



# St Joseph's Church

## Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

**20th December 2020**

**27th December 2020**



*“Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you”*

This Sunday we read the story of the Annunciation. The story is found only in St Luke's Gospel. On this 4th Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Saviour was among us. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus, Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the footsteps of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognise God's saving plan for us and are able to respond with obedience.

Fr Thomas Malal, SDS

### YOUR MASSES

**Sunday Readings Year B: Weekday Readings Year 1**

Monday: No Public Mass

Tuesday: 7:30 & 10.00am Public Mass

Wednesday: 7:30 & 10.00am Public Mass

**Saturday: 10.00am: St Stephen: Mass for Altar Servants**

**6:00pm: Vigil Mass Holy Family**

**Sunday: The Holy Family**

Monday: No Public Mass

Tuesday: 7:30 & 10.00am Public Mass

Wednesday: 7:30 & 10.00am Public Mass

Thursday: 7:30 & 10.00am Public Mass

**Friday: St Mary, Holy Mother of God:**  
10.00am Public Mass

**Saturday: 10.00am & 6pm Public Mass**

**Sunday: 2nd Sunday after the Nativity**

**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 - Sat to Sat. These may be offered for intentions at £10 each.

**Week commencing 19th December**

**1. Kelly & Yep + 2. Breen Family +**

**Week commencing 26 December**

**1 Anne Deering + 2 Patrick Deering +**



**Penitential Liturgy & Confessions**

**Tuesday 22nd Dec**

**10.30 & 7.00pm**

### **With Thanks**

We are very grateful to everyone who has helped during this difficult year, especially our Stewards & cleaners and to Noel O'Connor for organising the rotas. Thank you also to Ben & Dominic who provided music when our Choirs were no longer able to sing, to our Sacristy Assistants, the Repository ladies, Catechists, Office & Community House staff. Thank you to all who have contributed to getting the Church ready for Christmas – Maureen (our flower lady) and those who decorated the tree and set up the crib. Finally, thank you to all our parishioners for your faith and commitment to St Joseph's. May God bless you all this Christmas and in the year ahead.

### **Christmas Celebration**

Fr Thomas, Fr Frank, Fr Mario, Fr Noel, Fr Peter, Fr Tadeusz and Fr Friedrich wish everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.



### **Christmas Masses**

The online booking system for Christmas Masses has now closed as all the Masses are fully booked. **If you are unfortunate in not getting a place, the Bishops have encouraged the faithful to attend another Mass in the Christmas Octave up to the 1st January.** The church will be open half-an-hour before the start of Christmas Masses. Please be in good time as the stewards will need to show you the seats in the church. Please observe **social distance**, especially around the crib and outside the church.

#### **December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

**2:30pm: Christmas Eve for Families**

**4:30pm: Christmas Eve for Families**

**7:00pm: Christmas Eve for all**

**9:00pm: Solemn Christmas Mass**

#### **December 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day**

**8:15: Parish Mass**

**11:00: Solemn Mass**

**12:45: Parish Mass**

#### **January 1<sup>st</sup> New Year**

**10.00: Parish Mass**



### **Christmas Lunch 2020**

A huge 'thank you' to everyone who has helped with our Christmas Lunch – either by donating items for hampers, money for meals or your time. Can those who have volunteered their time – please come to the Parish Hall at your allocated time slot. Can drivers please come to the Parish Hall on Christmas Eve between 9.00am and 12 noon. Many thanks.

### **Lights of Life Christmas Tree**

You are invited to remember your loved ones by writing a memorial card, by the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, and placing it on the tree. We wish you a blessed and peaceful Christmas.



*The Christmas Offertory Collection is your personal gift to the clergy. We thank you for your kindness and support during this year.*

### **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