

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 7th December

Envelopes: £380.20

Loose: £35720

Standing Orders £654.50 (Oct./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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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.



Newsletter 14th December Third Sunday of Advent

The Deep End. "A witness to speak for the light"

There is so much darkness around us: in the Church, in the troubled parts of the world, in our own families and even in our own hearts. It is easy to become cynical. The Gospel today tells us that John the Baptist was someone who was 'a witness to speak for the light. He gave hope to people. We can think of many people in society today who witness to the light. One that come to mind is Malala Yousafzai. Malala was shot by the Taliban on her way to school in Pakistan. She was targeted for speaking out on the rights of women to education. She has said: 'we realised the importance of our voices only when we are silenced. I was shot on a Tuesday at lunchtime, one bullet, one gunshot heard around the world. Malala was in her chemistry class when she heard she was to be the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. She celebrated by going on to a physics class.

Look around your families and communities and you will see many who witness to the light. We each have the capacity to do the same, however dark the situation may be. The Gospel challenge is to bring hope and good news. We should take example from Malala's of the world.

'They bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light always shines, a light that darkness cannot overpower, and therefore we can all believe again.

Michel de Verteuil @ Intercom

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2014

This is the last week before the draw next Sunday 21st December. Please support our annual Christmas draw by collecting your envelope of tickets at the back of the church. Uncollected envelopes will not be posted. All proceeds of the Draw will go towards furnishings of our new Parish Centre. If you cannot find your envelope, please write your name and address on the board provided and collect an envelope of tickets with no name on it. Thank you.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

14th December Third Sunday of Advent	(6.00pm Sat. Vigil Mass)	Mary Davey – R.I.P May Hoare – R.I.P
	8:30 AM 10:15 AM	For the Parish Marcela Frances R.I.P
	12:00 AM	Peter Oliver Sheridan R.I.P – Anniversary
15th December Monday Advent feria	9:15 am Mass	John O'Rourke R.I.P – Anniv
16th December Tuesday	No Mass	
17th December Wed. Advent feria	9:15am Mass	Private Intentions
18th December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15am Mass 9:45 am Year 3-6	Josie O'Brien – R.I.P School's Carol Concert
19th December Friday Advent feria	9:15 am Mass	Martin Moloney – R.I.P
20th December Saturday Advent feria	10:00-11:00	Confessions (or by appointment)
	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	(Filipino Christmas Mass) For the Parish
21st December Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:30 AM	Dr. Gilbert Ero R.I.P – Anniv.
	10:15 AM	Josie O'Brien – R.I.P
	12:00 AM	Pat Naughton and Ivy Ross 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:

Frances Byrne, Matt Kennelly, John and Nora Harkin, Leo Kilkenny, Yolanda Villegas, Edwina Toson, Helen Bradley, 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, Charlie Crane, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi. **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

Anniversaries:

John O'Rourke, Beryl Genovese, Margaret McGee, Ykaalo Michael, Sarah Toolan, Myra Richards Houlihan, Denis Lonergan, Sean Ahearne, Consuelo Flores, Jack Curley, Ted & Tom Connor, Margaret & Joe Reddington, Keith Potter, Pierre Imbert, Sarah Crosby, Peggy Crane, Kenneth Squires, John Danquah, **Please Pray for the Recently Dead:** 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, Dena Adams, Vittoria Pedretti, Liam Lenihan, Andrea Justin, Johnny Patterson.

"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
Please do not confuse it with the old website's address which is now defunct:
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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Those First Holy Communion's candidates taking part in our Nativity Play on 24 December, please contact your catechist or Elizabeth. The rehearsals will take place on 22nd and 23rd December. Time to be confirmed.

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

Nativity Play for Christmas Mass for Children 24th December at 6:00pm

If your child would like to take part in our Nativity play on 24th December, please contact Elizabeth in the parish office. Rehearsals will be on 22 and 23 December. Time to be confirmed.

SCHOOL'S CAROL CONCERT IN PARISH CHURCH (Yr. 3-6)

Thursday, 18th December-9:45 am.
Everyone is invited

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

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

MISSIO RED BOX- Do you have this red box in your house? Please return it to the Presbytery for the December collection.

Pray and Fast for the Climate:

Films, Mass, New Year celebration, All night vigil for the Climate. See www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk and www.ourvoices.net, at St John Vianney Church and Parish Centre: Films 10pm. Mass 11pm. Celebration 12.00-1am. Vigil 1-7am.

JUSTICE AND PEACE OPEN

EVENING

What is happening around the diocese, what SHOULD be happening? Wednesday 21 January, 6.:30pm Soup, bread and cheese.7pm Sharing. St John Vianney Parish Centre, 386 West Green Road, N15 3QL. Contact justice@rcdow.org.uk

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 during Christmas Season and in general- 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...

2014 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24

6:00pm – Children's Christmas Mass
12:00 Midnight –Christmas Mass

Thursday, 25th December

8:30am – Christmas Mass
11:00am – Christmas Mass

MUSINGS

Our Second Reading today prays ' may God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through'. What does it mean to be 'sanctified', to be 'made holy'? We suffer today from some very skewed ideas about those who are 'holy': the caricature is of people who are otherworldly, excessively serious, and who suffer from bouts of 'holier-than-thou-ism'. Yet nothing could be further more than the truth. To be holy is to be 'whole', 'well-rounded', exuberant with life ('rejoice always). And, most importantly to have hearts full of gratitude ('give thanks in all circumstances'). In the words of Ronald Rolheiser, the holiest person you know is the most grateful person you know'.

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PRAYER GROUP COCKFOSTERS

Meets at 8 pm every Monday for praise & worship, intercession, a talk and, finally, for personal prayer for those who desire this.

New members are most welcome – just come and see! Enquiries: Ros Kraushar 020 8883 2665 Christ the King 29 Bramley Rd N14 (Oakwood Station)

Youth 2000 New Year Retreat:

TAKE HEART Have No Fear

29th December- 1st January

An epic event to kick-off the New Year! If you're 16-35 & would like fun and meaningful way to start 2015, then Take Heart is for you. This 4-day London event is at Maria Fidelis lower School, North Gower Street, NW1 2HR. It will be jam packed with Live Worship-Powerful Services- Engaging Talks- In depth Discussions – Creative Workshops – Friendships, Live Music and social times... There will be laughter, prayer and most importantly an Encounter with our Great & Loving God! Phone 02072212124

Email Info@youth2000.org
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CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE CHURCH

Christmas Envelopes are inserted in your newsletter today. Thank you for your generosity and in so many cases your sacrifices for the parish.