



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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Third Sunday of Advent

17th December 2023



On this Third Sunday we are called to celebrate with joy. It is a Sunday of rejoicing. Looking at 2023 so far you might rightly say: can we really REJOICE this year? We witness conflict, hatred and rejection across the globe that belittles and hurts millions. Can we really rejoice this year? The honest answer is that we should rejoice. It means that we must stay positive, even though it might be so difficult. Like John the Baptist we are called to point to a better way, a way that brings life. As we light yet another candle on our wreath, let it be symbolic of our growing acceptance of this way of peace and joy.

Parish Council Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended last week's Parish Council Meeting.

Pope's Intention for December

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.

Rosary intention for December

We pray for graces to Love and Forgive each other.

Form Signing: Will resume in January 2024

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year B; Weekday Year II

Monday: 7.30: Mass

10.00: Funeral

Tuesday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Wednesday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Thursday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Friday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Saturday: 10.00: Mass

5:15 Adoration

6pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

8.15; 9.30; 11.00 & 12.30.

Livestreaming link:

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

Confessions: Saturday after 10am Mass and during Adoration (5.15-5.45pm) before Mass

For Christmas Masses see over



St Joseph's Christmas Services

Cards with a list of our Christmas Services are available at the back of the Church. Please take one home.

Christmas Hamper Project 2023

Hampers have now been delivered to the elderly and vulnerable members of our parish. A huge thank you to everyone for their generous donations, helping to make this project a success; and to Helen Watt and the boys of Salvatorian College for all their hard work.



Lights of Life Christmas Tree

Remember your loved ones by writing a memorial card and placing it on the Tree, by Father Jordan's Shrine (left hand side of the Sanctuary).

Repository

Christmas gifts and cards on sale now.

Christmas Celebration

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



Christmas Masses

Wednesday 20th December

Penitential Service at 7.00pm

Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve

8.15; 9.30, 11.00, 12.30: Mass

4:30pm: Children's Christmas Mass

6:00pm: First Mass of Christmas

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

Monday 25th December Christmas Day

8.15; 9.30; 11.00 & 12.30: Mass

Tuesday 26th December Boxing Day

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

Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th December

10:00 Mass only

Saturday 30th December

10:00: Mass 5.15 Adoration 6pm Mass

Sunday 31st December

8.15; 9.30, 11.00, 12.30: Mass

Monday 1st January

10.00 Mass only

Tuesday 2nd January

Weekly Masses Resume 7.30 & 10.00



Coffee Morning

Coffee morning after all Masses today in aid of St Joseph's Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. All most welcome.

Last Sunday's Coffee Morning in support of the SVP raised £255. Thank you so much for your support.

See Noticeboard for Photos of last Sunday's Christmas Afternoon Tea.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 10th December: £2,090. Many thanks

Young Readers

There will be a 'Young Readers' follow up meeting today (Sunday), at 5.30pm, in the Church.

Candlelit Advent Service

Thank you to the Folk Group for organizing this beautiful service last week. Thank you to those who came and for your generous support for Pax Christi.

Parish Sacraments 2024

Candidates for FHC & Confirmation must have their Attendance cards signed after weekend Masses.

Community Christmas Fayre

Salvatorian College will be running its popular annual Christmas Fayre on Tuesday, 19th December from 4.00 – 7.30 pm. Entry £1.00.



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. Private Ints
2. Canice Rafferty+(anni).

Big Christmas Clean Up

The Church will be cleaned for Christmas on Saturday 23rd December after the 10.00am Mass. All most welcome. Many hands make light work!

Recently Deceased

John Joseph Lynch (husband of Anne). Funeral: Monday 18th December at 10.00am followed by burial at Woodcock Hill Cemetery.

Costantino (Tino) Necchi (husband of Amanda). Funeral: Monday 18th December at Our Lady of Dolours, Hendon at 11.30am.

John (Sean) Willis. Funeral: Wed 3rd Jan at 10.00am followed by burial at Harrow Weald Cemetery.

Maureen Hand (mother of Sarah Hand). Funeral: Monday 8th January at 10.00am followed by burial at Carpenter's park cemetery.

May they rest in peace

Ministers of Communion Rota

17th Sat 18.00 Gerry 8.15: 9.30 Minister Req 11.00 M Correa 12.30 L McGloin 24th Sat 18.00 Sr Catherine 8.15 Minister Req 9.30 Minister Req 11.00 P Singh 12.30 Minister Req.

Readers' Rota

17th Sat 18.00 Angie, Albertina 8.15 E Amalathas, E Arjune 9.30 Anisha J, C Vijayanathan 11.00 P Singh 12.30 E Kinnear 24th Sat 18.00 Roxhan Anthony, Carol 8.15 E Arjune 9.30 M Vijayanathan, Anisha J 11.00 Reader Req 12.30 E Kinnear, G Simpungwe.

For Christmas Masses, see Rota on the noticeboard