St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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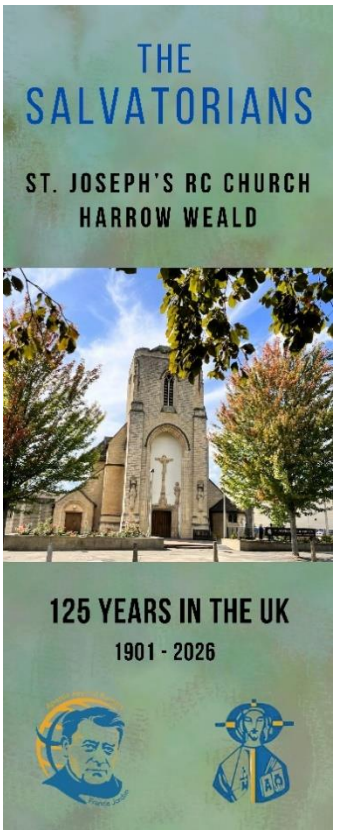
Second Sunday of Advent **7th December 2025**

The 2nd Sunday of Advent points us to something new. The Prophet Isaiah speaks of a branch growing from Jesse's stump. It is a sign of hope. God is doing something fresh. In the Gospel, John the Baptist tells the people to repent. Turn around. Get ready. Someone greater is coming. He will bring the Holy Spirit and fire. John reminds us that real faith shows in our actions. We must bear good fruit.



On **8 December 2025, at 11.00am, 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.

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

YOUR MASSES

Cycle of Readings Year A; Weekday Year I

Monday:	7.30 & 10.00: Mass
	11.00 Salvatorian Jubilee Mass
Tuesday:	7.30 & 10.00: Mass
Wednesday:	7.30: Mass
	10.00: Funeral
	6.00pm SHLC Carol Concert
Thursday:	7.30 & 10.00: Mass
Friday:	7.30: Mass
	10.00: Funeral
Saturday:	10.00: Mass
	5.15: Exposition/Adoration Bl Sacr
	6pm: Vigil Mass
Sunday:	**3rd 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

Peace on Earth

Advent Peace Service led *by the Folk Group takes place on Tuesday 16th December at 7.15pm.*

All most welcome

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.

Appeal for Holly

Please bring holly, to decorate the church, by Sunday 14th December – please leave in the porch.

Salvatorian College RE Dept Achieves Gold Award!

We are delighted to share wonderful news from **Salvatorian College**. The school's Religious Education department has been awarded the **RE Quality Mark (REQM) at Gold level**, a prestigious national recognition of excellence in teaching and learning. This award celebrates schools where RE is more than just a subject—it's a vibrant part of school life. Pupils are encouraged to explore their own beliefs, values, and spirituality, while also learning to understand the diverse faiths and perspectives that shape our world. Through this, they are supported in their personal, moral, and spiritual development. Salvatorian is **the only secondary school in Harrow—and the only school in the Westminster Diocese—to achieve Gold**. This achievement reflects the dedication, passion, and expertise of the RE staff, as well as the hard work and engagement of the pupils themselves.

Christmas Hamper Projects

Thank you for your generosity, supporting both Salvatorian College and the Sacred Heart Language College with their Christmas Hamper projects.

Please contact: enquiries@tshlc.harrow.sch.uk if you know of a family who would benefit from a Hamper. **Last date for nominations: 8th December.**

Community Connex: Christmas Carols

A Carol Concert will take place this Wed 10th December from 2-4pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets £5 (includes refreshments) on the door.

Christmas Carols

Salvatorian College presents Christmas Carols in the Church on Tuesday 16th December at 11.30am-12.30pm. See leaflets in Church for details.

Feast of St Francis Xavier

Thank you to everyone who came to our St Francis Xavier Feast celebration. It was a roaring triumph, enjoyed by all. Sadly, due to its success, we were oversubscribed, so next year, book in advance to avoid disappointment!

Big Christmas Clean Up

The Church will be cleaned for Christmas on ***Tuesday 23rd December at 7pm***. All most welcome. Many hands make light work!

Form Signing: Mondays & Wednesdays 6-7pm.

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. **Sr Catherine & family (private ints)**
2. **Sr Maria Vui & family (private ints)**

Offertory Collection: 30.11.25: £2,108. Many thanks.

Recently Deceased

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: Monday 15th December followed by cremation at Breakspear.

John Thomas Gibb (father of Tony). Funeral: Tuesday 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.

Maureen Kinsella. Funeral: Monday 5th January at 10.00am followed by cremation at Breakspear.

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

St Joseph's Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund

Family Bingo takes place ***Friday 19th December,*** in the Parish Hall, at 7.30pm for 8pm start.

There will be a coffee morning after all Masses on Sunday 21st December in aid of St Joseph's Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund.

Ministers of Communion Rota

7th Sat 18.00 G Teague 8.15 Sr Carmel 9.30 N Chan-Maguire 11.00 M Correa 12.30 J Conneely.

Readers' Rota

7th Sat 18.00 A Cook, Sr Vui 15 E Amalathas 9.30 A Joseph, L Taylor 11.00 M Kelly, F Ejiofor 12.30 G Simpungwe, E Kinnear.