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Saint Paul's Harefield

Mass daily at 9.15am ... Sunday Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm Sunday Masses ... 9.00am and 11.00am
Rosary each weekday morning after Mass ... Confessions 6.00pm Saturday
Online Morning Prayer: 8.00am Online Night Prayer: 9.00pm

Please note: this church is live-streamed 24 hours per day
<https://www.churchservices.tv/harefield>

Feat of the Epiphany ... 7th January 2024

Mass intentions

Saturday 6 th January	6.30pm	Cojac Erika
Sunday 7 th January	9.00am	O'Connell family
Sunday 7 th January	11.00am	Christine Gainfort
Monday 8 th January	9.15am	Sheila and Maria Butler
Tuesday 9 th January	9.15am	Noel McGrory
Wednesday 10 th January	9.15am	Holy souls
Thursday 11 th January	9.15am	Brain Monaghan R.I.P.
Friday 12 th January	9.15am	Liam Bailey R.I.P.
Saturday 13 th January	9.15am	Breda and Maurice Griffin

Peace Sunday 2024 is Sunday 14th January

Prayer

God our creator and sustainer,

We thank you for the gifts of creativity you have given us, for the ability to explore science and understand your creation.

We ask your forgiveness for the times we have used science for evil and not for good, for war and not for peace.

Make us vigilant as we develop technology, that violence and discrimination may not take root, that injustice and inequality will not be fuelled, that the poor and vulnerable will not pay the cost.

May all that we create contribute to peace and justice.

Amen

MONTHLY MISCELLANY

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/harefield/wp-content/uploads/sites/148/2023/12/A-MONTHLY-MISCELLANY-December-2023-1.pdf>

Grand Christmas Raffle

Several prizes are still unclaimed.

Please see winning numbers posted on the notice board in the church entrance.

A Note on Fiducia Supplicans

Bishop John Sherrington

The Declaration *Fiducia Supplicans* presents a rich and broad reflection on the meaning of blessings and then examines in a careful and nuanced way the possibility of blessing couples in irregular situations including same-sex couples. The Declaration is written as a response to questions which the Dicastery has received about such blessings and the recent *dubia*.

Fiducia Supplicans opens with the words, "The supplicating trust of the faithful People of God receives the gift of blessing that flows from the Heart of Christ through his Church." (n.1) All blessings come from God through the Church.

This Declaration affirms the Church's perennial teaching on marriage and states that blessings of people in complex situations does not validate their status or change in anyway the Church's teaching (n.4-6). These blessings are acts of devotion which are outside of the Eucharist and sacramental practice (n.24). Pastoral practice should neither cause confusion nor scandal, and so "blessing should never be imparted in concurrence with the ceremonies of a civil union, and not even in connection with them. Nor can it be performed with any clothing, gestures, or words that are proper to a wedding. The same applies when the blessing is requested by a same-sex couple." (n.39)

JOSHUA TREE TALKS



Next talk will be held on Friday 26th January 2024 at 7.00pm

Fr Jim will talk on Medjugorje

The 7-Day sanctuary candle and the 7-day candle for Our Lady's Chapel are sponsored this coming week by the Sinclair family.