St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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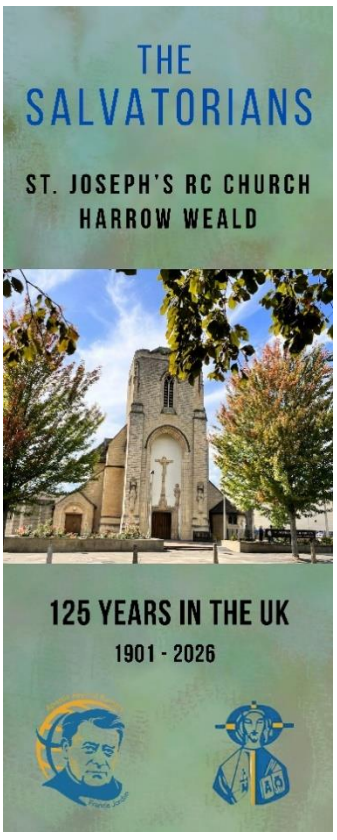
First Sunday of Advent **30th November 2025**

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year A is a time of waiting and hope. We look forward to Jesus coming again, and we remember His birth in Bethlehem. Advent reminds us to be ready, not just for Christmas, but for the day when Christ will return. It is a season to pray, watch, and live in the light of the Lord. This first week of Advent calls us to turn to God with open hearts. We are invited to walk in His light and live with hope. Each day is a chance to love God and others as we wait for His coming. Advent is a gift to help us slow down, pray, and prepare for Jesus with joy.



On **8 December 2025, the Salvatorians in the United Kingdom** will joyfully inaugurate the **Jubilee Year commemorating 125 years of Salvatorian presence in the UK and Eire.** In this same celebration, **Salvatorian College** will mark the **centenary of its foundation,** a remarkable milestone in its mission of Catholic education.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us in giving thanks to Almighty God for these blessings, and for the enduring charism & prophetic vision of **Blessed Francis Jordan,** who personally sowed the seeds of the Salvatorian mission on our shores. May the Lord continue to guide, inspire and bless us all as we enter this historic year of grace.

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Year I

Monday:	7.30 & 10.00: Mass
Tuesday:	7.30 & 10.00: Mass
Wednesday:	**St Francis Xavier, Bishop & Priest**
	7.30 & 10.00: Mass
Thursday:	7.30: Mass
	10.00: Funeral
Friday:	7.30 & 10.00: Mass
	7pm: Mass First Friday Devotions
Saturday:	First Saturday Devotions
	10.00: Mass
	5.15: Exposition/Adoration Bl Sacr
	6pm: Vigil Mass
Sunday:	**2nd Sunday of Advent**
	8.15; 9.30; 11.00 & 12.30.
Confessions:	Saturday after 10am Mass and during Adoration (5.15-5.45pm) before Mass

Livestreaming link:
https://youtube.com/@stjosephsharrow

Pope's Intention for December

We pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Rosary's Intention for December

We pray for graces to Love and Forgive each other.

First Friday Devotions

Friday 5th Dec: Adoration (6.15-6.45pm) with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions. Holy Mass at 7pm.

First Saturday Devotions

10.00 Mass: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Confessions: Guided Meditation.

Form Signing: Mondays & Wednesdays 6-7pm.

Repository: Christmas gifts, cards and advent calendars are now on sale in the Repository.

Christmas Hamper Projects

There will be a short talk today by the Salvatorian College requesting help with their Hamper Project. If you know of any individuals or families who would benefit from a Christmas Hamper this year, please take a Nomination Form from the back of the church and return it to the Salvatorian College. **To help make this project a success, we will need donations of long-life food to fill the hampers (see notice board).** Donations can be brought to the Community House or Salvatorian College. Many thanks in advance for your generosity and support.

The Sacred Heart Language College wish to support families who are in need by collecting goods for Christmas Hampers which are distributed through our College, the Parishes and The Catholic Children's Society. Our Pupils and Families are very generous but all contributions are very gratefully received. If you are able to support us, there will be a box to receive donations in the Church until Friday December 5th when we will collect them and give to families in need. If you know of a family who would benefit, please contact: enquiries@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk

Last date for nominations is Monday 8th December.

From the Registers…

Kavalli Glory Reynolds & Sienna Rose Sanderson
Who were baptised on Saturday 29th November
May the Lord bless them with His Love

Altar Servers / Guild of St Stephen

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 1st December at 9:30am. All active servers are required to attend, as this is part of their commitment as a member of the Guild of St Stephen and we will be finalising the rota for December & Christmas.

Feast of St Francis Xavier - Celebration Today

Our Goan Community will celebrate this Feast today, at the 12.30pm Mass. A social gathering will be held in the Salvatorian College Canteen after Mass, including a meal, music and raffle. Tickets (£20) available on the door.

St Joseph's Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Family Bingo raised £193 & the Coffee morning raised £343, a grand total of **£536**. Thank you, your support is very much appreciated. Our next **Family Bingo will be Friday 19th December** and **Coffee Morning after all masses on 21st December.**

Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

2 lamps burn constantly before the tabernacle to indicate the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. They burn for 7 days – Sat to Sat and may be offered for intentions at £10 each. Enquire at the Parish Office.

1. **Barbara Kowin+(Shelley)**
2. **Kathleen O'Grady+(1st anni)**

Offertory Collection: 23.11.25 - £2,110. Card machine £373. Many thanks.

Recently Deceased

Catherine O'Flynn (wife of Eddie). Funeral: Monday 1st December followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery. Enquiries: ***Francis O'Flynn 07814 310630***.
Jude Powell (husband of Heather Powell). Funeral: Thursday 4th December followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.
Eve Dowling (mother of Paul & Gemma). Funeral: Wednesday 10th December at 10.00am.
Stanley Breslin (husband of the late Jean Breslin). Funeral: Friday 12th December at 10.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.
Paul Farmer (son of the late George & Kathleen, brother of Jane McKeon & Gemma Jansen). Funeral: Mon 15th Dec followed by cremation at Breakspear.
John Thomas Gibb (father of Tony). Funeral: Tues 16th December at 11.45am at Breakspear Crematorium.
Marian Williams (mother of Hannah Williams). Funeral: Thursday 18th December at 10.00am followed by burial at St Mary's, Kensal Rise.
Pádraig McKeon (father of Séamus & Podge & Émer Coleman Funeral: Friday 9th January at 10.00am followed by repatriation to Ireland.
Joseph Aloysius Gobel. Funeral to be arranged.
James Griffin (father of Teresa Gaughan). Funeral: Friday 19th December at 12 noon at Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Harrow-on-the-Hill.

May they rest in peace

Acknowledgement

The family of the late *Norah Harrington* & *John Harrington*, wish to thank all those who sympathised with them and who sent Mass cards. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Ministers of Communion Rota

30th Sat 18.00 A Pereira 8.15 Sr Carmel 9.30 J Donohue 11.00 M Kelly 12.30 G Simpungwe.

Readers' Rota

30th Sat 18.00 I Eggleston, A Cook 15 A Mutanda 9.30 P Rodrigues, Secunda F N 11.00 O Karanja, M Bernard 12.30 S Cook, M Fernandes.