

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 25th December 2016.

Envelopes: £1,105.10
Loose: £ 699.32
Standing Orders £ 844.75(Oct/week)
Your generosity enables us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!

FORGOTTEN to bring some money for the collection? Just text "PARISH HOLLO" to this number: 70800, to donate £5 automatically. This amount will be added to your phone bill.

For Online giving go to:
www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk
 and click **support**. Thank you.

STANDING ORDER

It is not always possible to attend Mass in your own parish every week, like when you're on holiday. The most effective way to give is via a standing order from your bank account. All you need to do is fill in our Planned Giving Form, sign it, and return it to the office.

Are you on our GIFT AID list yet?

It is *important* to **gift aid** your offering to the church (whether Sunday envelopes or through standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by 25p for every £1 at no extra cost to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call the office or ask Fr. Gideon.

CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.

Sunday 1st January 2017



The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

THEOTOKOS

On New Year's Day, the octave of Christmas, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God, the divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin.

It is the highest title of the Blessed Virgin Mary: *Theotokos*, Mother of God.

This title was given to Mary at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A. D. the council taught, however, that the humanity and divinity of Jesus could not be separated and that they exist in one person, with the momentous implication that we can rightly give Mary the title of Mother of God. Mothers bring life, a gift from God into the world. That's why you sometimes hear the Church referred to as "Mother". The evangelist Luke, describes her as the silent Virgin who listens constantly to the Eternal Word, who lives in the Word of God. This feast is the celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus and is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38).

Elizabeth proclaims:

"Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said: *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

I would like to thank you all who expressed your support and appreciations for my priestly ministry this past year and over Christmas. I am truly blessed by your words, cards and other expressions of kindness. I wish each of you and your families a Blessed New Year filled with God's continued graces and blessings!
Fr.Gideon

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

1 st January Sunday The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	6:00 pm Sat. Vigil Mass	Holy Souls. Elizabeth Kelly RIP Margaret Keohane RIP
	8:30 am Mass	Frances Byrne R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	Maria and Carlo Maini R.I.P.
2 nd January Monday Sts Basil theGreat and Gregory Nazianzen Bps.	10:00 am Mass	Helen Shire (intentions)
3 rd January Tuesday	No Mass	
4 th January Wednesday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Holy Souls
5 th January Thursday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Michael Dolan R. I. P (anniv.)
6 th January Friday Christmas Feria	10:00 Mass	SACRED HEART SCHOOL BEGINNING OF TERM MASS
7 th January Saturday	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	Kathleen Mc Dermott (intentions)
8 th January 2017 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	8:30 am Mass	Frances Byrne R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	For the Parish

We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time

For the sick and the housebound:

Justino Villegas, Maria Faventi, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Maria Louis, Ada Bacarini, Lucy Ugoala, Eileen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Ray Pine, Mary Wong, Christopher Fradley, Charlie Crane, Michael Cole, Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen *and all who are sick and housebound in the parish*

Anniversaries:

Michael Doolan, Frances Byrne, John Mazzone, Beryl & Rudi Genovese, Margaret Cooney, Maureen Finer, Jack Curley, Joseph Kalathara, Theresa Suporn, Dominic Pereira, John Danquah, Mary Moran, Dennis Lonergan, Dennis Lonergan, Myra Richards, Larry Wims, Michael Brobbey, **Please Pray for the Recently Dead:** Rosa Nicolas, Patricia Murphy, Patricia Couglan, Noel Kennedy, Marianne Formosa, Paddy McGuire, Paddy Enright, Vicky Knight, Teresa Russell, William Gonzalez, Agnes Alexander, Gavin McFadyen, Frankie Alfante, Federico and Constanza Delfin, Sarah Lane, Daphne Mae Bedingfield, Alice Harkin, Edwina Tomkin, Dominica Solari, Jimmy O'Reilly, John Harkin, Joel Roque.

"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Active Membership of the Parish is determined by the following criteria: being properly registered for a sufficient period of time; faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; use of the planned giving system (envelope or bank standing order) in regular support of the parish.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Babies are usually baptised in the first 6 months of life. To book a baptism for your child, please contact the parish office. Parents of the child must practice their faith and registered members of the parish. At least one parent of the child and the godparent must supply us with their **Catholic baptismal certificate** and the child's **birth certificate**. Parents and godparents **must** attend a baptismal preparation meeting beforehand.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Next session is on **Sunday 8th January**.

