



Church of the Most Sacred Heart

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Mass times

Sunday-8.30am, 10.00am
11.30am, 6.00pm

Mon-Friday 10am

Saturdays – 10.00am,
6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

Saturday: Sacrament of
Reconciliation:
10.30-11.00am

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

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 10th Dec at 4pm
Mince pies, tea and coffee
after in the Hesdin Hall.
Jubilee Prize draw will be
announced.

Parish Council Mon 11th Dec

The next Parish council
meeting is this Monday at
7.30pm in the coffee lounge.

Year 5 Mass

This **Wednesday 13th Dec**
we welcome Year 5 from
Sacred Heart School to join
10am Mass.

Year 8 Mass

This **Friday 15th Dec** we
welcome Year 8 from Douai
Martyrs School to join 10am
Mass. Parents and
grandparents are welcome.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Reconciliation
Service will be held on
Monday 18th Dec at 7.30pm.

Help Needed

After the **10am** Mass on
Wednesday 20th December
help is needed to put up the
church cribs. Please just turn
up. Many thanks.

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

Parish E-mail: ruislip@rcdow.org.uk

Parish Priest: **Fr. Sean Carroll**

Assistant Priest: **Fr. Jose Netto**

Seminarian Student: **James Boyle**

Parish Administrator: **Anne O'Connor**

Catechetical Coordinator: **Daniela Bourke**

Pastoral Youth Worker: **Siobhan Denny**

Parish Safeguarding Rep: **Yvonne Hillier**

The parish office is closed on Wednesday.

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2nd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Masses

This year **Christmas Eve Masses** will be celebrated:

1. Carols starting at **6.00pm**, Mass at **6.30pm**. (*Family Mass and the children are invited to come dressed as angels and shepherds*).
2. Carols starting at **9.00pm**, Mass in the night at **9.30pm**.
3. There will be a Malayalam Mass at **11.30pm**.

On **Christmas Morning**, Masses will be celebrated at **8.30am**, **10.00am** and **11.30am**.

There is no Evening Mass on Christmas Day.

GAZA APPEAL

A number of Catholic Agencies, including Friends of the Holy Land, Cafod and our own Jubilee Trust are supporting people in Gaza. Your donation would support those affected by such terrible destruction with the urgent provision of food, water and emergency shelter. Please use the wall box at the back of the church marked '**GAZA APPEAL**' or put your donation into an envelope marked '**GAZA APPEAL**' in through the presbytery letterbox. Many thanks.

Primary and Nursery Schools Admissions

Fr. Sean will be signing **Certificates of Catholic Practice** for primary and nursery school form applications in the Bec Suite this Monday evening, **11th Dec** between **5-7pm**. Please bring the applicant's Baptism Certificate with you to the meeting.

NB: This session is also open to other parishioners who would like to see Fr. Sean without making an appointment.

First Holy Communion Preparation

The next sessions for children take place in the coffee lounge on **Monday 11th December** for Group 3 (**5pm-6pm**) & Group 4 (**6:15pm-7:15pm**).

RCIA: Rite of Acceptance

This Sunday, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for our enquirers who are preparing to be baptised and received into the Church at Easter. They will be welcomed into the catechumenate. Please keep them all in your prayers. Our next session will take place on **Wednesday 13th December** at **8pm** in the Bec Suite.

Altar Servers

Please check email inboxes and junk folders for an email with updates around Christmas availability and requests for dates for our Christmas Social. You are also invited to join your fellow Altar Servers to celebrate together at the Annual Festal Mass on **St. Stephen's Day, 26th December at 10:30am**.

Christmas Fayre

Thank you to all those who supported our Christmas Fayre last weekend. It was a great success and we raised **£3622.09**. 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.

Jubilee Social Group

Please sign-up on the sheet in the foyer for our Christmas Celebration on **Thursday 21st December**. Music and a Sing-along with Del Boy and some fun and games and a buffet lunch. You can either pay **£7.50** or if you prefer bring a wrapped present for a child. These will be sent to the Food Bank.

