



# 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

## Parish Council

The next parish council meeting is in the new year, on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm** in the coffee lounge.

## Church livestream

All our Masses are now streamed online.  
<https://www.churchservices.tv/ruislipsacredheart>  
Our livestream is on 24/7 thus enabling people to spend time with the Lord in the tabernacle.

## Christmas Message

The Christmas Message is available today with all the Christmas and New Year service times. Please take home a copy.

## 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.

## Christmas Holidays

The Parish Office will be closed over Christmas and re-open again on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

**Parish Website:** [parish.rcdow.org.uk/ruislip](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/ruislip)  
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**Catechetical Coordinator:** Daniela Bourke  
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The parish office is closed on Wednesday.

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## 2 Weeks: 4th Sunday of Advent, Christmas & The Holy Family

### 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.**

### 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.

### 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.

A cheque for **£988.11** was sent off this week for the GAZA appeal.

### Primary and Nursery Schools Admissions

Fr. Sean will be resuming signing **Certificates of Catholic Practice** for primary and nursery school form applications in the Bec Suite on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** 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.

### 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, 26<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am**.

### With Deepest Sympathy

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

**Karen Fuller** whose Funeral Service takes place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 12.15pm**, followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium .

**Maureen Donnelly** whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 12noon**.

**Carmel Carthy** whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 10am**.

May they rest in peace.

### Foodbank

The SVP food bank at St Gregory's continues to feed around 80 families every week. Urgently needed food items this week are: potatoes, noodles, jam, sugar, cooking sauces, juice, rice, toilet roll and fruit puddings. Thank you for your kind donations.

### Youth News

The youth groups have ended the year with Christmas trips! The youth centre will be closed until January. Dates for the next term will be posted on the website. We have had a lovely term with faith exploration and opportunities for prayer as well as lots of fun. A special mention goes to our lovely young people who have been leading us at the 10am Mass on Sundays during Advent with their drama reflections. NinUr, Julia, Ryan, Iona and Chloe - thank you for your dedication.

### Westminster Youth Ministry Event : Young Adults Mass.

Join us on **16<sup>th</sup> January** at **7pm** for our Westminster Young Adults Mass in Westminster Cathedral Crypt, Victoria Street, London SW1P 1LT. Mass will be celebrated in the stunning crypt of Westminster Cathedral, followed by a social. So come, let's celebrate our faith and our diocesan community! Westminster Cathedral is the mother church of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. It is the largest Catholic Church in the UK and the seat of the Archbishop of Westminster.

### Westminster Year Books

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

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Anne Gaffney, Stephen Connell, Gladys Hall, John Armstrong, Edoardo Zambon, Frances Whelan, Rose Dowd, Catherine Faughey & Patricia Maguire, Mary & James Elmes, Walid Akiki, Mary & Patrick McCullagh and Royston Burchell.

## Mass Intentions for the 2 weeks: 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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| Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December                                       | 10.00 Anne Gaffney, RIP. (Ann).<br>18.00 Helen Hickey, R.I.P.  |
| Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> December<br><i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>          | <b>08.30</b> Sandy & Eddie Vivier Intentions<br><b>10.00</b> Tony Pycio, RIP. (Folk)<br>🎄🎄🎄🎄 Christmas Season 🎄🎄🎄🎄   |
| <i>Vigil Masses of Christmas</i>   | <b>18.30</b> For You the People (Family Mass & Children's Choir)<br><b>21.30</b> All Christmas Intentions (Adult Choir)<br><b>23.30</b> All Christmas Intentions (Malayalam Mass)  |
| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December<br><i>Nativity of the Lord</i>          | <b>08.30</b> Sick & Housebound of the Parish<br><b>10.00</b> All Christmas Intentions (Folk Group)<br><b>11.30</b> All Christmas Intentions<br><b>NO EVENING MASS</b>  |
| Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December<br><i>St Stephen</i>                   | <b>10.30</b> Stephen Connell, RIP. (Ann)<br>Gladys Hall, RIP. (Ann)  |
| Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December<br><i>St John</i>                    | 10.00 John Armstrong, RIP. (Ann)<br>Marjorie Shaw RIP  |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December<br><i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i> | 10.00 Sarah Fox McNulty, RIP<br>Edoardo Zambon, RIP. (Ann)   |
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December<br><i>St Thomas Becket</i>              | 10.00 Cheryl & Joaquim Gracias Intentions<br>Mary, Patrick & James Kavanagh, RIP. (Ann)  |
| Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December                                       | 10.00 Phyllis Houton RIP<br>18.00 Veronica Connelly & Baby Maria Louise Hicks, RIP.  |
| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December<br><i>The Holy Family</i>               | <b>08.30</b> Frances Whelan, RIP. (Ann)<br><b>10.00</b> Mary & Patrick McCullagh, RIP.<br><b>11.30</b> Rose Dowd, RIP. (Ann)<br><b>NO EVENING MASS</b><br><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023</b>                                     |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January<br><i>Solemnity of Mary Mother of God</i> | <b>10.00</b> Catherine Faughey & Patricia Maguire, RIP. (Ann)<br>For You The People  |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January<br><i>Ss Basil &amp; Gregory</i>         | 10.00 James Bryan Tivnan, RIP.<br>Mary & James Elmes, RIP. (Ann)   |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January<br><i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>  | 10.00 Bridget Winn, RIP<br>Walid Akiki, RIP. (Ann)   |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January   | 10.00 Detta & Billy Cullinane & all the Cullinane family, RIP.<br><b>12.15 Funeral Service: Karen Fuller, RIP.</b>   |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January   | 10.00 Rita Walsh RIP   |
| Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January   | 10.00 Siobhain Bruneau & Family Intentions<br>18.00.00 Norman Lonergan   |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January<br><i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>        | <b>08.30</b> Michael Loughman, RIP. (Ann)<br><b>10.00</b> Rohit Prasad Thanksgiving<br><b>11.30</b> Ann Connors, RIP<br><b>16.00</b> For You the People (Malayalam Mass)<br><b>18.00</b> Mary & Terry O'Neill Intentions |

### 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, Judy & Paddy Stapleton, Irene Leonard and Mary & Terry O'Neill.