



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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11th October 2020



Fraternity and Social Friendship

Eight years after his election, Pope Francis has written a new encyclical that brings together much of his previous teachings (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, No. 5). It was given to the public on the 4th October, feast of St Francis of Assisi.

When he began his pontificate, the first idea Francis referred to was “fraternity.” He bowed his head in front of the people gathered in St. Peter’s Square and defined the bishop-people relationship as a “path of fraternity,” stating this desire: “Let us always pray for each other. Let us pray for the whole world, that there may be a great fraternity.” The encyclical’s title is a direct quotation from the *Admonitions* of St. Francis. It indicates a fraternity that extends not only to human beings, but also to the earth, in full harmony with his other papal encyclical, *Laudato Si’*.

Fratelli Tutti addresses both fraternity and social friendship; together they are the central message of his text. The realism that runs through the pages dissolves any romantic emptiness that always lurks about whenever we speak of fraternity. For Francis, fraternity is not just an emotion, a feeling or an idea – no matter how noble – but a fact that also implies an outcome, an action (and the freedom to act): **“Whose brother can I be?”** The answer to this question should accompany us to re-discover who we are in this changing world.

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. Alternatively, you can scan the NHS App on entering the church. The stewards will complete the Contact list for you when you enter the church. The wearing of face masks during Mass is mandatory. Please do not attend Mass if you are displaying symptoms of Covid-19 or are feeling unwell. Please do not touch or kiss any statues in the church during this time for the safety of everyone.

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year A: Weekday Cycle Year 2 (28th week)

Monday: No Public Mass or Private Prayer

Tuesday: **St Edward the Confessor**
Public Mass (10.00am)

Wed: **St Teresa of Avila** Public Mass (10.00am)

Thursday: Public Mass (10.00am)

Friday: Public Mass (10.00am)

Saturday: **St Ignatius of Antioch**
Public Mass (10.00am & 6.00pm)

Sunday: Public Mass (8.15am, 11.00am & 12.45pm)

Both Saturday Masses account for a Sunday Mass.

SPECIAL CONFIRMATION 2020

Congratulations to our young parishioners who made their Confession last week in preparation for Confirmation next week. We will welcome 61 candidates for the Celebration of Confirmation which will be held on **14th October, 15th October, 16th October, and 23rd October** at 6pm in the Church. Please arrive at 5.40pm in the Church before Confirmation in order to prepare yourself for this Sacrament. Please remember that each candidate may bring a maximum of 5 guests each (including the sponsor).

12.30pm Mass

Please note that from today 12.30pm Mass will be moved to the slightly later time of 12.45pm. This is to allow more time to clean the church after the 11.00am Mass.

Use of the Church Toilets

We regret to inform you that due to Covid-19 the toilets in the church will remain closed. We realise that this will cause difficulties for some of our parishioners and apologise but this is necessary for everyone's safety. Mass is livestreamed at 10.00am on weekdays and 11.00am on Sunday.

CAFOD

This week our parish is marking CAFOD's Family Fast Day to help people facing the worse of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected & donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by text: Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.

Appeal for PPE

Due to your generosity we now have good stocks of face masks & gloves. We would, however, be grateful for donations of hand sanitiser for parishioners to use when they enter the church.

Our grateful thanks and prayers go to everyone who has kindly donated during the past weeks. Your support is greatly appreciated.



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. **Ann Jervis (intentions)**
2. **Tony Egan +**

Repository

The Repository will open occasionally. Only 2 people will be allowed in the shop at one time for social distancing.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children of our parish who have made their First Holy Communion over the past 5 Saturdays. They have been journeying together since Autumn of last year in order to prepare for this special moment in their lives. Please keep them, and their families, in your prayers at this time, asking God to continue to bless and guide them in the ways of faith. We extend our grateful thanks to our catechists who willingly offered their time and talents to prepare the children. Without them the Communion programme would not have functioned so well.

Virtual Open Evening on Thursday 15 October 6.30-7.30pm (registration required). For further details, please visit www.salvatoriancollege.com/admissions.

Pope's Intention for October

The Laity's Mission in the Church: We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

Rosary Intention for October

Our Lady's Intentions: "Do whatever He tells you."

University Catholic Chaplaincy

Those who are going to University this autumn should be aware that there is a Catholic Chaplaincy at each University and Higher Education College. Besides the normal weekend masses many social activities and other groups are organised by the Chaplaincies. A list of University Chaplaincies can be found at catholicsatuniversity.org.uk

OCTOBER DEVOTION

at the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden

Today at 7pm, Rosary, Homily – Br. Andrew Brookes OP, & Benediction. Music sung by the Shrine Singers: Ave Verum & Tantum Ergo – Faure, Laudate Dominum-Perosi, Salve Regina- Solemn Tone. Livestream on parish.rcdow.org.uk/willesden or on Facebook: Willesden Shrine.

Prisoners' Sunday

Prisoners' Sunday marks the first day of the ecumenical [Prisons Week](#), a week of prayer which raises awareness of issues faced by those affected by the criminal justice system. Prisoners' Sunday (today 11th October) is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Since March visits to prisons have been severely restricted – and children are not allowed in. Pre-Christmas family visits will not take place, and it's unlikely that these children will see their imprisoned parent for several more months, putting further strains on relationships, and on everyone's morale. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment.

Recently Deceased

Dominic Warren (Son of Linda Warren and Grandson of Erna Irving). Funeral: Tuesday 20th October at 11.15am followed by burial at Greenacres Woodland burial Park.

Catherine O'Donnell (wife of the late Michael O'Donnell) Funeral: Wednesday 21st October at 10.00am followed by burial at Carpender's Park.

Chris Howlett (husband of Madeline and father of Sara). Funeral to be arranged.

May they rest in peace