



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 £ 1410.85

Loose £ 949.55

Total £ 2360.40

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Children's Liturgy

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

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers Rotas

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

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.

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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2nd Sunday of Advent

Fr. Duncan writes: Last weekend we began the Season of Advent and on Sunday afternoon we had our Children's Advent Celebration in the hall. This was a wonderful afternoon with many activities for the children to enjoy. I am very grateful to all those who helped make the afternoon such a great success. May God bless you all.

You will see that the porch has been painted and is now much cleaner and brighter. The CTS racks have been moved to the end wall of the porch. It is worth having a look at the selection of books available from time to time. There is a money box for purchases under the large rack on the left side.

Christmas Message

This weekend the Christmas Message is available 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.

'Adoremus' – Eucharistic Congress

There will be a National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool from 7th - 9th 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.

Parish Carol Service

Our Parish Carol Service will take place next **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.

Christmas Dates for Your Diary

Advent Reconciliation Service – **Monday 18th December at 7.30pm**

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

Christmas Masses – **Carols: 6.30pm, Vigil Mass; 7.00pm, Carols: 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 10.30am**

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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.

Douay Martyrs School

Please see the school noticeboard regarding the school winning the Cardinal Hume Award.

Westminster Year Books

These are now available from the Repository (£4.50)

Gift Aid Tax Received

We have received an amount of £4381.61 from the Inland Revenue as a gift aid tax rebate. Many thanks to all our gift aiders who have signed up. If you would like a gift aid declaration form, please contact the parish office.

Senior Citizens Christmas Carol Afternoon at Sacred Heart School on Mon 18th December at 2.00pm

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 18th 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 (**3rd, 10th 17th 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 2017/18 Lottery cycle will be drawn on **Sunday 17th December** after the Carol Service. All subscriptions and renewals need to be with the Trustees by noon on **Friday 15th December** to make sure you are included in this draw. 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

Jubilee Social Club Christmas Party Thursday 14th 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 7th Feb 2018 is now sold out** and there is a waiting list. Balance due **19th 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, 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: 9th - 17th December 2017

Saturday 9 th December	10.00 Mary Callaghan, R.I.P. 18.00 Leslie Rossiter, R.I.P.	
Sunday 10 th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 Mary & Tony Bell, R.I.P. (Ann.) 10.00 Con & Dorothy Ryan Golden Anniversary 11.30 Kevin Cutts, R.I.P. 18.00 For you the People	(children's choir)
Monday 11 th December	10.00 Elizabeth Crawford, R.I.P. (Ann.) Ellen O'Malley, R.I.P. (Ann.)	
Tuesday 12 th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	10.00 Eileen Murphy, R.I.P. (Ann.) Gerard O'Gorman Intentions	
Wednesday 13 th December <i>St. Lucy</i>	10.00 Eileen Bonnar Intentions Jimmy Andrews Intentions	
Thursday 14 th December <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	08.00 Vincent Rebello, R.I.P. 10.00 David White, R.I.P.(Ann.)	
Friday 15 th December	10.00 Timothy Emmanuel, R.I.P. (Ann.) 20.00 Patrick Geoghegan Intentions	
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 Tony Pycio, R.I.P. 11.30 Patrick & Marion Redmond, R.I.P. 18.00 Wrotni & Karakulko deceased family members	(folk group)

(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, 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:

Mary & Tony Bell, Elizabeth Crawford, Ellen O'Malley, Eileen Murphy and David White. God Bless Fr. Duncan