



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

First Holy Communion Preparation 2025 -26

Session 3:

**Monday 24th November for
Group 3, 5-6pm and
Group 4, 6.15 - 7.15pm.**

**Monday 1st December for
Group 1, 5-6pm and
Group 2, 6.15 - 7.15pm.**

**Next parent session:
The Holy Spirit and the
Church
Wednesday 26th November
7.30-8.30pm Hesdin Hall.**

Confirmation

Whole group session 2
**Who Am I?
Tues 25th November
7-8.30pm Hesdin Hall.**

RCIA

Next session:
**The Paschal Mystery
Weds 26th November ,
8-9pm, coffee lounge.**

World Youth Sunday 23/11

Today is **World Youth Sunday**. To celebrate we will be offering a youth afternoon which will include a talk and workshops. Events start at **1.30pm**, for ages 11-25 years, for more info and to sign up [here](#).

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Christ the King

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

This Sunday at **10:00am** we celebrate the first of our First Holy Communion Preparation Masses. We are delighted that 85 children are currently preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We extend a warm welcome to all the children and their families, and ask that you please keep them in your prayers during this special time.

General Surgery

Fr. James's next surgery will be on **Monday 24th November** from **5-7pm** in the presbytery for anyone who would like to see Fr. James without an appointment.

Thank You

Thank you for so generously supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Our priests give us years of dedicated service and it is only right that, together, we ensure they live out their days with dignity and the care they need. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church and you can give online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. You can become a Patron by setting up a regular donation by completing section 4 on the envelope form. Thank you again. Please keep our sick and retired priests in your prayers.

Christmas Fair Saturday 29th November 10.30-2.30pm

We are collecting items for the Christmas Fair and would be very grateful for: *fiction books* (no reference or cookery books please), *unused gifts*, *toys*, *toiletries*, *handbags* and *Christmas decorations*. If you have any of these items, please can you leave them in the church foyer. Please deliver bottles for the tombola to the presbytery. Please no bric-a-brac or jumble.

We are short of bottles, toys and unused gifts.

Tickets for the christmas raffle are available in the church foyer.

Cakes, and biscuits can be brought in from **Friday 28th November**.

Thank you for your support and generosity — it really helps to make the fair a success.

Sacred Heart School -

Christmas Carols & Tea Party for Grandparents & Senior Citizens - Monday 8th December 2.00pm

Grandparents and senior citizens are warmly invited to an afternoon of festivities at Sacred Heart School Hall on **Monday 8th December** at **2.00pm**, (arrival from 1.50pm). Please call or email the school office to register your attendance. **Tel: 01895 633240** Email: Office@shpsruislip.org

Mayor of Hillingdon Visits First Friday Lunch 5th December

All parishioners, of any age, are invited to our next 3-course Friday Lunch, in the Bec Suite on **Friday 5th December** at **12:15pm**. Before the lunch, at **11:00am**, the Mayor of Hillingdon, Philip Corthorne, will pay us a short visit. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

If you would also like to stay for lunch (at a cost of £7.50), please sign up on the clipboard in the Church foyer, at the latest by **3rd December**.

Children's Advent Day, Sunday 30th November 2-4pm

Calling all children between the ages of 5 years old to children in Year 6. Come and join us in the Hesdin Hall for an afternoon of arts and crafts in preparation for Christmas. The session will run from **2-4pm**. We will be selling the tickets **this weekend only 22/23rd November** (after the Saturday 6pm Mass, after the 8.30am and 10am and before the 11.30am Mass) and taking £5 cash for payment. Please make sure you bring cash as we cannot accept cards and cannot hold spaces.

With Deepest Sympathy

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

Gino Amasanti Snr. whose Funeral Mass also takes place on **Thursday 4th December at 11.30am**, followed by burial at North Finchley cemetery.

Ernest Cutts whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Friday 5th December at 12noon** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.

David Stagg whose Funeral Mass takes place on **Tuesday 9th December at 2pm** followed by committal at Breakspear Crematorium.
May they rest in peace.

Young Adults ADVENT RETREAT DAY

The Assumption Sisters are holding a young adults retreat day on **Saturday 6th December 2025, 10am – 6pm**. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington). Programme includes talks • prayer, adoration and confessions • faith sharing • mass and social time. £5 registration fee/ subsidised student places available on request. Register now by emailing: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org catechist to lead small group discussions and activities.

