

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 3rd January 2016.

Envelopes: £ 729.55

Loose: £ 335.00

Standing Orders £1,019 (Nov/Week)

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

JUST MOVED in to the PARISH?

Welcome! Please register by completing a registration form at the parish office.

PLANNED GIVING (TITHING)

It is deciding how much of your income to regularly give to the work of your Parish. This will help us budget for the years ahead.

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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Parish Office opening times for Admin

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



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

10 th January 2016 The Baptism of the Lord.	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Mary & Benie – Intentions
	8:30 AM	Jill Fitzpatrick – R.I.P
	11:00AM	Baldish Johal – R.I.P Margaret Cooney – R.I.P Anniversary
11 th January Monday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Nellie Patter – R.I.P
12 th January Tuesday	No Mass	
13 th January Wednesday. Feria	9:15 am Mass	Nancy Cullen – R.I.P
14 th January Thursday Feria	9:15 am Mass 2:00pm Funeral Mass	For the Parish Gerry Johnson R.I.P
15 th January Friday Feria	9:15 am Mass	D'Shaun Louis - Intentions
16 th January Saturday Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	6:00pm (Vigil Mass) (Sat . Vigil Mass)	Michael Gill – R.I.P
17 th January 2016 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Next Sunday, Racial Justice Collection)	8:30 am Mass	Mary Houlihan – Intentions
	11:00am Mass	Peter Price – R.I.P – Anniv.

NEWSLETTER 10th January 2016 The Baptism of the Lord.

The Deep End – The Baptism of the Lord

In Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus we hear that Jesus was at prayer after his baptism, when the heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove.

This is main focus of Luke's account of this story, he is the only Gospel writer who says that Jesus was at prayer before 'heaven opened' and God's voice was heard. A call to God's work can often be preceded by a deep prayerful experience of God. Luke's focus is on the *experience* of Jesus in this account but we are also called to see the revelation of God in ourselves and in others. Perhaps you can recall when you suddenly saw a divine spark in someone you know or noticed a change in yourself because of a deep experience.

We can recall moments in our own lives when we experienced God tenderly and lovingly saying to us, 'you are my son/daughter'; 'you are my beloved'; 'my favour rests on you'. Very often experiences such as these are simple events. They can also call us to a greater commitment to our faith and our relationship with God.

'The descent into the waters of our spirit, is a journey into the presence of divinity...all human beings are children of God but not all live in the awareness that there is 'that of God' within them'. W.L Wallace.

Peace Sunday – 17 January

'The work of Pax Christi is based on the Gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and Justice'.

Today you will find Pax Christi envelope at the back of the church. Please be as generous as you can afford. Thank you!!!

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:

Lucy Ugoala, Eileen Towey, Joan Neary, Rosa Nicholas, Mary Wong, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Sarah Lane, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Lily Chiwuoke. Charlie Crane, Stella Turner, Michael Cole, Steadman Descartes, Joe Samuels, John and Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Maria Ward, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Margaret Lonergan, Eileen Lucas, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Chris Eisen, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi. Ada Bacarini

and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries:

Peter Price, Margaret Cooney, Peter Sheridan, Gordon Witt, John O'Roarke, Chris Reilly, Clifford Price, Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, Bill Devereux. Ykaalo-Micael, John Danquah, Josie O'Brien, Theresa Suporn, Sarah Toolan, Sarah Crosby Ykalo Michael

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Michael Purcell, Gerry Johnson, Baldish Johal, Nezah Tesfu, Peter Joseph Heavin, Michael Gill, Mary Tisseverasinghe, Michael Coughlan, Florencio Fusin, Paulus Awondatu, Sam McKinney, Felixiene Henry, Brian Morris, Florence McGrath, John Mazzoni, Michael Prior, Frances Byrne, Helen Bradley, Andrew O'Brien.

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

PARISH WEBSITE

Did you know that you can read the newsletter online? Go to:

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS

93-95 Essex Road London N1
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Funeral Plans available.

