

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Envelopes: £555.70**

**Loose: £449.52**

**Standing Orders £ 671.25 (Dec./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 from 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.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2014**

**Gift Aid? It's worth it!**

It is *important* to **gift aid** your offering to the church (envelopes or standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by 25p for every £1 at no extra expense 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.**



**NEWSLETTER 11 January 2015**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**The Deep End – Water of Life**

Water, water everywhere! For a natural resource, water can be very controversial, even a political issue, as we have discovered in Ireland in recent years. After all, we need water to stay alive. And so we know, sadly there are people in many parts of the world for whom clean drinking water is a struggle. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Old and New Testament, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well.

It is a symbol of life, an opportunity for God to teach us something, as well as a means of cleansing or purification.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Water is a powerful symbol in Baptism; when the priest pours water over the child or adult being baptised, it is a sign that our sins are being washed away and that we are entering a new spiritual life. This gift is freely available to us throughout our lives. In today's First Reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty. [T.Doherty@Intercom](mailto:T.Doherty@Intercom)

**Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony:** Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2015 AT 3:00PM. The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, (and every year over 60) anniversary of marriage in 2015. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your names and contact details to the Parish Office or email us.

**FUNERAL MASS:** For Morris Flores RIP on Wednesday at 11:00AM.

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

<b>11 January</b>  <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b> (Next Sunday, Peace Sunday Collection)	(6.00pm Sat. Vigil Mass)	Resma Joseph – Int
	8:30 AM	Peter Rossen R.I.P
	10:15 AM	Gordon Witt R.I.P
	12:00 AM	For the Parish
12 <sup>th</sup> January Monday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Richard Taylor
13 <sup>th</sup> January Tuesday	No Mass	
14 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday Feria	11:00 am Funeral Mass	Morris Flores R.I.P: Mass followed by Interment at Islington Cemetery at 12:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> January Thursday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Maria Vittoria Vanin R.I.P
16 <sup>th</sup> January Friday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Faye Baloyot R.I.P
17 <sup>th</sup> January Saturday St Anthony Abbot	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Josie O'Brien R.I.P
<b>18 January</b>  <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Peace Sunday Collection)	8:30 AM	Michael Nevin
	10:15 AM	Henry Joseph Turner R.I.P Anniversary
	12:00 AM	Johnjoe Ferguson R.I.P Anniversary

*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:**

Helen Bradley, John Breslin, Joe Samuels, Carlo Mazzoni, Frances Byrne, John and Nora Harkin, Leo Kilkenny, Edwina Toson, Eileen Ely, Joe Samuels, Taliah Sampson, Judette Palmer, Paddy McGravey, Maria Ward, Barbara Baptiste, Florence Collins, Cedric Cowell, Margaret Mulroy, Margaret Lonergan, Eileen Lucas, Tanya Obid, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Chris Eisen, Diana Johnson, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi. **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

**Anniversaries:**

Margaret Lonergan, John Joe Ferguson, Henry Joseph Turner, Mary Krzemieniewski and Margaret Keohone, Pat Naughton and Ivy Ross, Michael Costin, Gilbert Ero, John O'Rourke, Bill Devereux, Beryl Genovese, Margaret McGee, Ykaalo Michael, Sarah Toolan, Myra Richards Houlihan.

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Shirley Dolan, Philip Lonergan, Morris Flores, Angela Tabone, Josie O'Brien, Angelita Nogoy, Patrick Cullen, Dean Aka Samuels, Janusz Suliga, Martin Beeny, Fr. Gilberto Hoyos, Molly Wilson, John Clemo, Fr Alan Ashton, Canon Peter Phillips.

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

**PARISH WEBSITE**

[www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk)  
Please do not confuse it with the old website's address which is now defunct:  
[www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk)

**BAPTISM**

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

The next parents' and godparents' meeting will be in 2015. Watch this space, new date will be confirmed early February 2015.