Grand Prize Draw tickets

Tickets for the Christmas raffle can be found in the church foyer. Please return counterfoils and money to the presbytery.

Survey

The Catholic Bishop's conference of England and Wales, along with Birmingham Newman university are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith experience. If you are a neurodiverse adult or you care for a neurodiverse child then please consider filling out this anonymous survey, [link](#). The deadline is **12th January**.

Jubilee Trust 2025/2026 Lottery

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for the new Lottery cycle although we do need some more to reach our 200 minimum members. We are planning to hold The Big Prize Draw for £500 after the Carol Service on **14th December**. After the December draw there will be another 11 monthly draws each with a prize of £150, and you will be helping raise funds for the Jubilee Trust the Parish Charity. with a prize of £150, and you will be helping raise funds for the Jubilee Trust, the Parish Charity. To sign up follow this [link](#) and pay online or via your bank branch to our account at Barclays Bank: *The Most Sacred Heart Jubilee Trust*, sort code **20-73-53** account number **80793353**. Please use the second part of your post code and your surname as the payment reference, e.g. **7AB/SURNAME**. Or pick up the yellow letter from the foyer. Can you be one of the 200?

Third Jubilee Talk

To celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 1700th Anniversary of Nicaea, Allen Hall Seminary invites you to the final talk on **3pm on Saturday, 6th December: "Advent: Hoping that the Lord Jesus Christ shall Come Again to Judge the Living and the Dead"** by Canon John O'Leary, Rector of Allen Hall. Stay for refreshments, a Hall tour, and Vespers at 5:30 pm, ending with devotions to the Douai Martyrs. Please register with Monica at parector@rcdow.org.uk and indicate which parts you will attend. Allen Hall is at 28 Beaufort Street, Chelsea, SW3 5AA.

Lourdes 2026

Anyone 16 or older by July 2026 is invited to volunteer on the Lourdes pilgrimage. Learn more about the roles on our website under Youth -Lourdes Pilgrimage, or explore news articles and YouTube videos of past volunteers sharing their experiences. Expressions of interest can be made on this [link](#):

Mass Intentions for the week- 22nd November-30th November 2026

Saturday 22 nd November	10.00 Frances Prescott, (Ann).
<i>St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i>	18.00 Miriam Holmes, (Ann).
Sunday 23 rd November	08.30 For You The People.
<i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	10.00 Annie Menezes, (Ann). (Folk Group)
	11.30 Karakulko, Wrotni & Naks Families.
	18.00 Bill Coburn, RIP
Monday 24 th November	10.00 Donald Cain, (Ann).
<i>St. Andrew Dung-Lac</i>	<i>November deadlist.</i>
Tuesday 25 th November	10.00 Eileen Brawn
<i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	Fr. Peter Geraerts
Wednesday 26 th November	10.00 John & Catherine Smith, Ints.
	<i>November deadlist</i>
Thursday 27 th November	10.00 The Furey Family.
Friday 28 th November	10.00 Merty Patterson, Ints.
	Lenna Rita Dias, RIP.
Saturday 29 th November	10.00 <i>November deadlist.</i>
	18.00 Freda Ryan, (Ann).
Sunday 30 th November	08.30 Aidan O'Brien, RIP.
<i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00 James Reilly, (Ann). (Children's choir)
	11.30 John O'Connor, (Ann).
	18.00 For You The People.

(Please not 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, Daniella Ciccio, Livia Emmanuel, Pauline Walsh, Edward Vivier, Janet Smith, Sheila Morrison, Andrew Wilson, Barbara Steadman, Theresa Jefferson, Kevin Horner, Edward Barrett, Celine Edwards, Adrian Cunningham, Nora Ahearne, Mary Kilcommon, Irene Leonard, Sarah Anstis, Mary O'Neill, Lesley Spearing, Anne Rourke, John Brown, Paul McSorely, John & Elena Clifford, Joseph Prathas, Timothy Cahillane, Lily Brown, Mary Connell, Celeste Giblin, Thomas Manjooran, Yvonne Foxen, Audrey Rossiter, Eddie Higgins, Gerard Kennedy, Mickey Cunnew, Perry Kersey, Terry McIntyre and Elizabeth Coleman.

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS ABOUT THIS TIME:

Frances Prescott, Miriam Holmes, Annie Menezes, Donald Cain and Dr. Yves Sojka.