



# 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 £ 1292.28

Loose £ 868.80

**Total £ 2161.08**

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This week our suggested intention to focus is families. There will be no Exposition after

**Christmas Eve** until **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**.

## Children's Liturgy

The last date this year is today the **18<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Crib Appeal Collection

The money collected at the crib will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster). They thank us for our support over the last year, which has enabled them to offer a wide range of services to children and families in need in our Diocese.

## 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**

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent & Christmas Day

**Fr. Duncan writes:** This Sunday we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and begin the last week of preparation for the celebration of Christmas, the birthday of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As we prepare for this great feast with cards, presents, food, drinks, decorations, etc., let us not forget our own spiritual preparation. Next Sunday is Christmas Day and at all our Masses my thoughts and prayers will be for the people of our parish, for those visiting our parish at Christmas and for your families, wherever they may be. We also remember all of our parishioners who have died and those families who have lost someone close to them during this past year. We appreciate your loss and want you to know that we are thinking of you at this time.

The Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December** this year. At Christmas we celebrate the wonder that the Word of God took flesh in a human family. Being like us in all things, Jesus lived and grew up in a family, subject to all the joys, strength and limitations of family life. This prompts us to recognise the gifts God brings to our families.

On **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January**, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Please note, there is no evening Mass on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January**.

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**.

## Advent Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Reconciliation Service is on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** at **7.30pm**. There will be several priests available for confessions.

## 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.

## 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 this **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December** at **3.00pm** followed by tea, coffee, 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. The Christmas Draw Raffle prize will take place after the Christmas Carol Service and the Jubilee Trust £500 Lottery prize will be also be drawn

## 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.

## With Deepest Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Eileen Murphy whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December** at **12noon**, followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery.

## Mass Intentions for two Weeks: 17<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017

### Malayalam Mass

Mass in Malayalam (Kerala)  
Fr. Sebastian will be saying a  
Mass in Malayalam on  
**Sunday 1st January at 4pm.**  
All welcome.

### New Readers Needed

We urgently 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.

### Collections

#### Friends of the Holy Land

A total of **£2298.78** was  
collected.

#### Cafod

A total of **£2337.29** was  
collected.

Very many thanks for your  
generosity, cheques for all  
our third parties were sent  
off this week.

### Christmas Holidays

The Parish Office will be  
closed from

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

and re-open again on

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.**

### Food Bank Collection

Very many thanks for all the  
items donated to Hillingdon  
Food Bank. We will be  
holding another collection  
during next Lent.

### CAFOD

CAFOD is looking for  
volunteers who would like  
to take the CAFOD message  
into Catholic primary and  
secondary schools in this  
area. You will help to inspire  
children and young people  
as to how they can act to  
make the world a fairer  
place in conjunction with  
their faith.

To find out more please call  
**0208-449-6970**, or email  
[wschools@cafod.org.uk](mailto:wschools@cafod.org.uk)

### Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Frida  
McCann and Lucas Ausena  
who were baptized in our  
Church this weekend.

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.)	<i>(folk)</i>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Dennis Batten, R.I.P. (Ann.) Mr & Mrs Fahy Intentions	
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Deceased members of the McCullagh family, R.I.P. Mary Turner Intentions 19.30 Advent Reconciliation Service	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	10.00 Private Intentions Joe Remy De Souza & Francis Menezes, R.I.P.	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	08.00 Canon Colin Davies Intentions 10.00 Basil Garsed, R.I.P. (Ann.) 12.00 Funeral Mass: Eileen Murphy, R.I.P.	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.00 Gladys Hall, R.I.P. (Ann.) 20.00 Elizabeth Savage, R.I.P.(Ann.)	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Paddy Mannion, R.I.P. 19.00 For you the people 22.30 Private Intentions	<i>(children's choir)</i>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	08.30 Kurt Bachtler & Franz Berger, R.I.P. (Ann.) 10.00 For all your Christmas Intentions 12.00 For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish NO EVENING MASS	<i>(folk)</i>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St. Stephen</i>	10.30 Stephen Connell, R.I.P. Olivia Richmond Intentions	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St. John</i>	10.00 Bernie Bower, R.I.P.(Ann.) Maggie Logue Intentions	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	10.00 Evelyn Britain Intentions Monou Valli, R.I.P.	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St. Thomas Becket</i>	08.00 John Murphy, R.I.P. (Ann.) 10.00 Michael Loughman, R.I.P. (Ann.)	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Holy Family</i>	10.00 Phyllis Houton, R.I.P. NO EVENING MASS	
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	10.00 Keith Jefferson, R.I.P. 18.00 Frances Whelan, R.I.P. (Ann.)	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January <i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	08.30 Rose Brady, R.I.P. (Ann.) 10.00 For you the people 11.30 Agnes & James Adamson, R.I.P. (Ann.) 16.00 C. Abraham Thanksgiving NO EVENING MASS	<i>(folk)</i>  <i>(Malayam)</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, 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:

Joseph Solis, Nicholas Periera, Mary Cox, Jerry Maloney, Dennis Batten, Basil Garsed, Gladys Hall, Elizabeth Savage, Kurt Bachtler & Franz Berger, Bernie Bower, John Murphy, Michael Loughman, Rita Dolan and Royston Burchell.

*Happy & Holy Christmas  
God Bless To You All  
Fr. Duncan*