



Church of the Most Sacred Heart

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Mass times

Sunday-9.00am, 10.30am
12.00noon, 6.00pm

Monday-Thursdays
10.00am

Fridays – 10.00am and
8.00pm

Saturdays – 10.00am,
6.00pm (Vigil Masses)

Saturday: Sacrament of
Reconciliation:
10.30-11.00am

Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament:
Mon - Fri: 9.00 – 9.45am

Collections

Envelopes	£	949.01
Loose	£	785.83
Total	£	<u>1734.84</u>

Livestream Webcam

Stream daily Mass live
<https://www.churchservices.tv/ruislipsacredheart>

Christmas Posters

In the church foyer there are free Christmas Posters that have kindly been provided by the Knights of St Columba.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on **Tuesday 21st December at 7.30pm.**

Crib Appeal Collection

The money collected at the crib will be donated to the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster). They are very grateful for our support over the last year.

Parish Priest: **Fr. Duncan M. Adamson**

Assistant Priest: **Fr. Sebastian Joseph**

Parish Administrator: **Anne O'Connor**

Catechetical Co-ordinator: **Jo Marsh**

Pastoral Youth Worker: **Siobhan Denny**

Parish Website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/ruislip

The parish office is open 10.30am – 12noon

(Mon, Tues, Thurs & Friday)

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4th Sunday of Advent

Fr. Duncan writes: This Sunday we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Next Saturday 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. This has not been an easy year for many people. We have all had to make changes to what we do in our lives, as we continue to cope with the Coronavirus pandemic. At this time of year, we remember especially 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. As we gather to celebrate Mass during this Christmas Season, let us give thanks to God for our families. Let us also pray that we may be kept safe and well during this Christmas and that we are able to meet and celebrate with our families and friends this year.

Christmas Masses

This year Masses for Christmas will be celebrated at **5.30pm, 7.00pm and 10.30pm and 12.00midnight (Malayalam Mass)** on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Morning Masses will be celebrated at **9.00am, 10.30am and 12.00 noon**. The **5.30pm** Mass on Christmas Eve is a children's Mass and the children are invited to come dressed as angels and shepherds.

In order to maintain social distancing and to ensure everyone has a seat, we have added extra Masses. **PEOPLE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO STAND AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

It is worth bearing in mind, that Christmas has an Octave. This means eight days of celebration. If you cannot come on Christmas Day, you are welcome to come later in the week and celebrate Christmas.

Covid19 Procedures

As we heard, Covid is still spreading and now with this new strain of the virus at an alarming rate. This means we have to be even more vigilant and careful. We have been advised by the Bishops; **that people displaying any symptoms of covid should stay at home and not travel to church. That hand sanitiser is available to those attending Church. Face coverings must be worn by those attending public acts of worship unless there is a genuine exemption or the person is leading worship or participating in a role that requires the mask to be removed for a period of time. That there is good ventilation and air throughout in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!** This means that we will continue with the measures we have in place. We have removed some of the 'social distanced seating' in the church. We will maintain some social distanced seating on the side aisles for those people who prefer to have more space. Please remember to keep a safe distance as you come forward to receive Holy Communion. We have now returned to the practice saying; **'The body of Christ'** as you come to receive the host. Please reply; **'Amen'**.

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. You can also use the Dona Machine by selecting Christmas Collection.

Signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice Forms for Primary School & Nursery

Fr. Duncan has set the following date for the signing of Certificate of Catholic Practice forms in the Bec Suite: **Monday 10th January 2022 4.00-5.00pm** : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/most-sacredheart-parish-primary-school-form-signing-tickets-120968769847>

Altar Servers

For anyone who is available, please let us know which Christmas Mass you will be attending this year via the following online form: <https://forms.office.com/r/z6pmhql0SE>. You are also reminded to join your fellow Altar Servers to celebrate together at the annual Festal Mass on **Monday 27th December at 10:30am.**

Food Bank Collection

The SVP are holding a collection today, **Sunday 19th December**, for the Hillingdon Food Bank, at all Masses.

