh 12.30 **Minister Req**

Readers' Rota

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