



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 £ 1482.79

Loose £ 956.13

Total £ 2438.92

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This week our suggested intention to focus is carers.

Children's Liturgy

These sessions are for children in Reception (age 4-5) to Year 6. The next dates are: 8th, 15th & 22nd January.

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**

Deacon: **Rev. Joseph Okoro**

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

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Fr. Duncan writes: Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Eight days after Christmas we honour Mary in her greatest dignity of all, as Mother of God, mother of Jesus who was true God and true man. Please note there is NO evening Mass on this Sunday. Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Canon John McDonald

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Canon John McDonald, in his 61st year as a priest. He was called by the Lord on Monday morning, 19th December. Fr. John was Parish Priest here at Most Sacred Heart from 1987 to 1992. From Ruislip he went to Corpus Christi, Maiden Lane. When he retired he lived firstly at St John's Wood and then for the last few years he has been living at St Anne's Home in Stoke Newington, being cared for by the Little Sisters of the Poor. May he rest in peace. Canon John's Funeral Mass will be in Westminster Cathedral on **Thursday 5th January at 11am**. His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside. Canon John's burial will follow the Funeral Mass.

Grateful Thanks

Thank you for the many cards and gifts and for your generosity in the Christmas Collection. I am very grateful for the many kindnesses you show me and my brother priests, not just at this time of the year, but throughout the year. May God bless you all.

Many Thanks

To everyone who helped to make Christmas such a lovely celebration in our parish, to Sarah and the Folk Group; Daniela and the children's choir; Adrian our Organist and the Choir; Clement and the altar servers; our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers; the Flower Ladies for the lovely floral arrangements; collectors and sidesmen; sacristans and cleaners and Joe and his team for the cribs and Christmas tree, also to Anne, our Parish Administrator, Sandra and all our catechists and Siobhan, our pastoral youth worker. It was wonderful to see the vast numbers who attended all of our Christmas Services from the Carol Service; the Reconciliation Service and all of our Christmas Masses. Fr. Duncan thanks you for all your hard work and dedication, not only at Christmas but throughout the past year. May the Lord bless all your efforts in the coming year.

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 9th 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.

Signing of Primary and Nursery School Priest Reference Forms

Fr. Duncan has set the following two dates for the signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice forms. Please see the lists of appointment times 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, the dates available are:

Wednesday 4th January: 5.00-7.00pm and Wednesday 11th January 3.00-5.00pm.

School Forms Notice

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 by coming to Mass each Sunday.

Faithcafé Wednesday 18th January 2017

Save the date, Faith Café returns on **Wednesday 18th January**, more details to follow.

Parish Diaries for 2017

Our Parish Diaries are available at the back of the Church. There is no charge. Any donations will be used to support the Passage, who work with the homeless in London.

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.

First Friday Lunch 2017

The next lunch is **Friday 3rd February**. Why not join us in the Coffee Lounge at **12.30pm** for a home-cooked lunch (£5.00).

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Wednesday 10th January** at **7.45pm** in the Warrender Room.

Mothers Prayer Meetings

We are an informal group of mothers who meet monthly to offer prayers for our children. Our next meeting is **Sunday 8th January 2017, 4.00-5.00pm** at 6 Deborah Crescent, Ruislip followed by tea and coffee. For more details please contact Jenny on **01895 622196**.

Pope Paul Catholic Primary School Potters Bar Reunion

As we are approaching our 50th Anniversary we invite all past pupils, teachers, parents and staff to join our School Reunion.

Date: **Saturday 28th January 2017**

Time: from **7.30 pm**.

Venue: The Old Manor Pub and Restaurant, Wyllyotts Place, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2JD.

We do hope you can come along.

Please let us know if you would like to join us by emailing:

admin@popepaul.herts.sch.uk

Pilgrimage to Lourdes 23rd – 27th July 2017

Would you like to come on pilgrimage to Lourdes with us next year? We shall be joining with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. I am awaiting the brochure for next year's pilgrimage and will put a copy on the notice board in the porch, with the details of the hotels and prices, when it is received. In the meantime, please think about the pilgrimage, talk about the pilgrimage and pray about the pilgrimage. For more information, speak to Fr Duncan.

Redcaps: Pilgrimage to Lourdes 23rd – 27th July 2017

Last year a small group of 16-18yr olds from the parish, travelled to Lourdes in France with the Westminster Diocese pilgrimage to be Redcaps (helping frail or disabled people by pushing them in wheelchairs to the different masses or meeting places and being a friend to them). It was quite hard work for the Redcaps but they had such a great time that they want to go again this year. The cost is roughly £900 including all transport, food and accommodation for the week. Last year different parish groups including the SVP and the Jubilee trust fundraised to pay for half of each Redcaps place. This year plenty of fundraising will be happening to pay for half of your place as a Redcap. If you are over 15/16 years and would like to come then there will be an interest meeting on **Thursday 26th January** at **8.30pm** in Hesdin Hall, where the people who went last year can tell you all about what happens. Please come along. It is a great experience. If you can't make the meeting but still wish to come to Lourdes in July then please contact Siobhan on **0790811796** or siobhandenny@rcdow.org.uk

Mass Intentions for the Week: 31st December – 8th January 2017

Saturday 31 st December	10.00 Keith Jefferson, R.I.P. 18.00 Frances Whelan, R.I.P. (Ann.)	
Sunday 1 st 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	(folk) (Malaylam)
Monday 2 nd January <i>Ss. Basil & Gregory</i>	10.00 Francis Ryan, R.I.P. (Ann.) Mary & Jim Elmes, R.I.P. (Ann.)	
Tuesday 3 rd January	10.00 Leonard & Grace Longhurst, R.I.P. Julia Perrill Intentions	
Wednesday 4 th January	10.00 Jack Jordan Intentions Grazyna & Julian Richmond Thanksgiving	
Thursday 5 th January	08.00 Ryan & Angela De Souza Thanksgiving 10.00 Shani Laird, R.I.P.	
Friday 6 th January	10.00 Eric & Gertrude Corthorne, R.I.P. 20.00 Johnny Lyons, R.I.P.	
Saturday 7 th January	10.00 Joseph & Susan Solis, R.I.P.(Ann.) 18.00 Brendan Doorly, R.I.P. (Ann.)	
Sunday 8 th January <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	08.30 For you the People 10.00 Arthur Bonnar, R.I.P. (Ann.) 11.30 Maura Kealy, R.I.P. (Ann.) 18.00 Ellen & PJ Davey, R.I.P. (Ann.)	

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

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Frances Whelan, Rose Brady, Agnes Adamson, Francis Ryan, Mary Elmes and Kathleen Fitzgerald.

Happy New Year
God Bless
Fr. Duncan