St Joseph's Church

Wealdstone and Harrow Weald

Served by the Society of the Divine Saviour – The Salvatorians

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Fourth Sunday of Advent **21st December 2025**

"Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace" (Luke 2:14)

May the *Peace and Happiness of Christmas* be yours today and every day throughout the new year!

Christmas Crib

All gifts at the Crib are most gratefully received and will be passed on to the Catholic Children's Society.

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 Offertory Collection

The Christmas Offertory Collection
is your personal gift to the Salvatorian Fathers.
Many thanks for your kindness & support during the year.

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.

Form Signing: By appointment only

With Thanks

We very much appreciate all that you do for our Parish throughout the year and we are also grateful to the various groups that contribute to various activities within the life of the Parish. I would like to say a few special 'Thank Yous' to those who have helped prepare the church for this very special time of the year. Firstly, to all the ladies and gentlemen who clean our church weekly and to those who plan to help with the big Christmas clean up on Tuesday. To Maureen who has once again decorated the Church with such beautiful flowers and holly and to the team who have once again looked after the Christmas trees and the Crib. We are also grateful to the Slatina family for continually looking after the flowers outside the Church. Thank you to everyone who donated any money for the garden flowers and roses. Thank you to our Catechists for the continued guidance to our young parishioners as they prepare for First Holy Communion and Confirmation to the Children's Liturgy team and the RCIA Team. Thank you to Jo, Freda, Priscilla, Pauline and Sylvia who take care of the Altar Linens. Special thanks to Tony Peiris and all of the Altar servers, also to Tom, Dominic, the Folk Group and Choir for the beautiful music provided. To the Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion. Thank you to Susan Whelan and the team who run the Repository. Thank you to Noel, Agnes and Julie for their work in the Parish Office. Thank you to those who organise the collections and bring forward the Offertory. Finally, we wish all our Parishioners & their families a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

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

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

Monday 22nd December

7.30 & 10.00 Mass

Tuesday 23rd December

7.30 & 10.00 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

Children's Liturgy

Has now finished for the Christmas holidays and will resume on ***Sunday 11th January***.

The Folk Group would like to thank all those who attended the Advent Peace Service on Tuesday, particularly Fr Thomas who led the blessing. £111 was raised for Pax Christi, the international Catholic peace organisation, & more than 30 countries were prayed for, especially Ukraine, and Palestine/Gaza. Peace Sunday on 18 January was highlighted.

Offertory Collection: 14.12.25: £2,153. Card machine: £589. Many thanks.

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.

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. **Canice Rafferty+(6th anni)**
2. **Brendan Dillon+**

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their generosity in donating all their unwanted foreign currency, raising £1873.35. This will enable Mary's Meals to feed 97 children one good meal every school day for a whole year. Thank you so much for your support, please continue to pray for our work.

Recently Deceased

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.

Lorraine Anne Burton (Lainie). Wife of John Burton and daughter of Ray Millar. Funeral: Monday 12th January followed by burial at Northwood.

Rosemary Byrne (née Rowlands) sister of Terry Rowlands. Died in Sandycove, Dublin.

Sheila Sugrue (previously of this parish) died in Croxley. Funeral to be arranged.

May they rest in peace

Ministers of Communion Rota

21st Sat 18.00 N Chan-Maguire 8.15 Sr Carmel 9.30 J Donohue 11.00 P Singh 12.30 minister req.

Readers' Rota

21st Sat 18.00 Sr Catherine, I Eggleston 8.15 E Amalathas 9.30 L Taylor, Secunda 11.00 Reader Req 12.30 L Dennehy, G Simpungwe.

Please sign up for the Christmas Masses using the Rota by the Sacristy Corridor.