**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](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk)

**CONFIRMATION**

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are illegible to join the Confirmation Programme 2015. Please collect your application form at the end of Mass or collect it from the Parish office in office hours. The application forms should be returned by **1<sup>st</sup> February 2014**.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
**2014-2015**

The next Parent's meeting (with children) is on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Then next candidate's session is on Sunday 18th January. Parents, please bring your children on time.

**Is there anything you can do for your Church? Help is always required!**

**Church Cleaning-** The **Cleaning Team** urgently need new members. If you can offer a little of your time to assist with this very important role please contact **Juliana – 07960541286**.

**Visiting the Sick-** This is a ministry for all the baptised. We have a number of housebound who would love a visit from a fellow member of the parish. Contact Fr. Gideon.

**Lifts to Church** - there are people who struggle to get to Mass. If you have a car with spare seats why not ask if anyone needs a lift home.

**ONGOING SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

**At Vaughan House, 46 Francis St. SW1 1QN – 7:00pm-8:30pm**

**1). SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH: A Journey through the Bible.** A basic bible study programme for everyone interested: Parish Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Volunteers and all parishioners. No prior knowledge is required to attend the programme. Sessions are presented in lecture style with discussions and Q&A. **Tues 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015. INTRODUCTION TO PAULINE WRITINGS with Brian Purfield. Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015 PAULINE THEMES**

**2). THIS IS MY BODY-** For Eucharistic Ministers and anyone else. Sr. Anne Walsh OP and others (Facilitators) on **Tues 15<sup>th</sup> February, 7:00-8:30pm Vaughan House.** Register at [www.rcdow.org.uk/events/](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/events/) or [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or call 02079316078.

**3).The Privilege of Proclaiming the Word :**For parish readers and anyone else. **Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7:00pm-8:30pm.** Facilitators: Sr. Ann Walsh OP Sr. Karen d'Artois OP. Register at [rcdow.org.uk/events/](http://rcdow.org.uk/events/) or [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 7931 6078

**4). A study evening on How to have a New Teenager in 5 days?**

A study evening for catechists, parents and everyone involved in the Confirmation programmes on how to work with teenagers and support their parents: specific approach, skills for group & conflict management, faith developmental issues and parental responses to changes, understanding of different ways of thinking. **Facilitators:** Mgr Malachy Keegan and Ausra Karaliute STL, At Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN **On Tuesday 22nd Jan 2015, 7.00pm - 8.30pm.** For further details and registration go to: <http://rcdow.org.uk/events/> or contact [livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk) or call at 020 7931 6078.

**CAFOD** needs help in ending poverty and injustice overseas. Understanding CAFOD DAY on **SAT.,24<sup>th</sup> Jan, in London SE1 from 10:am-4pm.** Call 02084496970

**MUSINGS**

'Being baptised is never a solitary act of "me", but is always necessarily a being united with all the others, a being in unity and solidarity with the whole body of Christ, with the whole community of his brothers and sisters. This is fact that baptism inserts me into community breaks my isolation. We must remain aware of this in our being Christin. '(*Lectio Divina* of Pope Benedict XVI on Baptism, Basilica of St John Lateran, 11 June 2012). @Intercom.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar 22 Jan-26<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

Soul Food is a charismatic prayer group for young adults based in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on Ogle Street, London ([www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss](http://www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss)). They organise every year the 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'. It is a six-week course which helps people to have a profound encounter with God in the person of the Holy Spirit. After the seminar people generally become more active in their home parish, sharing the fruits of a renewed life in Christ.

The seminar starts on 22 January and lasts until 26 February. The meetings are every Thursday from 7 to 9pm. As part of the course we also organise a weekend retreat at Aylesford Priory from 13 to 15 February 2015 with the sacrament of reconciliation.

Prepare to be amazed – the Holy Spirit will not disappoint.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)**

Meets on the 1st Sunday of the month after the 12:00noon Mass. All mothers are welcome.

**Fr. Gideon** is away for his post- Christmas break from Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> January for three weeks. Masses will be celebrated by either **Fr. Chris Connor** or **Fr. Kidane**.

For **Confessions** please go to St. Gabriel's or to other churches in the area.

The office is open on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9:30am-3:00pm** for any queries. You can also email the office.