

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 3rd Dec 2017.

Envelopes: £551.46

Loose: £291.73

Standing Orders £1,001 (Oct/week)

Your generosity enables us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!

Text Giving- is quick and easy way to make donation towards the upkeep and running costs at Sacred Heart. Just text "PARISH HOLLO" to this number: 70800, to donate £5 automatically. This amount will be added to your phone bill.

For online giving, please 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 Elizabeth in the office.

CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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



Second Sunday of Advent 10th December 2017

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

10th December Second Sunday of Advent	6:00 pm Sat. <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Sam McKinney – R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass	Clifford Price - R.I.P- Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	Jeremiah and Teresa Kennelly – R.I.P
11 th December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Vincent O'Boyle R.I.P
12 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
13 th December Wed. St Lucy	9:15 am Mass	Sanchez Hernandez Family Ints. (Year4P from school at Mass).
14 th December Thursday St John of the Cross	9:15 am Mass	Annette Smyth R.I.P
15 th December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Josefina Miller R.I.P – Anniv.
16th December Saturday Advent Feria	11:00 – 12:00 am	<i>Confessions</i>
	6:00 pm <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Sam McKinney – R.I.P John O'Roarke R.I.P – Anniv.
17th December Third Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Mass	Eddie and Bridie Gorman R.I.P- Anniversary
	11:00 am Mas	Patricia Naughton R.I.P Ivy Ross R.I.P

The Deep End. The beginning of the good news...

The second Sunday of Advent turns our attention to John the Baptist. John was an interesting individual. We are told he dressed a bit strangely, had an odd diet and spent a lot of time in the desert. Yet it seems he was very popular with the whole of Judaea and 'all the people of Jerusalem' went to hear him. John must have been a dynamic speaker and one in whom people found hope and inspiration. Who are these attractive messengers for us today? Who brings us good news and hope? Whose message makes sense of us? Who do we flock to hear?

Today we might also reflect on the messengers in our lives. Who did God send to you while you were in your own wilderness? Perhaps they brought with them a moment of grace reassuring you that you would not be drifting aimlessly forever. Perhaps the evidence at that moment in your life stated the contrary, yet these words of encouragement or comfort gave you the reason to hope and to hang in there. These 'John the Baptists' are messengers of the light. They are all around us. Sometimes we are the ones called upon to be a messenger of light for someone else. The good news of the gospel today is that even in times of desolation there is a promise of hope that urges us on. How do we prepare for this journey determines our experience. *See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you...* @intercom

SECOND COLLECTION - CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

This weekend and the next, we will take up a collection for flowers and Christmas trees to decorate the church. A little from everyone will ensure we have a beautiful Christmas display, thank you to our dedicated volunteers. Many Thanks.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION MASS

"Lift Jesus High"

Venue: St. Aloysius RC Church, 20 Phoenix Road Euston, London NW1 1TA nearest Tube Euston. Buses 10, 18, 30, 73, 205, 390. Principal Celebrant – Archbishop Kevin McDonald. Doors Open 8:30pm. At 9:00pm- Praise and Worship followed by Mass. At midnight we will be praising before the Blessed Sacrament. Time of Celebration with shared food just after midnight. Please bring some to share (no alcohol). Eucharistic Adoration through the night. Prayer for our nation and the world. All are welcome!

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:

Edgar and Josefina Losa, Keith Hunt, Baby Michael James Elliot, Maria Louis, Crystal Green, Dolores Crowley, Helena Bolotny, Ludovina King, Justino Villegas, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Edwina Toson, Charlie Crane Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison Mc Goff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries: Brian Mpunga, Eddie and Bridie Gorman, John O'Roarke Josefina Miller Clifford Price, John Danqua, Bill Devereux, Ann and Kathleen Rainsford Josie O'Brien, Josefina Miller, Conrado Espejo, Janusz Suliga, Sarah Toolan, Marianne Formosa, Myra Richards-Houlihan.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Ellen Howard, Margaret Kinsella, Sheila Connolly, Sheila Lasok, Grace Ann Lewis, Lee Turnbull, Lucy Ugoala.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE is usually on **Thursdays @ 8:00pm** at the Parish house. The day however, is movable depending on the availability of most members. Please ask Peggy for more details. Everyone welcome

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Babies are usually baptised in the first **6 months** after birth. 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.

The next preparation course for Baptism will take place first term of 2018, date to be confirmed.

