



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

Primary Schools

Fr. Sean will be signing
Certificates of Catholic
Practice for **primary &
nursery schools** applications
in the presbytery on **Mon
23rd Dec** between **5-7pm**.
Please bring the applicant's
baptism certificate with you
to the meeting. This will be
the last general surgery this
year, next one will be on
Monday 6th January 2025.

Christmas Envelopes

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.
Many thanks.

Bethany Tree

The Bethany Tree is now at
the front of the Church near
to the crib. If you wish you
can write on one of the
labels a person close to you
who is deceased and we will
remember them at the crib
at Christmas time.

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Parish Administrator: **Anne O'Connor**

Catechetical Coordinator: **Daniela Bourke**

Pastoral Youth Worker: **Siobhan Denny**

Volunteer Coordinator: **Holly Cook**

Parish Safeguarding Rep: **Yvonne Hillier**

The parish office is closed on Wednesday.

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Fourth 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. Please come early if you would like a seat in the church, once the church is full we will have the overflow in the hall where Mass will be streamed.

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 Message

Sometimes I say to people that there is a 'No' in the English language when I feel someone is overcommitting themselves or doing something just to please.

Let our default position in life be 'Yes' to God and what we discern God is asking of us to do. The focus of the gospel reading of the 4th Sunday of Advent is on Mary, her 'Fiat' (term in Latin means 'let it be done'), her 'Yes' to God – the source of all blessings is incarnated.

Do you believe You are called to do the same? – say Yes and blessings will pour forth from God through you.

May you and yours have a blessed Christmas and New Year.

Fr. Sean

Alpha

We'd love to invite you to join us on Alpha which is starting on the **16th January at 7-9pm** in Hesdin Hall. Alpha is a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Everyone's welcome. No matter your background or beliefs, you're invited. It's a really great opportunity to start reflecting on our beliefs (and meet other people who might have the same kind of questions we do!) in a relaxed space- and you get a free dinner which is always a winner! If you're interested in coming along, even just to try out the first session please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/p8RZSQPNFBupc29U6> or email hollycook@rcdow.org.uk with any questions.

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.

Year of Jubilee 2025

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope", and is a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis. The Bishops' Conference have produced a companion booklet to help guide you as you ready yourself for this most vital year in the Church's life. These booklets are now available at the back of the church. If you would like to make a donation for your booklet please use the crib donation box and this will be included in the money sent to support the Catholic Children's Society.

With Deepest Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of: **Guy Viegas** whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Monday 6th January at 11.30am** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.

Stanley Napoleon whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Friday 17th January at 12.30pm** followed by burial at Northwood cemetery.

Mary Black whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Wednesday 22th January at 10.00am** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.

May they rest in peace.

Altar Servers

The Christmas rota is now up on the Altar Server page, along with the January rota and the Winter Altar Server Newsletter. Join us on **Thursday, 26th December at 10:30am** for our Annual Festal Mass for Altar Servers—a special time to honour St. Stephen, the patron saint of altar servers, and celebrate together. We can't wait to see you there!

Appeal for Lourdes Sponsorship

Each year we fundraise to take some young people to Lourdes. If you would like to sponsor a RedCap this year then please get in touch!

Lourdes

The parish will be taking a youth group (age 16-25) again this year to fill the role of RedCaps. The pilgrimage is from **24th July to 2nd August 2025**. Any young people interested in this role should contact Siobhan. Last years writeup: <https://sacredhearttruislip.org.uk/2024/11/06/lourdes-2024/>

Foodbank

The SVP food bank at St Gregory's is supporting around 150 families every week. Collecting jam, juice, tinned tomatoes, sugar and toiletries. Many thanks.

Many thanks

Many thanks to all who contributed or supported the Parish Advent Carol Service last Sunday evening.

Charity Tea Dance in aid of Michael Sobell House. Sunday 29th December from 2 – 5pm.

Dance to great music by Eugene. Ticket event only: Contact Noeline on 07871 924880 Email: noelinebarber@aol.com

Save the Date: Saturday 15th February

The Jubilee Trust welcome back *Charlie of the Masons* for a Valentine Dance. (This will be instead of a Ceilidh Night). Full details & tickets available in January.

Youth Club

The youth club dates will appear on the website under the youth ministry section and will be updated there regularly, there will be no more meetings until after Christmas.

<https://sacredhearttruislip.org.uk/youth/>

Our wonderful young people have worked hard these last couple of weeks preparing the prayers and reflections for the advent liturgy as well as donating and making up Christmas gift bags for children, to be given out at the foodbank.

Congratulations to Lucy from the youth group, receiving her first reconciliation and first communion this weekend.

Mass Intentions for the next week - 21st – 29th December 2024

Saturday 21 st December	10.00 Crhistian George (Ann) 18.00 Jim Devine, (Ann)	
Sunday 22 nd December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 For You the People 10.00 Tony Pycio, RIP. (folk) 11.30 Basil Garsed (Ann) 18.00 Gladys Hall (Ann)	
Monday 23 rd December <i>St John of Kanty</i>	10.00 Dorothy Ryan, RIP. Ann Gaffney (Ann) <i>Confessions after Mass until 11.30am</i>	
Tuesday 24 th December	10.00 Maisie Marsden (Ann) <i>Confessions after Mass until 11.30am</i>	
	 Christmas Season 	
<i>Vigil Masses of Christmas</i>	18.30 All Christmas Intentions 21.30 All Christmas Intentions (Adult Choir) 23.30 For You the People (Malayalam Mass)	
Wednesday 25 th December <i>Christmas Day Nativity of the Lord</i>	08.30 All Christmas Intentions 10.00 All Christmas Intentions (Folk Group) 11.30 Sick & Housebound of the Parish NO EVENING MASS	
Thursday 26 th December <i>St Stephen</i>	10.30 Stephen Connell, (Ann) <i>Annual Festal Mass for Altar Servers</i>	
Friday 27 th December <i>St John, Apostle</i>	10.00 Helen Hickey, RIP.	
Saturday 28 th December <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	10.00 Sarah Fox McNulty & All Deceased Members of Fox Family RIP. 18.00 John Armstrong, (Ann)	
Sunday 29 th December <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i>	08.30 Sandy & Eddie Vivier Intentions 10.00 Michael Loughman (Ann) 11.30 Joan O'Shea, RIP. 18.00 For You the People	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

Susan Acton, Bernadeta Herrera, Daniella Ciacchio, Livia Emmanuel, Pauline Walsh, Edward Vivier, Janet Smith, Sheila Morrison, Andrew Wilson, Barbara Steadman, Theresa Jefferson, Kevin Horner, Edward Barrett, Celine Edwards, Adrian Cunningham, Mark Jordan, Caterina Spano, Nora Ahearne, Mary Kilcommon, Irene Leonard, Sarah Anstis, Mary O'Neill, Lesley Spearing, Anne Rourke, Alwin Benjamin, John Brown, John & Elena Clifford, Joseph Prathas, Timothy Cahillane, Eamon McGinn, Lily Brown, Mary Connell, Thomas Manjooran, Yvonne Foxen and Gerard Kennedy.

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Michael Cabey, Crhistian George, Jim Devine, Basil Garsed, Gladys Hall, Maisie Marsden, Ann Gaffney and Stephen Connell.