

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 £ 1275.32 Loose £ 888.15 Total £ 2163.47

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

This week our suggested intention to focus are those suffering from the coronavirus.

Altar Servers

In preparation for Easter will all servers please complete the sheet in the sacristy to advise at which of the ceremonies in Holy Week they can serve. We also need a server volunteer to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday in the Mass of the Lord's supper; if you would like to volunteer please email

ruislip.servers@yahoo.co.uk

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A total of £668.68 was collected. Many thanks.

Children's Liturgy Dates

The next dates are: 15th, 22nd & 29th March. Parish Priest: Fr. Duncan M. Adamson Assistant Priest: Fr. Sebastian Joseph

Seminarian: Francis Thomas

Parish Administrator: Anne O'Connor Catechetical Co-ordinator: Jo Marsh 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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3rd Sunday of Lent

Fr. Duncan writes: As we journey through Lent, it is very heartening to see the number of people joining us for Mass each day and the Stations of the Cross on Fridays. We are making our spiritual preparations for Easter and the celebration of our Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. But, we also need to think about some of the practical arrangements. Each one of us should be ensuring that the Easter Triduum is in our diaries as attendance at this one ceremony, in three parts, is central to our practice as Catholics. All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are reminded that they will be asked to renew their commitment during the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday. Our Parish Penitential Service will be on *Tuesday 7th April*, when we will be joined by several priests. Don't forget there is an early morning Mass on Thursdays, at 8am as well as the 10.00am Mass each day. On Friday evenings there is Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm followed by Mass. Don't forget each day we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am-11.00am. There is also the Word for Lent sessions each Monday at 2pm in the coffee lounge and Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Warrender Room. Let us do what we can to make this a truly fruitful Lent.

Coronavirus – Latest update

As I said last weekend, we are continuing to receive guidance and advise from both the Diocese and the Catholic Bishops Conference about the coronavirus. We were told the other day to move to stage 2. This means that:

The physical sign of peace is suspended.

Holy Communion – the host – will be given in the hand only

The Holy Water has been removed from the stoups. Should you require some for your home, please bring a bottle and ask.

We have been told to cease the use of shared use of hymn books and Mass books.

Please do not pass the collection basket around. The collectors will hold it for you.

Please ensure you continue to wash your hands thoroughly before coming to Mass.

Anyone with cold or flu symptoms should not come to church or public events.

This is a very difficult time for all of us. We need to be sensible and careful to ensure we do not catch the virus or spread it around. By following these procedures, we can ensure we are all kept well. The most important thing, as we are being continually told - Wash hands frequently.

Receiving Holy Communion

In order to minimise the spread of the coronavirus, Holy Communion is only given in the hand. I know this causes difficulties for some people. If you feel you cannot receive Our Lord in the hand, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing, crossing your arms across your chest to indicate this and then return to the seat and make a Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unit myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020

There will be a retiring collection on *March 28th & 29th* for the Cardinal's Appeal.

Confirmation Retreat

Our confirmation retreat takes place at SPEC in Pinner next Sunday 22nd March 10am -4pm. Please remember our candidates and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation for confirmation.

Sunday Group

The final session for this academic year is next Sunday 22nd March followed by our end of term Mass at 10am.

St Patrick's Ceilidh Night Saturday 21st March 7pm

Unfortunately, this event has had to be cancelled due to the ongoing situation with regard to the coronavirus. We hope to be able to organize something later on in the year when, hopefully, the situation improves.

Act of Dedication to Mary – Our Lady of Walsingham comes to Westminster.

On Sunday 29th March, we are being invited to join an Act of Re-dedication to Mary. We will do this at 4.00pm in our church. In order to prepare for the Rededication, the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham from the Slipper Chapel has been visiting every Catholic Cathedral in the country. The Slipper Chapel statue will visit Westminster Cathedral from 19th-22nd March.

Jubilee Club

The next Jubilee Club will be this *Thursday 19th March* please sign up on the clip board in the porch.

Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Lily Doyle and Quinlan Prendergast who were baptized in our Church yesterday.

Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be this *Tuesday 17th March* at **7.45pm** in the Warrender Room.

With Deepest Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Pat Butler** whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Wednesday 1**st **April** at **12noon,** followed by Committal at Breakspear Crematorium.

