



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

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.

Christmas Message

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

Christmas Posters

In the church foyer there are free Christmas Posters that have kindly been provided by the KSC

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.

Church Livestream

All Masses are livestreamed
<https://www.youtube.com/@SacredHeartRuislipChurch>
The sanctuary and front rows may appear live.

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Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas Masses

This year Christmas Eve Masses, Wednesday 24th December 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 projected.*
2. Carols starting at 9.00pm, Mass in the night at 9.30pm.

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December

Masses will be celebrated at 8.30am, 10.00am and 12noon.

Carols at 9.40am

There is NO Evening Mass on Christmas Day.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Reconciliation Service will be held this **Wednesday 17th December** at **7.30pm**. This is a chance to prepare our hearts for Christmas. It is a time for reflection, forgiveness, and spiritual renewal and a meaningful way to experience God's mercy as we get ready for the celebration of Christ's birth. There will be an opportunity for individual confessions with priests from other parishes.

Advent Carol Service, Sunday 14th Dec at 4pm

Mince pies, tea and coffee after in the Hesdin Hall. Jubilee Prize draw will be announced.

General Surgery

Fr. James's next surgery will be this coming **Monday 15th December** from **5-6.30pm** in the presbytery for anyone who would like to see Fr. James without an appointment.

Jubilee Social Group

The Jubilee Social Group is having its Christmas meeting this **Thursday 18th December** from **10.30am-2.30pm** in the Coffee Lounge. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church if you would like to come along.

Del Boy and Owen are coming to lead us in some familiar songs for listening to, singing along with or dancing to and this will be followed by a 2 course home cooked lunch. We normally ask for a donation of £7.50 to contribute to the costs but if you prefer you can bring a gift donation for a family or a child to an equivalent value and these will be sent to the Food Bank that weekend for distribution. This friendly and welcoming group is open to all especially anyone who lives alone or would like some company.

Altar Servers

Altar servers (or parents of altar servers) should check their email to share their availability for the Christmas Masses. The Christmas rota will be published next week.

There will be an altar server Christmas social in January, more information to follow.

Two young people from our serving community will receive their silver medal on St Stephen's day at the **10.30am** Mass, along with our new servers receiving their bronze medal.

All servers should attend this celebration of our patron's feast and parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass in support.



CAFOD's Jubilee Icon is visiting "Places of Hope" across the Diocese this December. Commissioned to celebrate the Jubilee Year, the icon was created by artist Mulugeta Araya in Ethiopia. Click the [link](#) for details of the Jubilee Icon, including where and when the Icon will be displayed publicly, and for prayer and reflection resources to use with the Icon.

CAFOD, Family Fast Day

Very many thanks for your generosity, a total of **£1067.04** has been collected.

Sacred Heart Admissions Consultation

Please see the school's website for information regarding proposed changes to the Admissions Policy for 2027/28. [Admissions | Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School](#)

Dive Deeper

A 2-part course of talks on the Patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph given by Fr. John Deehan.
Part 1: Abraham & Isaac.
Mon 19th Jan: *Genesis and the legend of Abraham.*
Mon 26th Jan: *The Tower of Babel.* **Mon 9th Feb:** *Abraham & Isaac: Promise fulfilled?* **6.30-8.00pm** online, via Teams. Please register to receive details of the link, by contacting Warren via catadmin@rcdow.org.uk.

Foodbank

The SVP food bank at St Gregory's is busier than ever. There is a real need for potatoes, noodles, jam, sugar, cooking sauces, juice, rice, toilet roll, fruit puddings. Many thanks.

Jubilee Trust Lottery

The Trustees were delighted to reach its minimum target of 200 members during this week and would like to thank each and every one for their contribution to our Parish Charitable fund. The Big Draw will be held this Sunday in the Hall after the Carol Service. It still not too late to join the lottery as there will be another 11 draws, one each month from January to November for a prize of £150.

The Trustees would also like to thank Norbert and the First Friday lunch teams for their work and donations to the Jubilee Trust over the past 12 months.

Upcoming Youth Pilgrimages

Lourdes: Any young people aged 16 and over by July 2026 are invited to register their interest to volunteer on the Lourdes pilgrimage. You can find out information about the pilgrimage on our [website](#) and you can register your interest on this [link](#).

Camino: In memory of Fr Sean, we will be leading a parish youth pilgrimage to do the Camino walk for a week in Portugal. On the pilgrimage we will follow Fr Sean's footsteps and use his daily reflections to guide us. This will take place in **April 2026** (exact dates tbc) and any young people over the age of 14 by April 2026 are invited to express their interest on this [form](#).

Mass Intentions for the week- 13th December- 21st December 2025

Saturday 13 th December	10.00 Stanley Napoleon, (Ann). 18.00 For You The People.
Sunday 14 th December <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 Eileen Murphy, (Ann.). 10.00 David White, (Ann). <i>(Folk Group)</i> 11.30 Mary Cox, (Ann). 18.00 Thomas & Catherine Armstrong, (Ann).
Monday 15 th December	10.00 Ann Henry, RIP. Elouise-May Barrett, RIP.
Tuesday 16 th December	10.00 Mary McManus, Ints. Patricia Devlin, RIP.
Wednesday 17 th December	10.00 Michael Walsh, RIP. Biddy Sugrue.
Thursday 18 th December	10.00 Ann Gaffney, (Ann).
Friday 19 th December	10.00 Joan O'Shea. Sarah Fox McNulty, Kathleen Fox & all deceased family members, RIP
Saturday 20 th December	10.00 Brian & Patricia Faughey, (Ann). 18.00 Helen Hickey, RIP.
Sunday 21 st December <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	08.30 For You The People. 10.00 Tony Pycio, RIP. 11.30 Jim Devine, (Ann). 18.00 Crhistian George, RIP.

(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, 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:

Stanley Napoleon, Eileen Murphy, David White, Mary Cox, Thomas & Catherine Armstrong, Ann Gaffney and Canon John McDonald.