



# St Joseph's Church Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

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

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**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Year A**

**16th August 2020**



*'... and my spirit exults in God my Saviour...'*

We, Catholics and many other Christians, celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 15<sup>th</sup> August. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our earthly life is over.

The church is opened for you as follow:

- Monday: NO PUBLIC MASS OR PRIVATE PRAYER
- Tuesday: Funeral. No Public Mass
- Wednesday: Public Mass (10.00am)
- Thursday: Public Mass (10.00am)
- Friday: Public Mass (10.00am)
- Saturday: Public Mass (10am & 6pm)
- Sundays: (8:15 & 11:00 & 12.30). Both Saturday Masses are *accounted for a Sunday Mass.*

## First Holy Communion 2020

Our children will be making their First Holy Communion at special Masses during September and October: Saturday, 12th, 19th & 26th September and Saturday 3rd & 10th October at 10.00am.

Please ensure that your child is smartly dressed to reflect this solemn, spiritual and joyous occasion. For girls, a white or cream dress. For boys, smart shirt and formal trousers (tie optional) or a suit, if you prefer. Jeans, T-shirts and trainers are strictly not appropriate for this special occasion.

**Please note: Each child may bring with them, 5 family members only.**

A guide is available for parents to collect from the presbytery to help your child make their First Reconciliation.

Please continue to work through the 'I Belong' book and ensure that your children know their prayers, in particular the 'Sorry Prayer' (Act of Sorrow or Contrition) for their First Reconciliation.

**Catechists' Preparation Meeting: Wednesday 19th August at 7pm in the Parish Hall.**

If you would like to contribute towards decorating the church for the First Holy Communion Masses (flowers and ribbons on the pew ends) please leave your donation at the presbytery. Thank you for your kind donations so far.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

Since Services stopped in March, in Church offertory both envelope and loose have been reduced by over 75%.

Thank you for your continued support of St Joseph's Church, especially at this challenging time for everyone.

Your new box of envelopes is available to collect at the back of the church. Please check the list, take your box (and for your neighbours if possible) and then tick off the list, to say you have taken your new set.

**If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme, and would still like a box for your contributions, please enquire at the Presbytery.**

Contributions may be dropped at the Presbytery as well.

Many thanks, once again for your continued support.

May God Bless you and keep you safe!

According to Government regulations, a record of attendance with name, contact details and time in church is needed. It will be kept securely for 21 days and then be destroyed. The stewards will give you the Contact card when you enter the church.

### Confirmation

We have sent our list of candidates to the Diocese and Bishops and Deans are still working on the practical side of the issue. You will be informed on time about the date and are waiting for advice regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation.



### 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. **Theresa's intentions**
2. **Theresa's family intentions**

**Sanctuary Lamps can be booked at the presbytery.**

### From the Registers...

*Stanley Kaikenechukwu Duruh  
Lawrence Thomas O'Connell &  
Millie Desmond Stewart*

*were baptised on Saturday 15th August*

**May the Lord bless them with His Love**

### Rosary intention for August

To stop Abortion and remember the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

### Pope's Intention for August

**The Maritime World:** We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

### Confessions

Due to Covid 19, if you wish confession, please contact one of the priests or make it by appointment through the Parish Office.

### Appeal for PPE

Sourcing PPE, as everyone knows, is a huge issue at the moment. The unforeseen cost is a challenge, of course, at a time when weekly donations are dropping, so we are making an appeal for face masks, gloves, etc to protect the clergy, cleaners, stewards, servers, readers, Eucharist ministers and other parishioners. Please remember that we strongly advise that face coverings should be worn by all those attending a place of worship for personal prayer and mass.

Many thanks.

### Recently Deceased

*Nora McGrath, née Salmon* (wife of the late Matthias, and mother to Amanda, Amy, Matthias & Emily). Funeral: Tuesday 18th August at 10.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

*Belinda Davies-Western* (wife of Martin Western). Funeral: Thursday 20th August at 10.30, Graveside Service, Northwood Cemetery.

*John Naughton*, (Belmont Circle). Uncle of Patricia, Angela, Bridie, Peter & Teresa. Funeral to take place in Ireland.

*May they rest in peace*

