

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 6th December 2015.

Envelopes: £697.00

Loose: £282.00

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.

Gift aid? It's worth it!

It is *important* to gift aid your offering to the church (planned giving envelopes or through 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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NEWSLETTER 13th December 2015

Third Sunday of Advent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

13th December Third Sunday of Advent Cardinal will open Holy Door in Westminster Cathedral 3:00pm	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30 AM 11:00AM	For the Parish Clifford Price – R.I.P Abimbola Cletus -Intentions
14th December Monday St John of the Cross	9:15 am Mass	Guarnieri Family - Intentions
15th December Tuesday	No Mass	
16th December Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	John O'Roarke R.I.P – Anniv.
17th December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Mary Hussey - Intentions
18th December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Mr & Mrs P Dolan – R.I.P
19th December Saturday Advent Feria	11:00-12:00a.m. 6:00pm (Vigil Mass) (Sat . Vigil Mass)	<i>Confession or by appointment</i> For the Parish (Filipino Christmas Mass)
20th December Fourth Sunday of Advent CHRISTMAS DRAW AFTER THE 11:00AM MASS	8:30 am Mass 11:00am Mass	Helen Bradly – R.I.P Dr. Gilbert Ero - R.I.P Pat Naughton - R.I.P Ivy Ross – R.I.P

The Deep End – Rejoice!

In his poem *Japanese Maple*, Clive James offers as heartrending description of some of the beauty he observes during what he believes are his final days.

You feel the drain

Of energy, but thought and sight remain:

Enhanced, in fact. When did you ever see

So much sweet beauty as when fine rain falls

On that small tree

And saturates your brick back garden walls.

Faced with his mortality, the poet was able to celebrate and take pleasure in the simplest of things. The poem radiates with acceptance and a certain contentment as he reflects on the world and its 'sweet beauty'. (A year later he wrote of his embarrassment at still being alive after the attention the poem garnered!)

Today is *Gaudete* Sunday; the day takes its name from the Latin *Gaudete* meaning 'Rejoice'. The first line of our Second Reading uses the word 'happy' twice and 'happiness' once. This happiness Paul speaks of is not a passing mood, but a deeper happiness and contentment, a peace of heart. Do we take the time to cultivate this deeper sense of happiness? It is something we can think about as we prepare for Christmas. It is not the gifts and festivities that will bring us true and lasting happiness.

Triona Doherty@intercom

JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 to 20th November ... "it is a favourable time to heal wounds, a time to offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation." Pope Francis

Here are the corporal works of mercy... to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked...to shelter the homeless.. to care for the sick, to visit the imprisoned, to bury the dead... and here are the spiritual works of mercy... to convert sinners, to instruct the ignorant, to advise the doubtful, to comfort the sorrowful, to bear wrongs patiently, to forgive injuries, to pray for the living and the dead...THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EACH OF US TO DO, as the people asked John the Baptist in the Gospel: *What shall we do?...* HERE ARE SOME ANSWERS... have a great year!

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, Gerald Johnson, Eileen Towey, Joan Neary, Rosa Nicholas, Mary Wong, Eileen 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:

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, Mary Moran, Clifford Price.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Baldish Johal, Nezhah Tesfu, Peter Joseph Heavin, Michael Gill, Theresa Carr, Mary Tisseverasinghe, Michael Coughlan, Florencio Fusin, Paulus Awondatu, Menchi de Castro, 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

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Funeral Plans available.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE FOR ISLINGTON DEANERY
Today, SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER at 4:30PM-5:30PM**

LED by Bishop Nicholas Hudson

Several Priests available for Confession

St. John the Evangelist Duncan Terrace

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 session is on Sunday at 9:30 am on **10th January 2016**.

CONFIRMATION:

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are illegible to join the Confirmation Programme 2016. Please spread the word to our parish's youth to join the programme. Application forms are available at the end of Mass or collect it from the Parish office during office hours on Tues, Thurs, Friday. The application forms should be returned by **17th January 2016**.

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

Children are invited to participate in our Christmas play. Rehearsals will be held on **Tuesday 22nd** and **Wednesday 23rd December at 10:00am** in the church. The play will be performed in the children and family Mass on **Thursday 24 December at 6:00pm**. This will be followed by: **Carol Singing and Readings at 11:30pm; CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS AT 12:00 (MIDNIGHT)**

ADVENT REFLECTIONS IN THE PARISH

Next Tuesday 15th Dec. will be the last Advent Reflection, at the Parish

Meeting Room 8:00-9:00pm

Richard Broadbent-Moderator

The reflection will be on The Spiritual Life – the Advent journey and personal preparations for Christmas. This is an opportunity for us to discuss and reflect about our Catholic faith as we welcome the Year of Mercy. **All are welcome!**

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2015

This annual draw at Christmas has helped pay for our church repairs and maintenance over the years. This year's proceeds of the draw will help pay for the repairs of our stained glass windows. The parish Christmas draw will be held next **Sunday 20th December at 1:00pm** in the Community Centre. Please collect your envelope of tickets at the back of church. Uncollected envelopes will not be posted due to postage cost.

Divine Mercy Retreat

Saturday, 19 December 2015

11:00 am - 4:00 pm at St Joseph RC Church, 68 Grange Park Road, Leyton, London, E10 5ES.

Refugee Volunteer Evening

We would like to invite you to the Refugee Volunteer Evening which we are holding on **Tuesday 26 January 6pm -8**, in the Westminster Centre for Youth Ministry. The evening will give you the chance to talk to organisations and projects working with migrants and refugees in London and Hertfordshire, to find out about volunteering opportunities, and to get information on setting up your own project. Everyone is welcome! Centre for Youth Ministry, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston, London NW1 1TA.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: The offerings leading up to Christmas using the special envelopes, and the Christmas Mass Offerings on Christmas Day are your kind contributions towards the upkeep of the parish Clergy. Priests do not get a salary, but are reliant on your generous support especially at Christmas.

Third Sunday of Advent...we move closer and closer to the celebration of Christmas...the birth of the Lord Jesus. In the gospel today, John the Baptist answers the question: **WHAT SHOULD I DO?** He gives some very practical answers. What should we do during Advent? What are your answers?

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, starting this weekend. 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 – We take the safety of everybody seriously and the diocese provides a company who assist us with regular checks of all our buildings. ***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 of use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. We only have a few left cleaning the church so we are appealing for more volunteers. Please contact the parish office 020 7607 3594

The Big Give & The Passage

Please support the work of The Passage working with Homeless People. Donate through The Big Give website every £5 can be worth up to £10. Gift Aid can apply too for those who pay UK income tax. The link is http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/project/The_Passage_2015