



# St Joseph's Church

## Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

*Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians*

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### Palm Sunday

5th April 2020



This year we celebrate Palm Sunday surrounded by the somewhat irksome restrictions imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic. It is a most unusual state of affairs, but one we try to cope with, as we struggle with the necessary regulations for healthy living. While we cannot physically take part in the Holy Week ceremonies, it may help to think of some historical connections with this time of year.

One of the earliest accounts we have of Holy Week in Jerusalem comes from the writings of a Spanish lady, called Egeria, in her book known as Egeria's "Travels". She wrote in the fourth century not long after the death of Constantine and was probably a religious sister. She wrote about what she witnessed to her "sisters" back home – whether they were just acquaintances of hers or religious people in community, we do not know for sure. She recalls in vivid details the ceremonies she took part in, the splendid buildings and memorable rites.

In the Middle Ages, Christian pilgrims from the Holy Land, often returned with palm leaves such as we read about being strewn before Jesus on his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. These branches were to act as a keepsake of their pilgrimage. Such

a person would be known as a "Palmer", a surname that some people retain to this day.

The ban on public gatherings at this time means that receiving the sacrament is not possible, and so we have to resort to the practice of spiritual communion. This year as we "walk" the way of the cross, as it were, our thoughts turn to those suffering illnesses in hospital or at home; and to the extraordinary efforts made by the NHS and volunteers to comfort those in need. St Teresa of Avila once said that "Christ has no body now on earth but yours". While we cannot be present in church, we can make the most of what is available online, or by sitting quietly reading a Bible at home, and thus involving ourselves in the drama of those events that happened so many years ago.

Fr Frank

### Mass Intentions

Our Priests are continuing to celebrate Masses, without the faithful, on a daily basis. Your Mass intentions will continue to be offered.

Dear Parishioners,

Unfortunately, the cessation of public liturgies has a financial impact on the life of the parish. As we are not a business, we cannot make any claims for loss of earnings, so we rely only on your generosity.

With this purpose, a letter has been sent out to all parishioners on records. We hope you have received it, if not, please get in touch.

If you wish to contribute, may we suggest the following alternatives:

1. Drop a cash or cheque contribution at the Presbytery. Gift Aid users, please use your numbered envelope as usual and drop it at the Presbytery.
2. Send a cheque, payable to 'St Joseph's Wealdstone', at The Presbytery.
3. Set up a standing order: Account Name: St Joseph's Wealdstone  
Sort Code: 16 24 06  
Account No: 13612743  
Reference: Initials and Surname  
May God bless you and keep you safe.

### First Holy Communion 2020

Following advice from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, classes have been suspended. We will keep parents updated with regard to First Holy Communion in May. Please continue to work through the 'I Belong' book with your child.

## Confirmation 2020

Confirmation Classes are currently suspended.



### 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 these for intentions at £10 each. Please enquire at the Repository.

1. **Bridget Clifford & Gerald Clifford (ints)**
2. **Brendan Clifford & family (ints)**

### Recently Deceased

*Mary Walsh* (sister of Father Patrick Keaney, SDS). Funeral: Graveside Service on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am at Allum Lane, Elstree, WD6 3NL.

*Anna Rose Capel* (Stanmore). Funeral: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 12.00 noon at Breakspear Crematorium.

*Mary Philomena O'Connor*. Funeral: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 12:00noon at West Herts Crematorium

*May they rest in peace*

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Streamed live on Facebook  
(no login details required)**

[www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone](http://www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April

**10:00 Mass** online

Maundy Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**19:00 Mass of Lord's Supper** online

Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

**15:00 Solemn Liturgy** online

Holy Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

**20:00 Easter Vigil** online

God of Salvation,

We turn to you with a prayer for protection and healing

As the coronavirus is spreading.

Help those who are sick as a result.

Grant patience to those who live in quarantine.

Give strength to all who care for the sick.

Inspire scientists in their research.

Strengthen between us the sense of togetherness.

Let no one be abandoned, make everyone feel safe together and with You,

because You are compassion.

Through the intercession of Blessed Mary of the Apostles and Fr Francis Jordan,

We thank you, present and faithful God,

You who live and love for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Mass Online

As well as the live streamed masses on our Facebook page, the following churches in the diocese are live streaming services and can be visited online at any time using the relevant website address:

### Sunday Mass

6.30pm (Sat.) Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate  
[www.churchservices.tv/newsouthgate](http://www.churchservices.tv/newsouthgate)

7.45am St Monica, Palmers Green  
[www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen](http://www.churchservices.tv/palmersgreen)

8.30am Our Lady of Lourdes, New Southgate  
[www.churchservices.tv/newsouthgate](http://www.churchservices.tv/newsouthgate)

9.00am St Joseph and English Martyrs, Bishops Stortford  
[www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford](http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford)

10.00am St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Borehamwood  
[www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood](http://www.churchservices.tv/borehamwood)

10.30am Holy Apostles, Pimlico  
[www.churchservices.tv/pimlico](http://www.churchservices.tv/pimlico)

**11:00 St. Joseph's Church Wealdstone**  
[www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone](http://www.facebook.com/catholicwealdstone)

12 noon St Anselm and St Cecilia, Lincoln's Inn Fields  
[www.churchservices.tv/lincolnsinnfields](http://www.churchservices.tv/lincolnsinnfields)

12.30pm Holy Apostles, Pimlico (Spanish Mass)  
[www.churchservices.tv/pimlico](http://www.churchservices.tv/pimlico)

6.30pm St Thomas More, Swiss Cottage  
[www.churchservices.tv/swisscottage](http://www.churchservices.tv/swisscottage)

### Weekday Mass Monday to Friday:

7.00am St Thomas More, Swiss Cottage  
[www.churchservices.tv/swisscottage](http://www.churchservices.tv/swisscottage)

9.30am St Monica, Palmers Green  
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6.00pm St Anselm and St Cecilia, Lincoln's Inn Fields  
[www.churchservices.tv/lincolnsinnfields](http://www.churchservices.tv/lincolnsinnfields)

### Saturday:

10.00am St Thomas More, Swiss Cottage  
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### OTHER WEBSITES

There are many websites offering information and support at this time. Among them are:

The Diocese of Westminster [www.rcdow.org.uk](http://www.rcdow.org.uk)

The Bishops' Conference [www.cbcew.org.uk](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  
[www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

Lent in Isolation [www.lentinisolation.com](http://www.lentinisolation.com)