

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 4th March 2018.

Envelopes: Weekly £448.21

Loose: £394.83

Standing Orders £946.50 (Feb/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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent
11th March 2018

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

11th March Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Cardinal's Lenten Appeal</i>	6:00 pm Sat. <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Michael Baylon – R.I.P Anniv.
	8:30 am Mass	Kiernan Family – Intentions
	11:00 am Mass	Sheila Connolly – R.I.P
12 th March Monday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Pat Abatan – R.I.P
	6:30pm Mass	Brian Mpunga – R.I.P (40 days)
13 th March Tuesday Lent Feria	No Mass	
14 th March Wednesday. Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	For the Parish Years 3A & 3R from school at Mass.
15 th March Thursday. Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	
16 th March Friday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Sean Cullen R.I.P – Anniv.
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross followed by prayer meeting at 7:30pm <i>Confessions</i>
17th March Saturday. St Patrick	11:00- 12:00 noon 6:00 pm <i>Vigil Mass</i>	For the Parish
18th March Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Cardinal's Lenten Appeal</i>	8:30 am Mass	Frances Byrne – R.I.P- Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	For the Parish (Joan Neary R.I.P.)

THE DEEP END: Rejoice!

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday. The name comes from the opening words of the entrance antiphon of the Mass, 'Laetare Jerusalem' or 'Rejoice, O Jerusalem'. We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but a few small signs of joy are permitted at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. Listen to the words of St Paul: 'You are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.' Many of our efforts during Lent are aimed at improving ourselves, being more generous with our time or resources, more patient, more attentive to the needs of others – living as true followers of Jesus. What changes do I need to make to be 'God's work of art'?

And in John's Gospel we hear: 'The [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.' One question we might ask this Lent is: Am I living a truthful life? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or **are there** things I think or do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? How might I step out into the light this Lent?

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal

This weekend please take a Cardinal's Lenten Appeal donation leaflet as you leave Mass. The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal funds the work of Catholic parishes, schools and charities in London and Hertfordshire contributing to three fundamental mission areas of the Church: Marriage and Family Life – enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church. Youth and Evangelisation – supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith. And the Church's Social Outreach within Civil Society – putting our faith into action through projects that serve the poor, the lonely and the marginalised. Please consider making the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal part of your Lenten Almsgiving and sacrifice for the benefit of others, and to support the Church's dynamic efforts to increase outreach in these three focal areas of ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

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: Lil Traynor, Baby Michael Ellittott, Keith Hunt, Maria Louis, Crystal Green, Dolores Crowley, Ludvinia 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 McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries: Frances Byrne, Sean Cullen, Michael Baylon Margaret Lonergan, Isabel Lindo, Pauric Dolan, Helen Bradley, Clifford Price, Michael Houlihan, Nora Carroll, Rudi Genovese, Josefa Redruello.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Joan Neary, Brian Harrigan, Bridget Gill, Brian Mpunga, Jose Ballesteros, Paddy Boylan, Thomas Clarke, Helena Bolotny, Veronica Manning, Patrick Hayes, Ellen Howard, Margaret Kinsella.

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 in the parish **on Monday 26th March and Friday 13th April at 7:00 pm.**

Baptism training for new catechists will be on Sat 24 March from 10am-1pm. If anyone is interested in volunteering as a catechist, please speak to Nali (Catechetical Coordinator or contact the parish office).

We are in particular need of more catechists for First Holy Communion preparation, Baptism and Children's Liturgy of the Word.

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 RECONCILIATION

Please keep in your prayers the children of the parish who will be making their First Reconciliations on Saturday 10th March at 10am. **Congratulations** to the children in group 1 and 2 who made their first reconciliation last week

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- is a wonderful **Lenten Devotion.** It takes place every Friday throughout Lent at 7:00pm in church.

Lent Faith Sharing: Lenten Prayer Group: Please join us on Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross followed at 7.30pm with a time of prayer and reflection in the classroom. All are welcome.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March 2018 is for formation in spiritual discernment: *"That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels."*

Special Celebrations! Please keep free the evening of Friday 8th June (The Feast Day of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus).

Following a special Mass we will be having an international evening in the parish hall celebrating the feast day and all the different cultures that make up our wonderful parish! Join us for food, music, dancing and fun- all help greatly appreciated (please see sign-up sheet on noticeboard or speak to Nali).

Is God calling you?

Are you interested in sharing your faith through volunteering as a catechist? Do you have skills that you would like to offer? We are in need of catechists for a range of ages and sacramental needs but in particular for First Holy Communion preparation and Children's Liturgy of the Word. Please speak to Nali (Catechetical Coordinator or contact the parish office).

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Nursery Applications for September 2018

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, they are eligible to start the Nursery in September 2018.

You need to apply to the School by completing an application form and supplementary information form.. All applications for places must be submitted by: **Thursday 15th March 2018**

Preparing to Pray the Triduum

(for young adults aged 18-35)
Saturday 24th March, 10.30am-2.30pm
Anouska Robinson-Biggin fcJ
Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH pathwaystogod.org 0207-495-1673
The Easter Triduum is the high point of the Church's year, one celebration in three very distinct phases. Before entering into this year, join with other young adults and take time to reflect and share on what it means for you.

World Meeting of Families

The next World Meeting of Families with Pope Francis takes place in Dublin from 21st – 26th August. This gathering brings together couples, families and individuals from all over the world to celebrate, pray, and reflect on the joys and challenges of marriage and family life. To find out about joining our Westminster Diocesan Group please email family@rcdow.org.uk, and to visit the World Meeting of Families website just type in www.worldmeeting2018.ie

MUSINGS

'A society without mothers would be an inhuman society, as mothers always know how to show tenderness, devotion and moral strength, even in the moments of greatest difficulty. Mothers often also transmit the deepest sense of religious practice ... It is a message that mothers who believe know how to transmit without much explanation; this arrives later, but the seed of faith is planted in those first precious moments. Without mothers ... faith would lose a good part of its simple, profound warmth.' *Pope Francis (General audience, 7 January 2015)*

Can you spare an hour and a half once a month? If so, join the team of cleaners for the church, they're looking for new members. Please call Juliana on 07960 541286.

Volunteers to decorate the Church for Easter? 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. We also have a number of Children's Missals at the back of the church for children to use during Mass. **Next meet up for CLW catechists is 15th April in the classroom after the 11am Mass. Anyone interested in joining the team is welcome.**

ROMERO –The Next Saint

St. Ignatius parish, Stamford Hill is delighted to offer **Romero – Heartbeat of El Salvador**, a highly-acclaimed drama about the life and martyrdom of Blessed Oscar. This is a production of RISE Theatre, a professional Christian theatre company with a passion for delivering exciting, original transformative drama. The play begins at 19.15; running time about 75 minutes, it's suitable for adults and children above 11. Tickets are £7 or £5 for under-16s and concessions; purchase in advance from Fr. David at dstewart@jesuit.org.uk or 074 3259 1117, or the parish office on 8800 2121; or buy on the day.

Brian Mpunga's R.I.P's 40 Days Mass

Monday, 12th March at 6:30pm. At this Mass we pray for the Mpunga Family as we remember Brian. "Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts"! May Your Rest in Peace.