



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	£	664.00
Loose	£	711.38
Total	£	<u>1375.38</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.

Christmas Posters

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

Westminster Year Books

The Westminster Year
Books are available from the
Repository (£5.00).

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 Website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/ruislip
Parochial Administrator: Fr. Nicholas Schofield
Assistant Priest: Fr. Jose Netto
Parish Administrator: Anne O'Connor
Pastoral Youth Worker: Siobhan Denny
Parish Safeguarding Rep: Colin Powell
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4th Sunday of Advent

Reflection

This Sunday begins the fourth week of Advent. In the Gospel reading, we hear the story of Joseph's visit from an angel while he is sleeping to ask him not to leave Mary that her child is from God. Another time in the Gospels, when we hear about Joseph is when he receives a second message from an angel in his dream telling him to take Mary and Jesus and flee to Egypt.

Silent St Joseph's faithfulness to God's will helped to bring our saviour into this world. St Joseph receiving these messages when he is sleeping is significant because it is a powerful reminder of his peaceful surrender to God's plan for his life and helps to remind us that God will handle our problems while we rest. The image of Joseph sleeping is peaceful yet vulnerable. This is the time that God chose to speak to him. Once Joseph has heard the message, he gets up and acts on it.

It is important to take time out to rest, to give ourselves the opportunity to hear God and then respond appropriately. Many people, including Pope Francis, keep a statue of sleeping St Joseph and put prayer intentions under it before going to bed.

From Fr Nicholas:

We are delighted that a new Parish Priest has been appointed for Ruislip - Fr Sean Carroll. He will be moving in during the first few weeks of January and we look forward to welcoming him! Let us keep Fr Sean and the whole parish in our prayers.

This Friday we welcome Fr Sebastian Joseph back for a week over Christmas.

Christmas Masses

This year Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated with carols starting at **6.30pm**, Mass at **7.00pm** and later carols starting at **10.00pm**, Mass in the night at **10.30pm**. The **7.00pm** Mass on Christmas Eve is a children's Mass and the children are invited to come dressed as angels and shepherds. On Christmas Morning Masses will be celebrated at **9.00am**, **10.30am** and **12.00 noon**.

There is No Evening Mass on Christmas Day.

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. 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.

Jubilee Trust

Many thanks to all who have subscribed to Lottery 2022-23 - our biggest fund-raiser. It is still not too late to join - forms are available in the foyer or contact to a trustee. Congratulations to D. Shetcliffe, December's prize-winner of £500. Monthly draws will be held throughout 2023.

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The parish office is open 10.30am – 12noon

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Baptism Congratulations

Congratulations to Nicola Cox who was baptized in our Church this weekend.

Youth group dates until the end of the term:

School years 9-11 meeting in the Bec suite

Wednesday's 7-9pm

21st December (Xmas trip)

School years 4&5 meeting in the youth centre

22nd December (Xmas trip))

Young Adults group

The young adults group meet once a month (see dates below) at the 6pm mass. The Mass will be dedicated to young adults with a different guest priest or speaker each month. After Mass we will head over to the pub for some drinks. Please meet Siobhan in the foyer after mass if you would like to join us.

2023 Dates

8th January Fr Mark Walker

5th February Fr Mike Guthrie (youth chaplain)

4th March - Flame trip

2nd April - Jay from Northampton Youth Ministry

World Youth Day

To sign up for the world youth Day trip with the diocese of Westminster please follow this link:

<https://dowym.com/events/world-youth-day-lisbon/>

The event is for young adults aged 18-35.

This year the trip is taking place in Lisbon, Portugal for two weeks.

26th July to 9th August.

The trip costs £1700 but the parish will support any young adults wishing to attend this trip with fundraising and finding funding so please let Siobhan know if you are applying.

Bookings close today, the **18th December.**

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all those who supported our Christmas Fayre last weekend. It was a great success and we raised £3547. Grateful thanks to all those who worked so hard on the day, to all those who donated items and sold raffle tickets. May God bless you all for your hard work.

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. The trip is from **21st - 28th July 2023**. To find out more information about each role look at the tag 'Lourdes Pilgrimage' under parish groups on the parish website.

FLAME 2023

If you are between the ages of 13-35 you are invited to attend the FLAME 2023 conference at Wembley Arena on **4th March 2023**. FLAME is the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales, occurring biannually. The theme this year is 'rise up'. Special guests include Guvna B, Robert Bilott, Adenike, Faith Child, Archbishop Castelleo, Brendan & Georgia from Catholic Voices, Therese Withers and more! Please contact Siobhan if you are interested, to find out more information and to book. Tickets booked through Siobhan are £15per person. (This includes a Westminster youth ministry T-shirt to wear on the day).

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.

Mass Intentions for the week: 17th – 25th December 2022

Saturday 17th December 10.00 Mary Emmanuel, R.I.P. (Ann.)
18.00 Christian George, R.I.P. (Ann.)

Sunday 18th December 09.00 Peregrino & Arcangela Ribeiro, R.I.P
4th Sunday of Advent 10.30 Tony Pycio, R.I.P.
12.00 Mary & Tom Cox, R.I.P. (Ann.)
18.00 For You the People

Monday 19th December 10.00 Charles Castle, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Johanna & Charles Killington, R.I.P.

Tuesday 20th December 10.00 Dorothy Ryan, R.I.P.
Tess McCarthy, R.I.P.

Wednesday 21st December 10.00 Pat Banbury, R.I.P.
St. Peter Canisius Nuala Armstrong Intentions

Thursday 22nd December 10.00 Basil Garsed, R.I.P. (Ann.)
Jo Marsh Intentions

Friday 23rd December 10.00 Maisie Marsden, R.I.P.
St. John of Kanty Michael Cabey, R.I.P.

Saturday 24th December 10.00 Gladys Hall, R.I.P. (Ann.)

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Vigil Masses of Christmas 19.00 For You the People (Children's Mass)
22.30 All Christmas Intentions

Sunday 25th December 09.00 Sandy & Eddie Vivier Intentions
The Nativity of the Lord 10.30 Sick & Housebound of the parish
12.00 Fr. Duncan Adamson, R.I.P.
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, 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:

Mary Emmanuel, Christian George, Mary Cox, Charles Castle, Joseph Solis and Basil Garsed.