With Deepest Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Lewis Bull** whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Wednesday 29th December at 12noon.** May he rest in peace.

Westminster Year Books

The Westminster Year Books are available from the Repository (£4.50)

Christmas Message

If you did not get a copy last weekend the Christmas Message is available today 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.

New National Catholic Paper

We are trialling a new free national Catholic paper in our parish. Please take a copy from the back of the church. Donations would be appreciated.

Offertory online donations

If you would like to donate to our parish, please click on <https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=408>

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Reception Admissions 2022/2023

If you have a child who was born between **1st September 2017 - 31st August 2018** you are invited to apply for a Reception place. We would ask parents/carers to click on the following link to complete and submit an online application form: <https://www.sacredhearthingdon.co.uk/main-school-admissions/>. On this page, you will also find our Reception Admissions Policy and information explaining this process on the website. Please do not forget to submit your local authority's e-admissions application too, to complete the process.

The closing date for applications is **Friday, 14th January 2022.**

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Nursery Admissions 2022/2023

If you have a child who was born between **1st September 2018 - 31st August 2019** you are invited to apply for a Nursery place. We would ask parents/carers to click on the following link to download the application form: <https://www.sacredhearthingdon.co.uk/nursery-admissions-1/>. You will also find our Nursery Admissions Policy and information explaining this process on the website.

The closing date for applications is **Friday, 4th February 2022.**

Mass Intentions for the week: 18th – 26th December 2021

Saturday 18th December	10.00 Mary Emmanuel, R.I.P. 18.00 Jim Devine, R.I.P. (Ann.) (folk)
Sunday 19th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	09.00 Rose Singh, R.I.P. 10.30 Tony Pycio, R.I.P. (Choir) 10.30 For You the People (Children's Mass in the Hall) 12.00 Mary Cox, R.I.P. (Ann.) 18.00 Christian George, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Monday 20th December	10.00 Johanna & Charles Killington, R.I.P. Patrick Ng, R.I.P.
Tuesday 21st December <i>St. Peter Canisius</i>	10.00 Annette Anstis Deceased Family Members, R.I.P. Bobby Lay, R.I.P. (Ann.) 19:30 Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 22nd December	10.00 Basil Garsed, R.I.P. (Ann.) Nora Harris, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Thursday 23rd December <i>St. John of Kanty</i>	10.00 Elizabeth Savage, R.I.P. (Ann.) Gladys Hall, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Friday 24th December	10.00 Sandy & Eddie Vivier Intentions 🌲🌲🌲🌲 Christmas Season 🌲🌲🌲🌲
<i>Vigil Masses of Christmas</i>	17.30 Joan Perera, R.I.P. (Children's Mass) 19.00 For You the People 22.30 Private Intentions 24.00 Simon O'Connor, R.I.P. (Malayalam Mass)
Saturday 25th December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	09.00 Sick & Housebound of the parish 10.30 All Christmas Intentions 12.00 Kurt Bachtler & Josef & Franz Berger, R.I.P. NO EVENING MASS
Sunday 26th December <i>The Holy Family</i>	09.00 Michael Loughman, R.I.P. (Ann.) 10.30 For You the People 12.00 Stephen Connell, R.I.P. (Ann.) NO EVENING MASS

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Marjorie Shaw, Bernadette Campbell, Susan Acton, Bernadeta Herrera, Simon Mott, Richard Verrall, Livia Emmanuel, Pauline Walsh, Claire Wilmshurst, Edward Vivier, Janet Smith, Sheila Morrison, Andrew Wilson, Barbara Steadman, Theresa Jefferson, Kevin Horner, Eileen O'Higgins, Rosetta Roach, Edward Barrett, Gerry Jarrett, Barbara Elliott, Tom de Souza, Ron Leonard, Emily Cross, Sarah Vincent, Deborah McGauran, Joyce Turner, Charles Castle, Michael Mannion and Lily McCarrick.

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Jim Devine, Mary Cox, Christian George, Bobby Lay, Basil Garsed, Nora Harris, Elizabeth Savage and Gladys Hall.

God Bless
Fr. Duncan & Fr. Sebastian