St Joseph's Church
Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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Third Sunday of Advent **14th December 2025**

The 3rd Sunday of Advent reminds us that even while we wait, we can be joyful. Advent is a time of hope and preparation. But this week, we pause to smile, sing, and take heart.

This Sunday points us toward joy. Not because everything is perfect, but because Jesus is near. His coming brings healing, justice, and peace. Even now, we can see signs of that in the world. As Advent moves forward, this Sunday helps us refocus. We do not wait alone. We wait with hope. And we wait with joy.

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.

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: Mass
	10.00: Funeral
Tuesday:	7.30 & 10.00: Mass
Wednesday:	7.30 & 10.00: Mass
Thursday:	7.30: Mass
	10.00: Funeral
Friday:	7.30 & 10.00: Mass
Saturday:	10.00: Mass
	5.15: Exposition/Adoration Bl Sacr
	6pm: Vigil Mass
Sunday:	**4th 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

St Joseph's Christmas Services

Cards with a list of our Christmas Services are available to collect at the back of the church and to view on our website.

Lights of Life Christmas Tree

Remember your loved ones by writing a memorial card and placing it on the Tree, by Blessed Francis Jordan's Shrine (left hand side of the Sanctuary).

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.

Christmas Celebration

Fr Thomas, Fr Elphas and Fr Bernard wish everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

Christmas Services

Tuesday 16th December
Advent Peace Service at 7.15pm (Folk Group)

Wednesday 17th December
Penitential Service at 7.00pm

Saturday 20th December
Penitential Service following the 10.00am Mass

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve
4:30pm: Children's Christmas Mass
6:00pm: First Mass of Christmas
11:30pm: Carol Service followed by Solemn Christmas Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day
8:15; 9:30; 11:00 & 12:30: Mass

Friday 26th December Boxing Day
10:00 Mass for St Stephen's Guild for Altar Servers

Saturday 27th December
Masses at 10.00am & 6pm Mass

Sunday 28th December
8.15; 9.30; 11.00; 12.30: Mass

Monday 29th – Friday 2nd January
10.00 Mass only

Monday 5th January
Weekly Masses Resume 7.30 & 10.00

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.

Form Signing: Mondays & Wednesdays 6-7pm.

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!

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. **Tom Wickham+(10th anni)**
2. **Anthony Fernandes (ints)**

Recently Deceased
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 this ***Friday 19th December,*** in the Parish Hall, at 7.30pm for 8pm start.

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

Offertory Collection: 07.12.25: £2,108. Many thanks.

Ministers of Communion Rota
14th Sat 18.00 C D'Souza 8.15 L McGloin 9.30 P Horne 11.00 Minister Req 12.30 G Simpungwe.

Readers' Rota
14th Sat 18.00 E McCarthy, N Chan-Maguire 8.15 Reader Req 9.30 L Taylor, Secunda 11.00 F Ejiofor 12.30 E Kinnear.