MARRIAGE

Six months' notice must be given, even if you're marrying elsewhere to gather and process the paper work. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017-2018

Next Sunday, 17th December. Session will be at 9:30 am. Please make sure your child is on time for his/her session.

CHRISTMAS PLAY- 6:00pm Christmas Eve (FAMILY VIGIL MASS)

Children are invited to participate in our Christmas play. Rehearsals will be held on **Friday 22nd and at 3:00 pm and Saturday 23rd December at 10:00am** in the church.

The play will be performed in the children and family Mass on **Sunday 24 December at 6:00pm**

OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH –RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS).

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation by celebrating Confirmation and/or First Communion as an adult, you are invited to **"Come and See"** evening on Wednesday, 13th December at 7:00pm-8:00pm at the small meeting room (entrance at the courtyard).

This will be an informal meeting of sharing with fellow 'pilgrims' who would like to know more about the Faith and eventually receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil next year (Holy Saturday is 31st March).

CONFIRMATION 2017

The first meeting with parents will be on **Thursday 11 January at 7:00pm**. First session for the youth is on **Thursday 18th January**.

Christmas Raffle Draw 2017

The Raffle Draw will be held next Sunday 17th December. If you brought with you your envelope with stubs and money, kindly drop this to the collection basket as you leave the church today.

Good Counsel Network

'Please join us for an EXTRA day of prayer and fasting, on **Monday the 11th December**, the vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. Please also pray especially that politicians and councillors won't hinder the pro-life presence outside abortion clinics and that buffer zones won't be introduced. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: www.GoodCounselNetwork.com register by Email: livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Offertory Collections at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are a significant contribution to the support of the parish Clergy. Priests do not receive a salary or payment from the Diocese or anywhere else but depend entirely on the generosity of parishioners for their income. Special envelopes are attached for your contributions. Thank you for your support.

SOUL FOOD: Life in the Spirit Seminar

St. Charles Borromeo, 8, Ogle Street, W1W 6HS nearest tube: (Warren St., Goodge Street). Experience God's love in a personal way. Every Thursday 7pm-9pm, 18th January-22nd February 2018. Come and See. All are welcome. To register and for more details visit: www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss

A POST TRUTH WORLD

Are we losing our Minds?

Building a culture of encounter in an age of fake news; 9th January 2018.

Speaker: Austen Ivereigh-

The HURTADO Jesuit Centre.

2 Chandler Street, E1W 2QT

Doors open 7:00pm. Talks at 7:30pm-9:00. Suggested donation £10.00.

For more information: Take a leaflet available at porch.

Christmas occurs on a Monday this year.

This means that the 4th Sunday of Advent is also the day of Christmas Eve. We have an obligation to attend Mass on both Sunday and Monday. Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00pm (children) and Midnight Mass on Sunday does not fulfil the Sunday obligation but the Christmas obligation. So, I hope to see you on Sunday, or once on Sunday and again on the Monday of Christmas. God gives us every day of our lives, we should be happy to offer Him back some of those days by coming to Church.

Church Cleaning/Preparation for

Christmas- We are looking for volunteers to come and clean the church on **23rd Saturday at 10:30am**. Please call Juliana 07960541286..

TEA / COFFEE – in the parish centre after the 11:00a.m. Mass. Everyone welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP –

Prayer session starts at 1:30pm, after Tea/coffee at the Parish Centre.

Pope Francis and the Evangelising Mission of the Church:

Date: 12th December - 7:00pm - 8:30pm –At Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN **Speaker: Brian Purfield.** Suggested donation:£4.00. Please register by Email: livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

Christmas Cards

They are on sale at the Parish Centre after the 11:00am Mass or in the office during office hours. Buy your Holy Cards now. Proceeds will go the upkeep of the parish centre. Also Walk With Me Advent Booklets priced at £1.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

ELLEN HOWARD (nee Ely) R.I.P.

Saturday, 16th December at 2:00pm

Ellen Howard, previously of Islington, died on 15 November 2017 at Tallaght Hospital Kildare. Her funeral was held in Nurney Kildare.

Ellen was the Youth Leader here at Eden Grove, who ran the EGYPT integrated youth club and play schemes for many years prior to its closure in 2000. There will be a memorial service at **Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 16th December at 2:00pm** to celebrate Ellen's life and to pray for the eternal repose of her soul. Ellen's husband Johnny and son Peter invite everyone to join them after the service at the Jolly Sister, Bride Street N7.