



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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Third Sunday of Advent

13th December 2020



*“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the lord is near”*

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term *Gaudete* refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, “Rejoice”. Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Saviour means for us. Our great joy is to see the day when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead us into His kingdom.

Perhaps this year, more than any other, our hearts are longing for news of joy and happiness. Though it may not be possible for us to worship today with those we long to gather with, Christ shares in our longing, standing among us and within us wherever we come to pray.

Let us remember each other, and the needs of the world in our prayer this week. We remember also that we belong to a loving community of prayer that longs for and trusts in the light of Christ, even in the midst of the dark winter nights and difficult times in which we live.

Let us this week give thanks to God for sending us his messenger, John the Baptist, to go before him, to prepare us for the awesomeness that is the incarnation of God, the Saviour of the World,

pointing to Jesus and reminding us to be strong and not be distracted from our faith in Lord.

Fr Thomas Malal, SDS

YOUR MASSES

Sunday Readings Year B: Weekday Readings Year 1

Monday: No Public Mass
Tuesday: Public Mass at 7:30 & 10.00am
Wednesday: Public Mass at 7:30 & 10.00am
Thursday: Public Mass at 7:30 & 10.00am
Friday: Public Mass at 7:30 & 10.00am
Saturday: Public Mass at 10.00am & 6pm
Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Both Saturday Masses count for a Sunday Mass

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. Jefferey Peiris (ints)

2. Catherine's Ints



Penitential Liturgy & Confessions

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

HARROW DEANERY

Please pray for our priests as they meet with the Harrow Deanery, here at St Josephs, on Monday 14th December at 11.00am.



Booking System for Christmas Masses

There will be a large number of people wanting to come to Mass at Christmas. The online booking system was activated on Thursday, these Masses are now fully booked. A few spaces are still available, please call the parish office on: 020 8427 1955 (**on Monday 9am-2pm, Wednesday 9am-2pm or Friday 9am-4pm only**). Please note, the office is **closed** on **Tuesdays & Thursdays**.

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.

Bishops' Conference Statement on COVID 19 Vaccines

In the light of recent developments we now wish to issue a follow up statement. The [Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith](#) and the [Pontifical Academy of Life](#) have expressed the view that one may in good conscience and for a grave reason receive a vaccine, provided that there is a sufficient moral distance between the present administration of the vaccine and the original wrongful action. In the COVID-19 pandemic, we judge that this grave reason exists and that one does not sin by receiving the vaccine. The full statement can also be found on our [diocesan website](#) and on the [Bishops' Conference website](#).



Christmas Lunch 2020

Thank you for your response last weekend to our appeal for the parish Christmas Hamper project. If you haven't already done so please take a look at the sign up sheets by St Joseph's shrine or take a flyer from the back of the Church, or visit the parish facebook page. If you are able to donate items please bring them to the Church next Sunday. Your donations of time will also be extremely welcome if you are able to help with your time please sign up on the sign up sheets or e-mail the parish office.

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

Brenda Jacklin (Mother of Louise) Funeral: Monday 21st December at 10.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear.

May she rest in peace