



# 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 £ 1384.80

Loose £ 1162.32

**Total £ 2547.12**

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This week our suggested intention to focus our prayer is Carers.

## Children's Liturgy

These sessions are for children in Reception (age 4-5) to Year 6. The next date is the **18<sup>th</sup> Dec.**

## Church Porch

You will see that the porch floor is being replaced. This work began last Monday and will, hopefully, be finished next week. I am sorry for the inconvenience that these works cause. The workmen are doing their best to keep disruption down to a minimum. No gain without pain!

## Westminster Year Books

These are now available from the Repository (£4.50)

*Parish Priest: Fr. Duncan M. Adamson*

*Assistant Priests: Fr. Sebastian Joseph*

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*Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9.00am-1.00pm*

## 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 **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**, with several visiting priests joining us.

Last Thursday evening, I was in our school, to see the Annual School Carol Concert. It was an excellent evening. We were treated to a variety of musical pieces showing the talents of the children and the staff. Many congratulations to all who were involved.

## Christmas Message

This weekend the Christmas Message is available with all the Christmas and New Year service times. This comes from Fr. Sebastian, Deacon Joseph 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.

## Parish Carol Service

Our Parish Carol Service will take place next **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Christmas Draw Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for our Christmas draw are available this weekend after all Masses. Please take a book or several and try and sell as many tickets as you can. Tickets cost 50p each, £2.50 for a book. Please return the ticket stubs and money in a marked envelope either through the presbytery letterbox or in the collection. The proceeds will go towards the refurbishment of the church porch. The draw will take place after the Christmas Carol Service on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

## 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 times and dates 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, the dates available are:

**Wednesday 4th January: 5.00-7.00pm and Wednesday 11th 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 the family are fulfilling the commandments of the Church by coming to Mass each Sunday.

## Senior Citizens Christmas Carol Afternoon at Sacred Heart School on Monday 19th December

Once again this year the Sacred Heart School would like to invite Senior Citizens over 65 to an afternoon of entertainment in the school hall on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm.** If anyone from the Parish would like to come along please contact the school office on **01895 633240** in advance. There is plenty of parking available in the Rugby Club which is a short walk from the school entrance. However, we are very happy for cars to drop off at the office via the main drive and then pick up at the end. Please do come along to see and listen to the Christmas songs the children have been learning, they would love to have a large audience!

### Douay Martyrs Carol Service

The Most Sacred Heart Church will be hosting The Douay Martyrs Catholic School Carol Service on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm**. All parishioners are invited to the carol service, which will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the parish hall.

### New Readers Wanted

We currently need new Readers to replace those who have moved away etc. during the past few months. If you can help, please contact Eileen Bonnar on **0208 582 4902** or speak to Fr. Duncan.

### THOMAS MORE CHURCH, EASTCOTE

A DAY OF RECONCILIATION is to be held in Eastcote parish on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day, with visiting Priest available for confession from **10.00am-12.45pm** and from **2.15 – 3.30pm**. Confession also available until **6pm**.

### Friends of the Holy Land

Very many thanks for your generosity last weekend in the collection for the Friends of the Holy Land. A total of **£1380** was given.

### Mothers Prayer Meetings Change of Date !

Our next meeting is today **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 4.00-5.00pm** at 6 Deborah Crescent, Ruislip followed by tea and coffee.

### Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to help put up the Christmas tree on the evening of **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**. If you can help please call Joe on **07743698279**.

### Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Maisy McKenna, Myles Ozdemir and Bethany Bruneau who were all baptized in our Church in the last week.

### Jubilee Trust Lottery

The £500 Lottery prize will be drawn on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** after the Carol Service and there will further cash prizes drawn each month until next November. Members are reminded to complete and return their lottery form for 2016/17 which is due. All forms have to be in by **11.00am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** to be in the first draw. Remember '*you have to be in it to win it!!!*' Forms can be either handed to one of the committee members or popped in the letter box into the presbytery.

### Food Bank Collection

The SVP are holding a collection every Sunday in Advent for the Hillingdon Food Bank (at all masses). The food bank has a really serious need for families in our area, especially this time of year. They are particularly short of: Cereals, Soups, Baked Beans, Tomatoes (Tinned), Canned Meat, Canned Fish, Tinned Fruits, Biscuits, Sugar, Pasta, Tea or Coffee, Fruit Juice, Long Life Milk, Rice, Jam, Mash Potatoes, Pudding, Sauces / Gravy, Treats e.g. Chocolates, Crisps, Sweets etc. and Toiletries.

### 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, **26<sup>th</sup> December** and all servers are expected to attend. During this Mass servers 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 9<sup>th</sup> January** which will be followed by weekly training sessions each Monday to Easter. Attendance at the first meeting is essential and anyone not attending 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: 10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 James Devine, R.I.P. (Ann.) 18.00 Mary Murphy, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 Zacarina Decruz, R.I.P. 10.00 Pat O'Brien, R.I.P. (Ann.) 11.30 Mary O'Brien, John Doyle & Josephine Leonard, R.I.P. 18.00 For you the people
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	10.00 Sean O'Keeffe, R.I.P. (Ann.) Mary Sweeney Intentions
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St. Lucy</i>	10.00 Albert Shaw, R.I.P.(Ann.) and Marjorie Shaw Intentions Elizabeth Crawford, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	10.00 David White, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	08.00 Thanksgiving 10.00 Timothy Emmanuel, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Mary Emmanuel, R.I.P. (Ann.) 20.00 John Warren, R.I.P.
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 James Devine, R.I.P. (Ann.) 18.00 Patrick & Marion Redmond, R.I.P.
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 For you the people 10.00 Tony Pycio, R.I.P. 11.30 Mary Cox, R.I.P. (Ann.) 18.00 Jerry Maloney, R.I.P. (Ann.)

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(Please note the Rosary is recited every week day morning in the Church at 9.30am)

### 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 Tittley, Claire Wilson, Edna Winwright, Mary Worley, Bernadette Campbell, Danny Sheppard, Susan Acton, Lisa O'Sullivan, Fr. Leo Targett, Bernadeta Herrera, Peggy Heywood, Geraldine Nolan, Geraldine Clooney, Pat Walsh, Connie McCrohan, Sharon Healy, Ferri Michaelides, Nora Bond, Gerry McKane, Sandra Vivier and Christian George.

### AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Sylvia Latham, James Devine, Mary Murphy, Pat O'Brien, Sean O'Keeffe, Albert Shaw, David White, Elizabeth Crawford and Timothy & Mary Emmanuel.

God Bless  
Fr. Duncan