



# St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

*Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians*

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**22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Year A**

**30th August 2020**



***‘If anyone wants to be a follower...!’***

Peter - a most remarkable figure and great testimony and teacher of the faith - was a man of flesh and blood, with virtues and failings, as each one of us. Peter, who makes an excellent confession of faith, and deserves a great praise by Jesus and the promise of the maximum authority within the Church, also receives a sharp reprimand from the Master, because, on his journey to faith, he still has a lot to learn: “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s” (Mt 16:23).

Listening to Jesus’ scolding Peter gives us a good motive to make an examination of conscience about our Christian personality. Are we truly faithful to the teachings of Jesus, to the point of actually thinking like God, or are we rather adapting ourselves to the criteria and way of thinking of this world? Throughout history, the sons and daughters of the Church have fallen into the temptation of following this world thinking, of leaning on the material riches, of yearning for politic power or social prestige; and at times, we are more keen on the worldly interests than in the spirit of the Gospel. Before these facts, we are asked once again the same question: “What will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life?” (Mt 16:26).

After clearing up these things, Jesus teaches us what thinking like God means: to love, with whatever is implied about denying ourselves in favour of our neighbour. This is why following Christ means taking up the Cross.

The church is opened for you as follow:

- Monday: NO PUBLIC MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
- Tuesday: Public Mass (10.00am)
- Wednesday: Public Mass (10.00am)
- Thursday: Public Mass (10.00am)
- Friday: Public Mass (10.00am)
- Saturday: Public Mass (10am & 6pm)
- Sundays: (8:15 & 11:00 & 12.30). Both Saturday Masses are **accounted for a Sunday Mass.**

According to Government regulations, a record of attendance with name, contact details and time in church is needed. It will be kept securely for 21 days and then be destroyed. The stewards will give you the Contact card when you enter the church.

### **Appeal for PPE**

Sourcing PPE, as everyone knows, is a huge issue at the moment. The unforeseen cost is a challenge, of course, at a time when weekly donations are dropping, so we are making an appeal for face masks, gloves, etc to protect the clergy, cleaners, stewards, servers, readers, Eucharist ministers and other parishioners. Please remember that we strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship for personal prayer and mass.

*Many thanks to everyone who has kindly donated during the past week. Your support is greatly appreciated.*

### OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Since Services stopped in March, in Church offertory both envelope and loose have been reduced by over 75%.

Thank you for your continued support of St Joseph's Church, especially at this challenging time for everyone.

Your new box of envelopes is available to collect at the back of the church. Please check the list, take your box (and for your neighbours if possible) and then tick off the list, to say you have taken your new set.

**If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme, and would still like a box for your contributions, please enquire at the Presbytery.**

Contributions may be dropped at the Presbytery as well. Many thanks, once again for your continued support.

May God Bless you and keep you safe!

### Salvatorian College GCSE Awards

Anyone who has been following the press in recent weeks will know the enormous pressures and concerns our young people have faced in recent months. Whilst this year's awards are center assessed grades and do not reflect sat examinations, they do reflect the hard work and determination of Salvatorian College pupils. The staff and governors of the College are very proud of the boys' achievements. Please pray for them and for their continued success as they enter the next phase of their academic and working lives.

### Salvatorian College Return to School

Term begins for new Year 7 pupils on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and they should arrive at the school (entrance to the left of the church) for 8.35am. Term commences for other year groups on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Pupils should aim to walk or cycle to school, arriving by 8.45am. Those travelling by public transport should arrive during the following timeslots: Year 11 - 8.15am; Year 8 - 8.25am; Year 7 - 8.35am; Year 9 - 8.45am; Year 10 - 8.55am.

### Confessions

If you wish to have confession, please contact one of the priests or leave a message at the Parish Office.



### Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

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

1. Allison & Teresa Egan+ (anni)
2. Jo (Recovery)

**Sanctuary Lamps can be booked at the presbytery.**

### Rosary Intention for September

To stop the persecution of Christians around the world.

### Pope's Intention for September

**Respect for the Planet's Resources:** We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

First Reconciliation: Wednesday 2nd September & Wednesday 9th September at 6pm in the Church.

A guide is available for parents to collect from the presbytery to help your child make their First Reconciliation.

Please continue to work through the 'I Belong' book and ensure that your children know their prayers, in particular the 'Sorry Prayer' (Act of Sorrow or Contrition) for their First Reconciliation.

At the end of the Service your offerings can be placed in the box at the back of the Church. Thank you.

### Photography for First Holy Communion

**Please note: No photography will be permitted during the First Holy Communion Mass.**

We have a photographer who will be taking photos on the day and will also be available to take family photos. Please email the photographer, John Fernandes, direct with your child's name and date of communion and he will send you details.

Email: johnfernandes99@hotmail.com.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to all our young parishioners for their excellent A Levels and GCSE exam results. Well done to the teachers and pupils of St Dominic's, Sacred Heart Language College and Salvatorian College for their hard work and to all the parents for their support.

### REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open from time to time. To allow for social distancing, only 2 people will be allowed in the shop at one time.

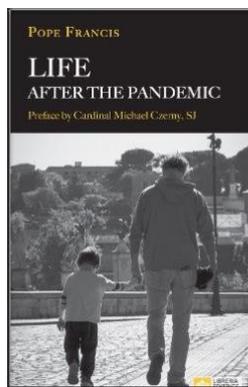
### McMillan Coffee Morning

Lucella will be holding a McMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September - venue to be confirmed. Donations of raffle prizes would be most welcome. Full details to follow.

### Recently Deceased

*Roberta (Robby) Barker* (Mother-in-law of Tony Peiris). A private funeral will be held on 25th September.

### Life after the Pandemic with Pope Francis



A book-companion for responding to the Covid-19 pandemic through the vision and words of Pope Francis.