



Church of the Most Sacred Heart

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Mass times

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

Monday-Friday 10.00am

Saturdays – 10.00am,
6.00pm (Vigil Masses)

Saturday: Sacrament of
Reconciliation:
10.30-11.00am

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

Collections

Envelopes	£	1032.80
Loose	£	788.58
Total	£	<u>1821.38</u>

Church livestream

All our Masses are now
streamed online.

www.churchservices.tv/ruislip/sacredheart

Our livestream is on 24/7
thus enabling people to
spend time with the Lord in
the tabernacle.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Reconciliation
Service will be held on
Wednesday 14th December
at 7.30pm.

Parish Carol Service Sunday 11th Dec at 4pm

Mince pies, tea and coffee
after in the Hesdin Hall
Jubilee Prize draw will be
announced.

Children's Choir (Years 3 +)

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2nd Sunday of Advent

Reflection

This Sunday marks the beginning of the second week of Advent and the second week of the church's liturgical year. The readings at Mass this week are all about preparation. 'Prepare a way for the Lord,'. Advent is a time of preparation, everyone is busily preparing for the Christmas celebrations, putting up decorations, doing the food shopping, making arrangements with friends and family, buying gifts. But Advent as a time of preparation is much deeper than this. Advent is a time of spiritual preparation where we are not only preparing for the celebration of Christmas, Christ's birth, but also for the second coming. On the outside we prepare for Christmas but on the inside we prepare for our own judgement. Advent is a 21-28 day period of penance. This season is to remind us that our earthly life should have no higher goal than preparing ourselves for eternity. Christmas is celebrated for 40 days starting on Christmas eve (the night Jesus was born) and ending on Candlemas in February (when we remember Jesus' presentation at the temple).

What can we do to prepare ourselves spiritually for the second coming?

- make our faith a priority -Pray frequently, attend mass, receive communion, go to confession
- seek God's guidance in all situations -Have trust in God even in times of uncertainty
- Encourage one another and don't lose hope -Live in expectation that today could be the day
- give what you can to those less fortunate

From Fr Nicholas:

We are very sad this week to have said goodbye to Jo Marsh and wish her well for her new role in Catholic Education. There will be a chance to thank her for her wonderful work at Ruislip at the **10.30am on Sunday 18th December**. Please do come along if you can!!

Thank you

Andrew, Fr Duncan's brother, has written to say thank you 'for all that countless parishioners and parish groups did in the lead up to and during the funeral liturgies....It was very moving to see so many people involved and is an indication of the legacy of Fr Duncan's work in the parish over the past 13 years.' Let's continue to give thanks for his ministry and pray for his happy repose.

First Holy Communion Preparation

The next sessions for children take place in the coffee lounge this **Monday 5th December** for **Group 1 (5pm-6pm) & Group 2 (6:15pm-7:15pm)**. We are looking forward to seeing you all again.

Confirmation Preparation Sessions

The next confirmation preparation sessions will take place on **Tuesday 6th December** and **Tuesday 13th December 7pm-8:30pm** in Hesdin Hall.

An Ecumenical Christmas Memorial Service

On **Wednesday 7th 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**, refreshments will be served in the hall after. You will be very welcome to join us online or in the church.

With Deepest Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of **Irene Casimir** whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Wednesday 14th December** at **12noon**. May she rest in peace.

Jubilee Club

The next meeting of the Jubilee Social Club will be on **Thursday 15th December** please sign up on the clip board in the porch.

Youth group dates until the end of the term:

School years 9-11 meeting in the Bec suite
Wednesday's 7-9pm
14th December (cancelled)
21st December (Xmas trip)
School years 4&5 meeting in the youth centre
Thursdays 4.30-6pm
8th December
22nd December (Xmas trip))
School years 6-8 meeting in the youth centre
Fridays 6-8pm
9th December
16th December (Xmas trip))

Help Wanted

The Christmas tree is being put up in the church on the evening of **Thursday 8th Dec**. Please contact Anne in the parish office if you can help.

Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held on **Monday 12th Dec at 7.30pm** in the Bec Suite.

The Chosen

Final episode of series 2 showing at **7pm** in the Coffee Lounge on **Thursday 8th December**.

Westminster youth ministry event - Resonate

Resonate is Westminster Youth Ministry's primary event for young adult Catholics aged 18-35, looking to explore and learn more about their faith.

Speaker: Therese Withers
Details: Thursday 15th Dec 7-9pm

Location: Vaughan House
46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. **Sign up here :**
<https://dowym.com/events/resonate-therese-withers/>

Foodbank

The Foodbank is currently seeing a dramatic increase in demand and is desperate for basic food items including rice, pasta, cereal, tea, coffee & canned fish & vegetables. Many thanks.

Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea and Carols - Monday 12th December

This year Sacred Heart School would like to invite Senior Citizens over 65 to an afternoon of entertainment in the school hall on **Monday 12th December** from **2pm**.
If anyone from the Parish would like to come along please contact the school office on **01895 633 240** 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. There will be tea, coffee and cake provided afterwards.

Jubilee Trust Lottery 22/23

The Jubilee Lottery draw for £500 is fast approaching, on the **11th December** after the Christmas Carols Service and we still need a large number of people to sign up to reach our target of 200 members. Click here for the online subscription form: <https://forms.office.com/r/Jtu2bwC82r>
As well as online payments, we also accept cash or cheques. Online/in-branch transfers can be made to our account at Barclays Bank using: **Sort Code: 20-73-53; Account No: 80793353**. Please use the second part of your postcode and your surname as the payment reference, e.g. **7AB/SURNAME** and advise us by email at mshjubileetrust@rcdow.org.uk.
Make cheques payable to 'The Most Sacred Heart Jubilee Trust'. Envelopes marked Jubilee Trust can be posted through the letterbox of the Priest's House or given to one of the Trustees.
Remember, you've got to be in it to win it!!

Lourdes 2023 RedCaps and St Frai helpers

If you are aged 16-25 and are interested in joining our parish group for 2023 please contact Siobhan. Please look at the tag 'Lourdes Pilgrimage' under parish groups on the parish website for more info.

Mass Intentions for the week: 3rd – 11th December 2022

Saturday 3rd December	10.00 Miguel de Sousa, R.I.P.
St. Francis Xavier	18.00 Kate Brosnan, R.I.P. (folk)
Sunday 4th December	09.00 Nuala Armstrong Intentions
2nd Sunday of Advent	10.30 Leonard Rossiter, R.I.P. (Ann.)
	12.00 Joe Walsh, R.I.P. (Ann.)
	16.00 For You the People (Malayalam Mass)
	18.00 Maureen Hennessy, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Monday 5th December	10.00 Mary Kate Casey, R.I.P. Bernard Kelly, R.I.P.
Tuesday 6th December	10.00 Sheila Meila, R.I.P.
St. Nicholas	Maurice Gavin, R.I.P.
Wednesday 7th December	10.00 Eric & Edna Francis & Arthur Hawkes, R.I.P.
St. Ambrose	19.00 Ecumenical Christmas Memorial Service
Thursday 8th December	10.00 Maria & Franco Gallo, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Immaculate Conception	
Friday 9th December	10.00 Margaret Corbett's Intentions
St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	
Saturday 10th December	10.00 Miguel de Sousa, R.I.P.
	18.00 Kenneth & Sheila Burgess, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Sunday 11th December	09.00 Mary Bell, R.I.P. (Ann.)
3rd Sunday of Advent	10.30 Philip Butler, R.I.P.
	12.00 Teresa Murphy, R.I.P.
	18.00 For You the People

Please note the Rosary is recited every week day morning in the Church at 9.30am)

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, Joyce Turner, Celine Edwards, Adrian Cunningham, Sandra Ong, Mary Kilcommon, Daniella Ciaccio, Samuel Hicks and John Armstrong.

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Leonard Rossiter, Maureen Hennessy and Maria & Franco Gallo.