

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 8th Apr 2018.

Envelopes: Weekly £541.85

Loose: £296.05

Standing Orders £826.50 (Mar/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.

Third Sunday of Easter 15th April 2018

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

15th April Third Sunday of Easter Next Sunday - Priest's Training Fund Collection	6:00 pm Saturday <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Pat Costin – Intentions
	8:30 am Mass	Filomena Flynn Dolores and Bill
	11:00 am Mass	Joe Neary-R.I.P Anniversary Joan Neary – R.I.P
16 th April Monday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Maria, John and Enrico R.I.P
17 th April Tuesday	No Mass	
18 th April Wednesday. Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Joe Neary – R.I.P - Anniversary
19 th April Thursday. St Alphege	9:15 am Mass	Kathleen McDermott – Intentions.
20 th April Friday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Una Smyth – R.I.P
21st April Saturday. Ester feria	11:00- 12:00 noon	<i>Confessions</i>
	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	Bill Pender – R.I.P
22nd April Fourth Sunday of Easter Priest's Training Fund-Collection	8:30 am Mass	Mick Egan – Intentions
	11:00 am Mass	For the Parish

THE DEEP END: 'You are Witnesses of these Things'

Today's gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The gospel continues into another account of the risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'peace' (shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The resurrection accounts in the gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. Our Easter faith is based on their testimony. Once Jesus has opened their minds to understand the scriptures, he tells them to go out and preach them in his name.

'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.' Joyce Rupp
JaneMallett@Intercom

Priest Training Fund

Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will also take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 45 men studying at Allen Hall seminary, 28 of whom are for our own Diocese, and last year eight men ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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, Christopher Browne, Baby Michael Ellitott, 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: Joe Neary, Ann McKenna, Kathy Keane, Beryl Genovese, Frances Byrne, Arnel Bejosano, Sean Cullen, Michael Baylon Margaret Lonergan..

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Ernie Fisher, Joan Neary, Grace Stephens, Ada Slater, Federico Gracilla, Brian Harrigan, Bridget Gill, Brian Mpunga, Jose Ballesteros, Thomas Clarke, Helena Bolotny.

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, date to be confirmed.

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
The FIRST HOLY COMMUNION children will be helping at the 11am Mass next **Sunday (22nd April)** and are also organising a charity cake sale after Mass. All are welcome after Mass for a cup of tea and cake!

CONFIRMATION FOR TEENAGERS-

reminder that the next session for candidates is **Thursday 19th April** and that we will also be having our retreat day on Saturday 24th April.

SACRED HEART FEAST DAY

CELEBRATIONS: please join on us on Friday **8th June for Mass at 6pm** followed by fun and food in the parish hall. We currently have volunteers to help coordinate tables for England, the Philippines, Eritrea, Italy and Colombia. If you would like to organise a group to represent your country or to be put in touch with the person coordinating your country please speak to Nali (mob: 07421749616)

A BIG THANK YOU to the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) who organised a wonderful welcome for our new Catholic members of the parish last week. (The Union of Catholic Mothers is a National Organisation of Catholic Women, open to all women of all ages who support their aims and objectives in prayer, love and active witness to marriage, family and Christian life in the world).

World Apostolate of Fatima Event

The WAF England and Wales National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will be at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 21st April 2018, from 14.00 – 16.00.

Planned Giving Envelopes – For use from 6th April are available for collection in the back of the church. If you are new/or just moved in the parish and would like to support your church by Standing Order instead, forms are available (green in colour), also Gift Aid declaration forms (if you are a UK taxpayer).

OUR CATHOLIC HERITAGE

Catholic history at St Mary Moorfields 4-5 Eldon Street, London, EC2M 7LS. 6:45pm Refreshments. 7:30pm Talk There are two talks which you're welcome to come to. A talk by Fr. James Pereiro. The next on the **11th May** "Newman: A Light for Our Times" A talk by Fr. Dermot Mansfield SJ and the 1st of June about St Thomas More. For more info go to www.stmarymoorfields.net

MARCH FOR LIFE – LIFEFEET London 5th May 2018.

This year Pre-Rally Activities, 9:30 to 1:00 pm, include Pro-Life workshops, live music, Pro-life exhibition, prayer, family fun for everyone. March commences at 1:30 pm, departs from De Vere Connaught Rooms. For more info please go to www.marchforlife.co.uk/lifefest-18

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

A HEALING weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or death of a partner, 20th-22nd April at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell. For more details please phone Freda on 0132 838415; or Sandra 01293 783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

A series of 4 talks on a Biblical Journey through Mass by Brian Purfield

The Mass is the centre of our Faith. We celebrate it everyday. We know all the responses and all the gestures. But do we know what it all means? In this short course we will take a tour of the liturgy and explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the liturgy and reflect on their profound significance. It is hoped that this will help to renew our faith and deepen our love for and devotion to the Eucharist.

Dates: 24th April, 21st May. **Time:** 7:00-8:00pm **Venue:** Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN **Suggested Donation:** £4.00. **Registration** required. Email: livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or please leave a message at 0207931 6078.

MUSINGS: Christian Parents

At the beginning of a baptism ceremony, the priest welcomes the parents with their baby at the Church, and after asking them for the name of their child and to formally declare their desire to have the child baptised, he says: 'You have asked to have your child baptised. In doing so, you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the faith. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?'

The parents answer: 'We do', showing that they are freely and consciously accepting their duty as Christian parents.

This fundamental principle, that the faith is primarily handed on in the home and family, from generation to generation, goes back to our pre-Christian roots. The people of Israel had a very strong sense that faith is sustained and passed on in the home, from parents to children, from elders to the next generations. As Psalm 78 puts it: 'we will tell to a generation still to come, the praises of the Lord, his power, the wonderful deeds he has done ... so that a generation still to come might know it, children yet to be born'.

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.

CATECHISTS DATE FOR THE DIARY:

All parish catechists and anyone interested in becoming a catechist are invited to a day of reflection and planning on Saturday 23rd June from 10am-3.30pm in the parish centre.

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).

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.