



Church of the Most Sacred Heart

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Normal Mass Times:

Saturday

Vigil Mass: 18.00

Sunday

8.30, 10.00, 11.30, 18.00

Monday – Saturday

10.00 and as announced

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon - Fri: 10.30 – 11.00am

Sat: 10.30 – 12.00noon

Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

10.30-11.30, 17.15 – 17.30

Collections

Envelopes	£	915.70
Loose	£	625.06
Total	£	1540.76

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This week our suggested intention to focus is the Sick and Elderly of our Parish.

Children's Liturgy

These sessions are for children in Reception (age 4-5) to Year 6. The last session this year is today **17th December**.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas

Can all ministers & readers please pick up their new updated rotas. Thank you.

Christmas Holidays

The Parish Office will be closed from **Friday 22nd December** and re-open again on **Thursday 4th January 2018**.

Parish Priest: Fr. Duncan M. Adamson
Assistant Priest: Fr. Sebastian Joseph
Parish Administrator: Anne O'Connor
Catechetical Co-ordinator: Sandra Mace
Pastoral Youth Worker: Siobhan Denny

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri 9.00am-1.00pm

Parish Office Closed on Wednesdays

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3rd Sunday of Advent

Fr. Duncan writes: Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, 'Gaudete' Sunday. This name comes from the first word of the Entry Antiphon for today's Mass 'Rejoice'. In our ordinary lives anticipating an event can bring as much joy as the event itself. So it is with the season of Advent. We know that the Son of God was born once long ago. And we prepare, once again, to celebrate that event with rejoicing. As we continue our preparation by reflecting deeply on the Incarnation, Jesus truly God truly Man, the Word made flesh, let us pray that the world may recognise Jesus Christ as the Holy One of God. To help us with our Advent preparations, our Parish Reconciliation Service will be on **Monday 18th December at 7.30pm**, with several visiting priests joining us.

Next Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Advent. It is also Christmas Eve.

To fulfil your Sunday obligation, the Masses for the **4th Sunday of Advent** are **Saturday 6pm** and **Sunday morning 8.30, 10.00 and 11.30am**.

🎄 **The Christmas Masses** 🎄 are at **7.00pm** and **10.30pm** on Sunday evening.

On Monday the Christmas Masses are **8.30, 10.00** and **12.00 noon**.

There is no evening Mass on Christmas on Christmas Day

Christmas Message

If you did not get a copy last weekend, the Christmas Message is available today with all the Christmas and New Year service times. This comes from Fr. Sebastian and myself with our prayers and blessings for Christmas and the New Year. May God bless you all. Please take a copy.

Christmas Envelopes

This weekend, Christmas envelopes are available at the back of the Church. These are for your gifts to the priests of our Parish at Christmas. It is this money, together with the Easter collection which makes up our annual salary as priests.

Children's Christmas Masses – Christmas Eve at 7.00pm & Christmas Day at 10pm.

To celebrate the birth of baby Jesus in our manger, the children are invited to dress up as angels and shepherds. Our children's choir will be singing at the Christmas Eve Mass and the folk choir at the Christmas Day Mass. We look forward to welcoming them.

Parish Carol Service

Our Parish Carol Service will take place this **Sunday 17th December** at **3.00pm** followed by tea, coffee, drinks and mince pies in the Coffee Lounge. This year our three choirs will be joined by the scouts, cubs, beavers, guides and brownies. Please come and join them.

Signing of Primary and Nursery School Priest Reference Forms

Fr. Duncan has set the following dates for the signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice forms in the coffee lounge. Please see the lists of appointments available in the foyer after all weekend Masses and write your details next to an available appointment time, one slot per family. Fr. Duncan will NOT see any parents or sign forms without a prior appointment :

Friday 5th January: 5.00-6.00pm and **Wednesday 10th January: 3.00-5.00pm**

NB: The Certificate of Catholic Practice is a statement that the child concerned is being raised in a practicing Catholic family. This means that the family are fulfilling the commandments by coming to Mass each Sunday. If this is not the case, you are unlikely to get a certificate!

Request from Bishop John Wilson – Catholic Education

Have you signed the petition yet? Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for Catholic Education in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools. It only takes one minute to fill out the online form.

Westminster Year Books
These are now available from the Repository (£4.50)

Baptism Congratulations
Congratulations to Rowan Hurley who was baptized in our Church this weekend.

