



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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Second Sunday of Advent

6th December 2020



“A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight”

In our journey towards Christmas, we are now at the 2nd Sunday of Advent. John the Baptist has prepared the minds of people to welcome the Saviour. God sends the message of salvation to us through each other. St Paul once asked: “How can people know about God if they have never heard? and how can they hear if nobody is sent to them?” He holds the vocation of preaching as vital, if God is to be known and loved. Jesus found his first disciples among the circle of the Baptist’s followers. John taught the value of self-control and of prayer, and urged them to listen to the inner voice of God in their hearts. The high point of John’s ministry was meeting with Jesus. As well as baptising Jesus, he encouraged some of his own followers to join the Jesus movement. It was through the Baptist that Andrew and his brother Peter, and Philip and Nathanael became apostles.

Each of us can help other people to know and love God. If we were more committed, maybe we could do more to influence others towards faith. Parents can introduce their children to God by teaching them about trust and prayer. But this will only be effective if built on the example of their actual life. In all sorts of way, people are in position to influence others, for good or ill. This is clearly so for those who work in the communications. But ordinary people

doing ordinary jobs can also influence the views and values of those they interact with. Does our way of speaking and behaving help others to share our values, or do we confirm their suspicion that this world is a selfish and cynical place?

Fr Thomas Malal, SDS

YOUR MASSES

Sunday Readings Year B: Weekday Readings Year 1

Monday: No Public Mass

Tuesday: **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Patron of the Diocese**
Public Mass at 7:30 & 10.00am

Wednesday: Public Mass at 7:30 & 10.00am

Thursday: Public Mass at 7:30
Funeral no Public Mass at 10.00am

Friday: Public Mass at 7:30 & 10.00am

Saturday: **Public Mass at 10.00am**

Sunday: **Third Sunday of Advent**

Here is the link to St. Joseph Church's Facebook page, you do not need a Facebook login to access: <https://www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone/>



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. Jo (recovery) + 2. Tom Wickham +



Penitential Liturgy & Confessions

Tuesday 15th Dec	10.30 & 7.00pm
Friday 18th Dec	7.00pm
Tuesday 22nd Dec	10.30 & 7.00pm

HOLY MASS AT 7:30 AM

Dear Parishioners,
We are pleased to announce that we will be resuming **our public 7:30 AM Mass starting on Tuesday 8th December**. Please note that in order to keep us safe and healthy, all regulations on Covid from the Government are to be followed. Thank you very much



Booking System for Christmas Masses

There will be a large number of people wanting to come to Mass at Christmas. Therefore, it will be necessary to book a place through our Parish website. To book your place, please click on the following link. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wealdstone/events/>. Booking will open on **Thursday 10th December**.

If you do not have internet access, please ring the Parish Office, giving your name, how many people in your group (**no more than 6**), which Mass you will be attending and your telephone number.

There will be 7 Christmas Masses, 4 on Christmas Eve and 3 on Christmas Day.

Dec 24th Christmas Eve

2:30pm: Christmas Eve for Families

4:30pm: Christmas Eve for Families

7:00pm: Christmas Eve for all

9:00pm: Midnight Christmas Mass

Dec 25th Christmas Day

8:15: Parish Mass

11:00: Solemn Mass

12:45: Parish Mass

In order to allow everyone the opportunity to attend Mass over Christmas, please only book one Mass either on Christmas Eve or Christmas day.

We are most grateful for all the excellent stewards who help at Masses and prayer time. Over Christmas we will need more stewards. So if you are able, please contact the Parish Office to offer your help at one of the Christmas Masses.

Enjoy the anticipation and excitement of Advent.

Appeal for Holly

Please leave any spare holly, to decorate the church for Christmas, (either with berries or variegated) in the church porch by Sunday 13th December. Many thanks.



Christmas Lunch 2020

There will be an appeal this weekend by a member of our Christmas Lunch Team. For more information, please collect a flyer from the back of the church or visit our website or facebook page for details of how to get involved.

Items and help required are displayed on the noticeboard by St Joseph's Shrine.

OUR PARISH PRAYER

God our Father you call us together to make our Parish a sign of the heavenly kingdom. Help us through this Church and our lives to be a fountain of faith, a beacon of hope and a haven of charity and prayer. We ask these prayers through Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

Sick & Retired Priests

Many thanks for your kind generosity for our Sick & Retired Priests. You can still donate, if you wish. Envelopes can be posted through the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

Confirmation & 1st Holy Communion 2021

Registration forms are available on our website. To register, please print the Form, complete it and hand it to one of our Catechists after any Sunday Mass, or post it through the Presbytery letterbox, along with your Baptism Certificate (if you were not baptised at St Joseph's Church) and the **registration fee - £40 for Confirmation and £30 for First Holy Communion**. The deadline for registration is **Thursday 31st December**. Thank you!

Pope's Intention for December

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Rosary Intention for December

To get rid of the epidemic and return to Holy Mass and family life for Christmas.

Repository

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

Recently Deceased

John Joseph Collins (Husband of Grace & father of Sharon). Funeral: Thursday 10th December at 10.00am followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery.

Hannah Sheridan (Mother of Annette Rahilly) died in County Cavan, Ireland. Funeral has taken place.

May they rest in peace