



# Church of the Most Sacred Heart

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**24<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

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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 £ 1557.25

Loose £ 964.46

**Total £ 2521.71**

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This week our suggested intention to focus are the Expectant Mothers.

There will be no Exposition after **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**December** until

**Tuesday 2nd January.**

Our next First Friday

Exposition will be on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January** from **7pm.**

## Children's Liturgy

These sessions are for children in Reception (age 4-5) to Year 6. Next year the sessions are:

**14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> January**

**11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

## Christmas Holidays

The Parish Office will be closed from

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

and re-open again on

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

*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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## **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent & The Holy Family**

*Fr. Duncan writes:* This Sunday we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Tomorrow we celebrate the Feast of the birthday of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. On Christmas Day 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. At this time of year, we 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.

Christmas is very much a children's feast, as it commemorates the birth of the greatest child ever born. It is also very much a family feast as it commemorates the greatest family that ever existed. Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. At Christmas we celebrate the wonder that the Word of God took flesh in a human family. This prompts us to recognise the gifts of God in our families. As we gather to celebrate our Mass during this Christmas Season, let us give thanks to God for our families.

On **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January**, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, our Mass will be at **10.30am.**

The Rosary will be prayed at **10.00am**

## **Pastoral Letter**

At all Masses next weekend there is a Pastoral Letter from His Eminence, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Archbishop of Westminster, to mark the Feast of the Holy Family.

## **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.

## **Gift Aid Tax Received**

We have received an amount of £2000 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.

## **Christmas Fayre**

Many thanks to Paula Aubrey, the Christmas Fayre committee and all the visitors who attended the Christmas Fayre. A total of £4662.06 was raised, this money will go towards repairing the coffee lounge roof.

## **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 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!

## **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.

### Malayalam Mass

Mass in Malayalam (Kerala)  
Fr. Sebastian will be saying a  
Mass in Malayalam on  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm.**  
All welcome.

### Mothers Prayer Meetings

Our next meeting is  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 4-5.00pm**  
at 6 Deborah Crescent,  
Ruislip followed by tea and  
coffee. For more details,  
please contact Jenny on  
**01895 622196.**

### Food Bank Collection

Many thanks to all those  
who supported our SVP and  
contributed to the Hillingdon  
Food Bank collections over  
the past three weeks.

### Third Party Collections

#### CAFOD:

A total of **£2188.18** was  
collected.

#### Missio

A total of **£883.70** was  
collected.

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

### Knights of St. Columba

We welcome the Knights of  
St. Columba to our Mass on  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm.**  
All are welcome.

### 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 2 Weeks: 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec - 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.00 Tom Kelly, R.I.P. 18.00 Elizabeth Savage, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	08.30 Angela Urso Baiarda, R.I.P. 10.00 Tony Pycio, R.I.P. 11.30 Kurt Bachtler & Franz Berger, R.I.P. (Ann.)
	<b>🎄🎄 Christmas Season 🎄🎄</b>
<b>Vigil Mass of Christmas Mass in the Night</b>	<b>19.00</b> For you the people <i>(Carols 6.30pm led by children's choir)</i> <b>10.30</b> Private Intentions <i>(Carols 10.00pm)</i>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	<b>08.30</b> For the Sick & Housebound of the Parish <b>10.00</b> For all your Christmas Intentions <i>(folk group)</i> <b>12.00</b> Mary Kelly, R.I.P. <b>NO EVENING MASS</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December <b>St. Stephen</b>	<b>10.30</b> Stephen Connell, R.I.P. Sr. Pamela Embleton, R.I.P.
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December <b>St. John</b>	10.00 Gladys Hall, R.I.P. (Ann.) Yvonne Foxen Intentions
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December <b>The Holy Innocents</b>	08.00 Clare Compton Intentions 10.00 Rita Dolan, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December <b>St. Thomas Becket</b>	10.00 Michael Loughman, R.I.P. (Ann.) 20.00 Jordan Walker and Baby Jessica Campbell, R.I.P.
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00 Keith Jefferson, R.I.P. 18.00 Phyllis Houton, R.I.P.
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December <b>The Holy Family</b>	08.30 Frances Whelan, R.I.P. (Ann.) 10.00 Rose Brennan, R.I.P. (Ann.) 11.30 Baldotto Family Intentions 18.00 For you the people
	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January <b>Mary Mother of God</b>	<b>10.30</b> Agnes & James Adamson, R.I.P. (Ann.) Mary McGrath Intentions
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January <b>Sts. Basil &amp; Gregory</b>	10.00 Francis Ryan, R.I.P. (Ann.) Edouard Vivier Intentions
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	10.00 Antonio Conte & Mary Morris, R.I.P. Mary Callaghan, R.I.P.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	08.00 Lucia Logue Intentions 10.00 Mary Elmes, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 Bobby Lay, R.I.P. 19.00 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 20.00 Maurice Walsh, R.I.P. <i>(Knights of St. Columba)</i>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 Susanna & Joseph Solis, R.I.P. (Ann.) 18.00 Morty Shea, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	08.30 Margaret & Charles Hendry, R.I.P. 10.00 For you the people <i>(folk)</i> 11.30 Brendan Doorly, R.I.P. (Ann.) 16.00 Franco Fernandez, R.I.P. <i>(Malayalam Mass)</i> 18.00 Nick Vecchione, R.I.P.

### 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, Livia Emmanuel, Irene Wojcik, baby Daniel, John White and Ann Harte.

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

Elizabeth Savage, Kurt Bachtler & Franz Berger, Gladys Hall, Rita Dolan, Michael Loughman, Frances Whelan, Rose Brennan, Agnes Adamson, Francis Ryan, Mary Elmes, Susanna Solis and Royston Burchell.

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