



St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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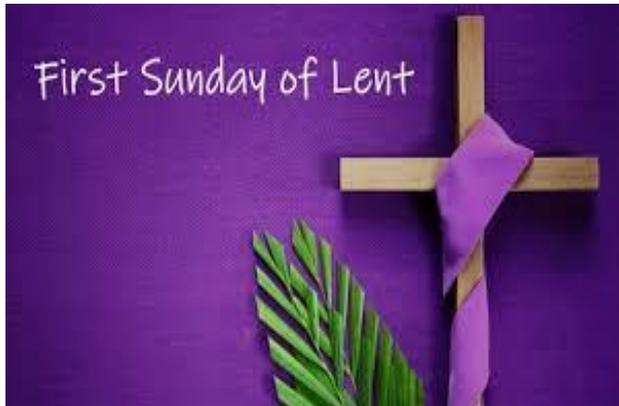
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First Sunday of Lent

21st February 2021



“Repent and believe the Good News”

On the first Sunday of Lent, the Gospel reading is about Jesus' temptation in the desert.

The temptation of Jesus follows his baptism by John the Baptist. In this Gospel, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit. Jesus' public ministry in Galilee begins after his temptation in the desert. St Mark makes a connection between the arrest of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Jesus' preaching about the Kingdom of God is in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist, but it is also something new. As Jesus announces it, the Kingdom of God is beginning; the time of the fulfillment of God's promises is here.

The desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus

conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.

Visit of Bishop John Sherrington

We thank Bishop John Sherrington for celebrating Mass at 11.00am today and parishioners who joined us either in the church or online as we enter the season of Lent.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Please note that due to Covid 19, the office is currently closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Opening hours are: **Mondays 9am-2pm, Wednesdays 9am-2pm and Fridays 9am-4pm.** Please only come to the office if it is essential alternatively call us on: 020 8427 1955.

YOUR MASSES

Sunday Readings Year B: Weekday Lenten Season

Monday: The Chair of St Peter the Apostle, feast

No Public Mass

Tuesday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass

Wednesday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass

Thursday: 7:30 & 10.00: Public Mass

Friday: 7:30 & 10.00am: Public Mass

Saturday: 10.00am & 6pm: Public Mass

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent (8:15; 11:00; 12:45)

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. Hazel Sadie White+
2. Bernard Welikala+

Water Damage in Choir Loft (Update)

First of all I would like to thank you for the donations received so far towards the Bell Tower Roofing Project. So far we have received donations amounting to £3,420. This is a fantastic response in such difficult times and puts us over a third of the way to raising the £9,000 cost of this work. This week the contractor has revisited the bell tower to confirm final measurements and plans and we anticipate that the work will begin shortly. We will provide further updates as the work begins and once again thank you for your outstanding generosity.

Water for Kalamba, Water for Lent

The coronavirus pandemic has shown how important it is to have access to clean, safe water. During these challenging times, your donation to Salvatorian Mission Office's Lent Appeal is needed more than ever. With your donations to the Salvatorian Mission Office's Lent Appeal we can reach out to one particular village, Kalamba in DR Congo around the world to help them thrive even in the most difficult environments. Kalamba has about 12,000 inhabitants who still rely on rain water and unclean water from springs and rivers. Yet they still have to walk long distances to get it. Through this Lenten Appeal, we are aiming to raise funds for around £25,000.00 for the first well. In normal circumstances it would cost around £12,000.00 to dig one well. However, Kalamba is far from the main city with very poor road infrastructure. The rising costs are mainly down to the difficult transportation of the huge drilling machinery to Kalamba. Once we have machinery in the vicinity, costs will be far less to dig subsequent wells. Will you help the people in Kalamba?

A gift this Lent is a lifeline to people in Kalamba. You can help by [supporting our Lent appeal](#) and enabling us to reach out to more families and communities in desperate need of help. Please donate to Society of the Divine Saviour Mission (Acc. 20327833 SC 16-24-06), 191 High Rd, Harrow, HA3 5EE with as reference "Water for Kalamba." Thank you and have a fruitful Lent.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal

As in previous years we ask parishioners to support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Please see posters and envelopes for your donations, at the back of the Church

St Teresa's School – Community Pantry

St Teresa's School have opened a Food Bank which is open for families & parishioners to access in times of need. To book a time to visit call: 020 8428 8640.

Pope's Intention for February

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

Rosary Intention for February

Teach the children to pray and learn their faith.

Every Sunday during Lent

**Stations of the Cross will be
live streamed at 4pm**

For your safety no parishioners will be allowed to attend, this is an 'online' service only.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Please eat a simple meal this Friday 26 Feb and give what you can to improve the health of our brothers and sisters around the world. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please return them to the presbytery.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2021

Classes for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin with a 'virtual Introduction Session' on Thursday 25th February at 6pm. You will be sent a link inviting you to this meeting, which must be attended by all candidates. Please note, the communion children must be accompanied online by a parent/guardian. During this meeting, you will meet the Catechists and we will explain how both programmes will work. All information for the Confirmation candidates can be found on our website: www.catholicwealdstone.org and/or our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone/>

Registration for both Sacraments has closed.

Recently Deceased

Annie Pierre (Harrow Weald). Funeral: Monday 22nd February at 11.00 am followed by burial at Slough Cemetery.

Uriel O'Boyle (Kent House Care Home). Funeral: Tuesday 23rd February at 11.00am at Breakspear.

Francis Hegarty (uncle of Margaret Anderson) Funeral: Wednesday 24th February at 11.15am at Breakspear Crematorium.

Vivian Dacosta Lloyd Witter (Harrow). Funeral: Friday 26th February at 11.30am followed by repatriation to Kingston, Jamaica.

Mary Goggin (wife of PatJoe). Funeral: Monday 1st March at 11.00am followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery.

Margaret Harrison (mother of Ruth). Funeral: Thursday 4th March at 11.00am, followed by burial at Pinner New Cemetery.

Susan Cortes (mother of Marco). Funeral: Friday 12th March at 11.00am followed by burial at Carpenders Park Cemetery.

May they rest in peace