Resonate

A youth ministry event for young adults (age 18-35) taking place on **Thursday 14th December 7-9pm** at Vaughan House, Westminster. 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: Stephen is a London-based composer and singer, who specialises in choral music. He will be exploring the topic of **A Christmas Carol: The Origin of Carols and How to Sing Them**. Sign up on the website: [Resonate with Stephen Bick - Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry \(rcdow.org.uk\)](https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/ruislip/parish-groups/youth-activities/) Contact Siobhan if you'd like to travel with the group!

Youth Drama

Rehearsal times for the advent drama this week: (children age 7-16).
Wednesday 13th Dec 4pm
Sunday 17th Dec 9.00am
All rehearsals will take place in the youth centre.

Youth Club Dates

All dates are on our parish web: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/ruislip/parish-groups/youth-activities/>

With Deepest Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of :

John Gillen whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Monday 18th December at 11.30am**, followed by burial at Northwood Cemetery.
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Martin Collins whose Funeral Service takes place on **Thursday 21st December at 2.45pm** at Breakspear Crematorium.
May they rest in peace.

Foodbank

The SVP food bank at St Gregory's continues to feed around 80 families every week. Thank you for your kind donations.

Lourdes Redcaps

The next meeting for Lourdes will take place on **Sunday 17th December** after the **6pm** Mass in the youth centre. If you would like to be a Redcap and you are between the ages of 16-25 please come along. You may also join as an adult helper age 18+. Details of all the roles can be found on our website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/ruislip/parish-groups/lourdes-pilgrimage/>

Jubilee Trust Lottery

The first draw of the 2023/2024 cycle for £500 will be held this Sunday after the Advent Carol Service. Please join us for refreshments in Hesdin Hall. It's not too late to join, speak to a Trustee before noon on Sunday to be sure you are in the Big Prize Draw and there will be another draw for the next 11 months with a £150 prize each month

Thank you everyone who has joined the Lottery that enables us to continue to support those whose lives are affected by poverty or ill health.

Advent Recollection Morning Sat 16th Dec held at St John Fisher Catholic Church, North Harrow.

Fr Jonathan Goodall, parish priest of Stanmore, will be offering a morning of recollection on **Sat 16th Dec** under the theme 'A new heaven and a new earth' beginning with Mass at **10am** and including an opportunity for Confessions from **12noon**.

Retrouvaille

Do you need in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on **8 - 11 February 2024** or there is a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **14-16 June 2024**. Call or text **07887 296983** or **07973 380443**, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Mass Intentions for the week: 9th – 17th December 2023

Saturday 9 th December <i>St Juan Diego.</i>	10.00 Teresa Moorehouse Ints 18.00 Dunstan Bazely, RIP.
Sunday 10 th December <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 Kamal Kirton 10.00 Mary Bell, RIP. (Ann) (folk) 11.30 Eileen Murphy, R.I.P. (Ann.) 18.00 For You the People
Monday 11 th December <i>St. Damasus I, Pope</i>	10.00 Michael Hanley Ints Nuala & Imelda Armstrong Intentions
Tuesday 12 th December <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	10.00 Michael White, RIP. Les & Colleen Pereyra, RIP. (Ann.)
Wednesday 13 th December <i>St Lucy</i>	10.00 Betty Castle Ints Column Gowen Ints
Thursday 14 th December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	10.00 David White, RIP. (Ann)
Friday 15 th December	10.00 Ann Ahern, RIP.
Saturday 16 th December	10.00 Rosa Fernandes, RIP. 18.00 Jim Devine RIP. (Ann)
Sunday 17 th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 For You the People 10.00 Albert Shaw, R.I.P. 11.30 Mary & Tom Cox, RIP. (Ann) 18.00 Christian George, RIP. (Ann)

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Susan Acton, Bernadeta Herrera, Simon Mott, Daniella Ciaccio, Livia Emmanuel, Pauline Walsh, 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, Sarah Vincent, Joyce Turner, Celine Edwards, Bill Neylon, Adrian Cunningham, Mark Jordan, Caterina Spano, Nora Ahearne, Mary Kilcommon, Carmel Carthy, Judy & Paddy Stapleton, Irene Leonard and Mary & Terry O'Neill.

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Mary Bell, Les Pereyra and David White.