



# 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 £ 1422.90

Loose £ 924.71

**Total £ 2347.61**

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This week our suggested intention to focus is the Christians in the Holy Land.

## Church Parade

Church Parade will take place this Sunday at the **10.00am** Mass

## With Deepest Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of William Seery, R.I.P. whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** at **1.00pm**.

## First Friday Lunch

The next Lunch is this **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. Why not join us in the Coffee Lounge at **12.30pm** for a home-cooked lunch (£6.00). Please put your name down on the list in the porch if you would like to join us.

**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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## 1st Sunday of Advent

**Fr. Duncan writes:** Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church's year. This year we will be reading from the gospel of Mark. The season of Advent is a short season of preparation for Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. The chief characteristic of Advent is one of joyful expectation. When you look around you are given the impression that Christmas has already begun. It has not. Advent is the time we use to prepare for Christmas, not only in a practical way, but also in a spiritual way. It is on Christmas night when we welcome the new born king that Christmas begins.

## First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Our next First Friday Exposition will be on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

## 'Adoremus' – Eucharistic Congress

There will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool from **7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Sept** next year. If you would like to go to this event for either one, two or three days, please speak to Fr Duncan for more details.

## Christmas Dates for Your Diary

Christmas Carol Service – **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm**

Advent Reconciliation Service – **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – **Masses; Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm, Sun 24<sup>th</sup> December 8.30, 10.00 and 11.30am**

Christmas Masses – **Vigil Mass; 7.00pm, Carols at 10.00pm, Mass in the night; 10.30pm.**

Morning Masses; **8.30am, 10.00am and 12.00 noon. NO Evening Mass**

New Year's Day, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – **Mass 10.00am**

## 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 : **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2.30-4.30pm, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January: 5.00-6.00pm and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents some schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. By forcing Catholic schools to turn away Catholic school children on the basis of their faith, the very principle of a Catholic parent's right to choose a Catholic education is under threat. The government have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. 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.

## An Ecumenical Christmas Memorial Service

On Wednesday this week, **6<sup>th</sup> December**, we are hosting a Christmas Memorial Service. This is being organised by Henry Paul Funeral Directors in Ruislip Manor. The service begins at **7.00pm** and we will welcome people from the local area who have lost someone during the past year. If you would like to join them, you will be very welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall.

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

**Baptism Congratulations**  
Congratulations to Samuel Turner who will be baptized in our Church today.

**Help Wanted**  
The Christmas Tree is being put up in the evening on **Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.** Please contact Andy on **07889 246773** if you can help. Many thanks

**Senior Citizens Christmas Carol Afternoon at Sacred Heart School on Mon 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm.** 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!

**Food Bank Collection**  
The SVP are holding a collection on the first three Sundays in Advent (**3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> December**) 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: Tinned tomatoes, noodles, instant mashed potato, long life juice / squash, tinned fruits and supermarket 'bag for life', milk (uht / dried), rice and tin-openers. Many thanks.

**Jubilee Trust Lottery**

The £500 prize for the 2018/18 Lottery cycle will be drawn on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** after the Carol Service. All subscriptions and renewals need to be with the Trustees by noon on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** to make sure you are included in this draw. Many thanks to those who have already signed up.

**Jubilee Social Club Christmas Party Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

Please sign up for the Jubilee Social Club Christmas Party on the green sheet at the back of the Church. This is a week earlier than usual and there will be fun, games and an extra special lunch. We are asking people to bring a gift (approx. £5 in value) for a Secret Santa instead of the usual subs. The Jubilee Social Club is open to older Parishioners and meets monthly from **10.30am-14.30pm.** We have a varied programme of events and serve a cooked lunch and snacks. Please contact Siobhan Denny on **07908 111796** or Harriet Plumb on **07956 366198** if you need a lift. **Jubilee Social Club Outing on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 is now sold out** and there is a waiting list. Please make sure you have secured your place by paying at least your deposit by **3<sup>rd</sup> Dec.** Balance due **19<sup>th</sup> Jan.**

**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 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	10.00 Brenda Hynes, R.I.P. 18.00 Ned Lynch, R.I.P.
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 For you the People 10.00 Joe Walsh, R.I.P. (Ann.) <i>(folk group)</i> 11.30 Mary & Tom Cox, R.I.P. (Ann.) 16.00 Madalena Piheiro & Neiva Silva Intentions <i>(Malayalam Mass)</i> 18.00 Francesca Vecchione, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Jim O'Brien, R.I.P. 13.00 <b>Funeral Mass: William Seery, R.I.P.</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Special Intentions Mary Browne Intentions
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St. Nicholas</i>	10.00 Margaret Green, R.I.P. (Ann.) The Good Counsel Network 19.00 <b>Ecumenical Christmas Memorial Service</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December <i>St. Ambrose</i>	08.00 St. Jude Thanksgiving 10.00 Connell Lobo, R.I.P.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December <i>The Immaculate Conception</i>	10.00 Sr. Pam Embleton, R.I.P. 19.00 <b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 20.00 Christine Hickey, R.I.P.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Mary Callaghan, R.I.P. 18.00 Leslie Rossiter, R.I.P.
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 Mary & Tony Bell, R.I.P. (Ann.) 10.00 Con & Dorothy Ryan Golden Anniversary <i>(children's choir)</i> 11.30 Kevin Cutts, R.I.P. 18.00 For you the People

**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, Christian George, Livia Emmanuel, Irene Wojcik, baby Daniel, John White and Ann Harte.

**AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:** God Bless  
Joe Walsh, Mary Cox, Francesca Vecchione, Margaret Green and Maureen Hennessy. Fr. Duncan