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. **The next parents' and Godparents' meeting will be announced next term, 2016.**

MARRIAGE

Six months' notice must be given for marriage, whether here or elsewhere. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015-2016

The next parents meeting without children is on **Wednesday 13 January at 7:00pm.** The next children session will be on Sunday 17 January at 9:30 am. Please be prompt.

CONFIRMATION:

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are illegible to join the Confirmation Programme 2016. Application forms are available at the end of Mass or collect it from the Parish office during office hours on Tues, Thurs, Friday. **Next Sunday 17 January is the last day to return your applications.**

Fr. Henry Mobela

We welcome Fr. Henry into the parish. He will be *in residence* in the Presbytery whilst ministering as the newly appointed chaplain to the Zambian community in London

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE'S WINNERS

1st prize £400 – Tina McCarthy
2nd prize £300- Paddy McGuire (09006)
3rd prize £200- Bailey (Burns House)
4th prize £100- Rashmi Kalathara (05041)
The Christmas Draw 2015 netted £1395
Thank you for your generous support. All proceeds will go towards repair of the Church's stained glass windows.

Mindfulness in Christian Tradition.

Facilitator: Fr Malachy Keegan.

Sat 23rd Jan .10.00am – 3.00pm, The Niland centre, 93 Elstree Rd, Bushey, Hertfordshire WD23 4EE

Please book your place at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk If you do not have an access to the internet, please call at 0207 931 6078 and leave your name, contact phone and the date(s). Suggested donation £15.00. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please bring your own lunch.

Refugee Volunteer Evening

The evening will give you the chance to find out how you can help refugees in London and Hertfordshire. As well as stalls from organisations working with migrants and refugees, we will be hosting a panel on working with refugees. Speakers will include Louise Zanre from JRS UK, Sister Christine from Neighbours in Poplar, Cathy Corcoran CEO of the Cardinal Hume Centre and Michaela Costello from Guardian Angels parish. **On Tuesday 26 January.** Centre for Youth Ministry, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston, London NW1 1TA. Time: 6pm-8.30pm. If you would like to come, please contact caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk by 19 January 2016

Westminster Youth Ministry Arts Day

On 6th February the youth service hosts an Arts Day at the Art Studios in Wapping. The day will help young people, aged 14-20, develop their skills, be inspired by works of past artists and learn how to use their artistic talents to glorify God. The day runs from 10am – 4pm and will be led by talented artists, Alice Robertson and Marie-Louise Van Spyk. The day is free of charge. For further information and to confirm your attendance

.email: callummoore@rcdow.org.uk See e: <http://dowym.com/events/>

MUSINGS

Franciscan friar and spiritual writer, Richard Rohr, offers some very challenging words to us concerning our celebration of (particularly adult) baptism. He writes that, regrettably, we have moved away from the ancient symbolism of baptism as a 'drowning' rite (by full immersion) in which the candidate 'faced' their own mortality before they were ready for a mature adult life. We have lost that idea of something having to 'die' in the candidate in order for them to be reborn to new life.

This, for Rohr, is what often explains the greater sense of community 'at the other side of the pool' in groups like Alcoholics Anonymous than in many of our churches. SalvadorRyan@Intercom

REMINDER: Change of the Liturgy for the Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has emphasized the role of Mary as Mother of Mercy. The Cardinal asks that the "Hail Mary" in the Sunday Bidding Prayers be replaced by the 'Hail Holy Queen' throughout the Year of Mercy. We have provided prayer cards for this purpose. Please do **not** take home the Prayer Cards **left in the pews**. They will be used throughout the whole year of Mercy.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Tea and Coffee and Cakes after 11:00am Mass (12:00pm-1:30pm)- the main purpose of this is to bring parishioners together and welcome new parishioners. Mass Cards, Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards are available for sale in the parish hall. Welcome.

Health and Safety –Children under 12 years old will not be allowed in the gallery at all times. Children should be supervised by their parents when they are in the toilets and when crossing the road to the parish community centre.

Church Cleaning- the church gets a lot use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. We are appealing for more volunteers TO JOIN THE TEAM.. Please contact the parish office 02076073594 or Juliana 07960541286

Help for Marriage- RETROUVAILLE: A lifeline for troubled marriages. www.retrouvaille.org.uk