Please be on time for the **11:00 am Mass**.

The parent's meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th January at 7:00pm**.

CONFIRMATION 2017

The first meeting with parents will be on **Thursday 5th January at 7:00pm**. First session for the youth is on **Thursday 19th January**.

MARRIAGE

Six months' notice must be given, even if you're marrying elsewhere, we must do preparation and paperwork. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

Not Catholic But Curious – RCIA

RCIA pre-catechumens will meet weekly on Saturday evenings at **7:00pm** after the Saturday Vigil Mass from the first full week of January (**7th January 2017**). Please support us with your prayers. For more information on this or other Catechetical programmes, please contact Edmund on edmunddean@rcddow.org.uk

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 11:00am Mass. All mothers welcome.

WINNERS –CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW 2016

CONGRATULATIONS:

1st Prize - £400 – Olivia Murray No. 06762

2nd Prize - £300 – Kathy Fitzpatrick No.04899

3rd Prize Motown The Musical – S. Hunt No.01648

4th Prize - £200 – Xav Castillo - No. 02345

5th Prize- £100 – A.M. Wright no. 08516

The Blessing We Receive

The blessing we experience in Christ is proclaimed in Book of Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

@straymonds

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS:

Your offering in the collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are a significant contribution to the support of the parish clergy. Priests do not receive a salary or wages from the Diocese or anywhere else but depend entirely on the generosity of parishioners for their income. Special envelopes are available in porch or in pews.

Faith Matters

Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH pathwaystogod.org 0207-495-1673

-New Beginnings

Saturday 7th January 11am-4pm Lynne Galloway. Take time to pause for prayerful reflection on the road you travelled in 2016 and to place your year ahead into the hands of God prayerfully considering what God might be inviting you to at this time of a new beginnings.

Life In the Spirit Seminar 19 Jan to 23 Feb

Soul Food Catholic charismatic prayer group will be running a Life in the Spirit Seminar starting 19th January 2017 every Thursday for 6 weeks. The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a back to basics exploration of the Good News that leads to a real and deep knowledge and experience of God's love for us. It renews and transforms lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. For full details and to register for the Life in the Spirit Seminar, please visit <http://www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss>

Are you ready to volunteer and make a difference in Lourdes? Would you like to be a Red Cap?

Every year the Diocese of Westminster takes a pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you are between 16 and 18, you can serve as a "**Red Cap**" helping people in wheelchairs and taking part in the processions and many other tasks. Please contact Katrina Lavery at Katrina.lavery@clovershipping.com for more information.

If you are over 18, you can also volunteer as a **St. Frai Helper**. Sick Pilgrims stay in the Accueil St. Frai, looked after by volunteer nurses and doctors. Your role as a St. Frai helper would be to give support to the team of nurses and doctors – the sort of care for which you don't need medical qualifications, such as getting the pilgrims ready, taking them to various pilgrimage events, shopping etc., There will be a rota and shared timetable. Volunteering in Lourdes is an extremely rewarding experience. **You will be leaving on 24th July** and return on **Saturday 30th July**. If you are interested please email Nick Leonard at wesminstersfrai@gmail.com

Church Cleaning- The church gets a lot of use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. TO JOIN THE TEAM, it takes 2 hours once a month? Please contact the parish office 02076073594 or Juliana 07960541286 to volunteer.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We are very happy to invite children who are **4 to 8 years old or who are at school in Reception to year 3** to participate on Sunday at 11:00 am Mass, in the 'Liturgy of the Word with Children'. Unfortunately, due to limited resources, we are not able to invite younger or older kids to the Children's Liturgy.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 11:00AM MASS

You are invited to the parish centre for tea and coffee and chat. We welcome especially those who are new to the parish.

Praise and worship and charismatic prayer service follows the tea and coffee at around 3:00pm.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

Crib Offerings- Money left at the crib over Christmas period will be given to the Catholic Children Society, which supports vulnerable families through their centres. Thank you.