



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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First Sunday of Advent

1st December 2024



The 1st Sunday of Advent Year C marks the beginning of the new liturgical year. This season prepares us for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and at the end of time. In the 1st reading, the prophet Jeremiah shows God's faithfulness in fulfilling promises. We learn to wait with faith and patience. St Paul, in the 2nd reading, urges the us to live in ways that please God. In the Gospel, our Lord warns of signs and the need to be vigilant. We should stay alert and faithful, ready for His coming.



New Parish Hall

You may be aware, that in the New Year, we will be moving from the Presbytery to the Community House. Renovation work is

being carried out which will include a new Parish Hall. We are appealing for help to equip this new hall with folding chairs, tables and an IT System to enhance the facilities on offer. We would be very grateful for any help you are able to give and ask that those who are able, gift aid their donations. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year B; Weekday Year II

Monday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Tuesday: **St Francis Xavier, Priest**

7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Wednesday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Thursday: 7.30 & 10.00: Mass

Friday: 7.30: Mass

10.00: Funeral

7pm: Mass First Friday Devotions

Saturday: **St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church.** First Saturday Devotions

10.00: Mass

5.15: Exposition/Adoration BI Sacr

6pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday: **Second Sunday of Advent**

8.15; 9.30; 11.00 & 12.30.

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

Livestreaming link:

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



First Friday Devotions

Friday 6th December: Adoration (6.15pm-6.45pm) with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Mass at 7pm.

First Saturday Devotions

10.00 Mass: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confession: Guided Meditation.

Pope's Intention for December

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Rosary's Intention for December

We pray for graces to Love and Forgive each other.

Repository

Christmas gifts & cards are on sale now.



Christmas Hamper Project 2024

If you know of any individuals or families who would benefit from a Christmas Hamper this year, please take a Nomination Form from the back of the church and return it to the Salvatorian College by this Friday 6th

December. To help make this project a success, we will need donations of long-life food & gifts to fill the hampers and volunteers to help with deliveries. Donations can be brought to the Presbytery or Salvatorian College. Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support.

Coffee Morning



There will be a coffee morning after all masses today in aid of Father Patrick Keaney and the Missions in Tanzania.

Community Connex: Christmas Pantomime

Community Connex are a local Charity who work with people with learning disabilities. They will be performing a Christmas Pantomime the Parish Hall **on Wednesday 11th December between 2pm-4pm.** Tickets costing £5.00, (including light refreshments) can be purchased on the door. See notice board.

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. Please enquire at the Presbytery.

1 Edward & Grace Doherty+ 2 Jackie Morris+



Feast of St Francis Xavier

Celebration: Sunday 8th December

Our Goan Community will celebrate this Feast at the 12.30pm Mass next 8th December. A social gathering will be held in the Salvatorian College Canteen after Mass. See Noticeboard to buy tickets.

Scam – Beware!

There has been a rise in scam emails targeting parishioners, that appear to come from their Parish Priest, requesting the purchase of Amazon or other gift cards. If you receive one of these emails, please report it as spam and let the Parish Office know.

Form Signing: Mondays & Wednesdays 6-7pm.

Offertory Collection: 24.11.24 - £1,819. Many thanks.

Salvatorian College: Carols by Candlelight

The service will take place at 5pm this **Thursday (5th December)** in St Joseph's Church. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend to hear the Christmas Story, read and performed by the pupils of the College. The service will be followed by seasonal refreshments. **Entry is free – everyone welcome.**



Advent Peace Service by the Folk Group takes place on Tuesday 17th December at 7.15pm. All most welcome.

Church Cleaning



We will be cleaning the church after the 1st Friday Mass (7.30pm) this week. Please join us if you are able. **No regular commitment is necessary.**

Appeal for Holly



Please bring holly, to decorate the church, by Sunday 10th December – please leave in the porch.

Recently Deceased

Patrick (Pat) Cunningham (Harrow). Funeral: Friday 6th December at 10.00am followed by burial at St Mary's Cemetery.

Kitty Bunce (wife of the late Nicholas Bunce). Funeral: Monday 9th December at 10.00am followed by burial at Harrow Weald Cemetery.

Jacquie Wright (wife of Bruce). Funeral: Monday 16th December at 10am followed by burial at Carpenter's Park Cemetery.

Teresa Drew (wife of the late Tony Drew). Funeral to be arranged.

May they rest in peace.

St. Joseph's Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Family Bingo raised £298 & the Coffee Morning raised £269 - grand total **£567**. Thank you all for your generous donations & gifts. Our next Family Bingo will be **Friday 13th December 7:30 for 8pm start.**

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Rota

1st Sat 18.00 G Teague 8.15 O Agboro 9.30 J Donohue 11.00 **Minister Req** 12.30 G Simpungwe **8th Sat** 18.00 Sr Vui 8.15 **Minister Req.** 9.30 J Donohue 11.00 **Minister Req** 12.30 L McGloin.

Readers' Rota

1st Sat 18.00 D Bradley, Edmund Kennelly 8.15 E Arjune 9.30 A Joseph, L Taylor, 11.00 A Moniz, M Moniz 12.30 L Dennehy. **8th Sat** 18.00 Sr Catherine, A Pereira 8.15 E Amalathas, E Arjune. 9.30 Roxshan 11.00 P Singh 12.30 G Simpungwe, E Kinnear.