With Deepest Sympathy
We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Julian Jephcote whose Funeral Service takes place on **Tuesday 19th December at 12.00noon** followed by burial at Hillingdon Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

Food Bank Collection
The SVP are holding their last collection this Sunday, **17th December** for the Hillingdon Food Bank. The food bank has a really serious need for families in our area, especially this time of year. They are particularly short of:
Tinned tomatoes
Soups,
Instant mashed potato
Long life juice / squash
Tinned fruit
Uht milk / powdered milk.
Sugar
Tinned fruit
Cereals
Noodles
Soups
Rice
Tinned vegetables
Biscuits
Tinned meat and fish
Tea or coffee
Many thanks

With Deepest Sympathy
We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Neurius (Sonny) Jean-Jacques who died very suddenly this week. May he rest in peace.

Parish Diaries for 2018
Our Parish Diaries are available at the back of the Church. There is no charge and any donations will be used to support Friends of the Holy Land.

Jubilee Trust Lottery

The £500 prize for the 2017/18 Lottery cycle will be drawn today after the Carol Service. Many thanks to those who have already signed up. If you would like to make an online payment the account details are: **Sort Code:20-73-53, Account number:80793353** and quote a payment reference using the second part of your post code and your surname, eg. 7AB/SURNAME. Please advise us preferably by email at mshjubileetrust@rcdow.org.uk.

Altar Servers

Please fill in the list in the sacristy to let us know which Christmas Mass you will be attending. You are also reminded that the annual Festal Mass takes place at **10:30am on St Stephen's Day, 26th December** and you are expected to attend. During this Mass two servers will receive Silver Medals for long and distinguished service, those who have successfully completed probationary service will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and others will receive Certificates for exemplary service.

New Altar Servers

Do you think you might like to become an Altar Server? If you have made your first Communion and would like to find out more, please attend a meeting in the church at **7:00pm on Monday 8th January** which will be followed by weekly training sessions each Monday to Easter. Altar serving is a serious commitment and attendance at the first meeting is essential; anyone not attending the meeting will not be able to join the course in later weeks. A parent or guardian must attend this first meeting with any under 16 year olds.

Mass Intentions for the Week: 16th - 25th December 2017

Saturday 16 th December	10.00 Mary Emmanuel, R.I.P.(Ann.) 18.00 Mona Lynch, R.I.P.	
Sunday 17 th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 For you the People 10.00 Eileen Chapman, R.I.P. 11.30 Patrick & Marion Redmond, R.I.P. 18.00 Wrotni & Karakulko deceased family members	<i>(folk group)</i>
Monday 18 th December	10.00 Tom O'Hara, R.I.P. Denas Austan Family & Friends	
Tuesday 19 th December	10.00 Albert Shaw, R.I.P. (Ann.) Johanna & Charles Killington, R.I.P. (Ann.) 12.00 Funeral Service: Julian Jephcote, R.I.P.	
Wednesday 20 th December	10.00 Jerry Maloney, R.I.P. John McPherson, R.I.P.	
Thursday 21 st December	08.00 Special Intentions 10.00 Mel Leonard, R.I.P.	
Friday 22 nd December	10.00 Basil Garsed, R.I.P. (Ann.) 20.00 Vincent Rebello, R.I.P. (Ann.)	
Saturday 23 rd December	10.00 Tom Kelly, R.I.P. 18.00 Elizabeth Savage, R.I.P. (Ann.)	
Sunday 24 th December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 Angela Urso Baiarda, R.I.P. 10.00 Tony Pycio, R.I.P. 11.30 Kurt Bachtler & Franz Berger, R.I.P. (Ann.)   Christmas Season  	
<i>Vigil Mass of Christmas</i>	19.00 For you the people	<i>(Carols 6.30pm led by children's choir)</i>
<i>Mass in the Night</i>	10.30 Private Intentions	<i>(Carols 10.00pm)</i>
Monday 25 th December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	08.30 For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish 10.00 For all your Christmas Intentions 12.00 Mary Kelly, R.I.P. NO EVENING MASS	<i>(folk group)</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Harry Butler, Lily Fehin, Carmel Galanty, Doreen Jones, Dolores Osborne, Rose Pick, Anne Parra, Dorothy Rushbrooke, Marjorie Shaw, Caroline Titley, Claire Wilson, Edna Winwright, Mary Worley, Bernadette Campbell, Danny Sheppard, Susan Acton, Lisa O'Sullivan, Pat Walsh, Bernadeta Herrera, Peggy Heywood, Geraldine Nolan, Nora Bond, Gerry McKane, Lottie Lea, Connie McCrohan, Crhis George, Livia Emmanuel, Irene Wojcik, baby Daniel, John White and Ann Harte.

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Timothy & Mary Emmanuel, Bobby Lay, Albert Shaw, Johanna & Charles Killington, Basil Garsed, Vincent Rebello, Nicholas Periera, Dennis Batten, Joseph Solis and Canon John McDonald.

God Bless
Fr. Duncan