May he rest in peace. Food Bank Collection

As in the past, the SVP are holding a collection on Sunday in Lent for the Hillingdon Food Bank.

Planned Giving Boxes

This weekend the new boxes of envelopes for planned giving are available in the porch. They should **NOT** be used until Easter weekend of **11**th/**12**th **April**. Please check your number (same as last year), and your name as you collect your envelopes and email Anne in the office if there are discrepancies. I wish to thank all those who use either planned giving envelopes or standing orders to make their contribution to the running of our parish. This is a great help to me and the Finance Committee in planning for the future needs of our parish. I know that people are very generous in their offerings, but there may be some who wish to take this opportunity to reflect on what they give to the Church. For what it is worth, the late Cardinal Hume suggested that everyone might consider the equivalent of one hour's income as the basis for deciding how much to give each week. Many still give loose change. As you can imagine the bills for our buildings for repair and maintenance, electricity and heating are enormous and those buildings are here for you. May I ask everyone to consider how much they are giving to the Church and whether some could not give a little more by:

- Adding 25p to every £1.00 that you give through Gift Aid. Please sign up to Gift Aid if you do not already do so, or if you are not sure whether you have filled a Gift Aid Form in the past. If you are a tax-payer or make a regular donation, we can claim back the tax, which will add an extra 25p to every £1.00 at no cost to you. It only involves a simple form.
- If you could make a regular donation through Bankers Order, please complete a form, this will take away the worry of remembering your donation each week.
- Alternatively you may wish to donate through Envelopes at the offertory of the Mass, if so, you can sign up today and pledge a regular amount each week.

Forms are available in the porch, please take the time to complete or take a form home with you and return to the presbytery or in the offertory collection next week. Many thanks.

Mass Intentions for the Week: 14th - 22nd March 2020

Saturday 14 th March	10.00 Donal O'Sullivan, R.I.P. 18.00 Kenneth & Sheila Burgess, R.I.P.	
Sunday 15 th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent	08.30 For you the people 10.00 Tony Pycio, R.I.P. (Ann.) 11.30 Marcus Bartley Snr., R.I.P. (Ann.) 18.00 Annie & Frank Boxall, R.I.P. (Ann.)	(folk,
Monday 16 th March	10.00 Edna & Eric Francis, R.I.P. (Ann.) Frank Truman, R.I.P.	
Tuesday 17 th March St. Patrick	10.00 Pat Walsh, R.I.P. (Rosary Group) Alan Baracliffe, R.I.P.	
Wednesday 18 th March St. Cyril of Jerusalem	10.00 Baby Lucy Carter, R.I.P. (Ann.) Donal O'Sullivan, R.I.P.	
Thursday 19 th March <i>St. Joseph</i>	08.00 Special Intentions 10.00 Elizabeth & John Cahill, R.I.P.	
Friday 20 th March	10.00 Anna Amasanti, R.I.P. (Ann.) 19.30 Stations of the Cross 20.00 Mary Bartholomew, R.I.P.	
Saturday 21 st March	10.00 Keith Smith, R.I.P. (Ann.) 18.00 Michael Egan, R.I.P.	
Sunday 22 nd March 4 th Sunday of Lent	08.30 For you the people 10.00 Thomas Condon, R.I.P. (Ann.) 11.30 Pauline Garsed, 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, Rose Pick, Marjorie Shaw, Caroline Titley, Claire Wilson, Edna Winwright, Mary Worley, Bernadette Campbell, Danny Sheppard, Susan Acton, Bernadeta Herrera, Fiona O'Leary, Nora Bond, Livia Emmanuel, Pauline Walsh, Simon Mott, Claire Wilmshurst, Mary Walsh, Edward Vivier, Carmel Keane, Janet Smith, Sheila Morrison, Andrew Wilson, Barbara Steadman, Christine Andrews, Wendy Davies and Kevin Horner.

18.00 Patrick & Marion Redmond, R.I.P. (Ann.)

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Catherine Fox, Tony Pycio, Marcus Bartley Snr, Annie & Frank Boxall, Edna Francis, Baby Lucy Carter, Jack Hough, Anna Amasanti, Thomas O'Reilly and Neil Bonnar Snr.

God Bless, Fr. Duncan