

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 9th December 2018.

Envelopes: Weekly £563.40

Loose: £371.23

Standing Orders £1,020 (Oct/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.

PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you very much to all those who filled in a form during our planned giving campaign.. If you missed the opportunity to do so there are forms at the back of the church on the table and in porch. **As a reminder we need information from every parishioner or family even if you already contribute regularly to the Offertory Collection and/or volunteer at Sacred Heart's.**

This will help us plan for the future, including support for parish ministries. And those who requested for envelopes can now collect them at the back of church.

CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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Our Mission: We are a welcoming, nourishing living parish, inspired by the Sacred Heart to serve and radiate this love to all.

Third Sunday of Advent

16th December '18

THE DEEP END: The reason for the season

In his encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), Pope Francis issues a warning that might resonate with us as we continue our Advent journey. Caught up in consumerism, he says, it is easy for us to forget what is truly important:

'The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades.'

In the lead-up to Christmas we often get caught up in a flurry of 'interests and concerns'. True, much of the joy of Christmas comes from giving to others, but there is so much focus on material goods and spending money that it can be difficult to remember the good news at the heart of the season. It is so easy to become distracted by the bright lights and advertising.

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday – Gaudete means 'Rejoice'. It's the perfect time to recapture some of the 'quiet joy' that Pope Francis talks about. 'The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus,' he reminds us. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today's Gospel. This is the reason for our joy – the reason for the season!

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

16th December '18 Third Sunday of Advent	6:00 pm Saturday <i>Vigil Mass –</i>	Jenny Bove R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass	John O'Roarke R.I.P Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	Delfin Calomay R.I.P
17 th December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Thierry Okwara - Intentions
18 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
19 th December Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.	Matt Whelan – R.I.P Advent Penitential Service
20 th December Thur. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Dr. Gilbert Ero R.I.P- Anniv KS2 From the School at Mass School Carol Concert
21 st December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass 4:30 p.m Mass	Brian King R.I.P – Anniv. Brian Mpunga R.I.P 1st Anniversary
22nd December Sat. Advent Feria	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	<i>11:00-12:00 noon Confessions</i> For the Parish Simbang Gabi (Filipino Christmas Mass)
23rd December '18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Mass	For the Parish
	11:00 am Mass	Dr. Gilbert Ero R.I.P – Anniv.

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:

Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Eva Buchalska, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Baby Michael Elliott, Daithi Sweeney, Keith Hunt, Maria Louis, Crystal Green, Dolores Crowley, Ludvinia King, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Kathy 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, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen *and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.*

Anniversaries: Brian Mpunga, Brian King, Gilbert Ero, John O'Roarke, Michael Brobbey, Bill Devereux, Josie O'Brien, Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, John Danquah, Michael and Peter Ginty, Denis Lonergan, Ellen Howard Egleceria Goylan, Ernesto Yañez, Consuelo Sartorio,

Please Pray for the Recently Dead: Robert Moran, Gabriel Samuels, Mary Morrissey, Stephen Hogan, Jenny Bove, Zelpha Anderson, Jim Neary, Mercy Dapaah, Ollie O'Driscoll, Ann Franklin, Reynaldo Vergara, William Francis O'Dwyer, Joan Neary.

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.

**SACRAMENTS
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

BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, R. C. I.A.

For details on being baptised, First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion preparation (year 3 and above), youth confirmation (14-18 year olds), being confirmed as an adult or for details about becoming Catholic, please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or speak to Nali (catechetical coordinator).

Baptismal Preparation Meeting

The next preparation course for Baptism will take place on Thursday **20th December from 7:15-8:45 pm** in the parish classroom. Parents and godparents are expected to attend this meeting. Please contact the parish office to complete the paperwork and to confirm attendance by **Tuesday 18th December.**



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Children, who prepared since October, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, have received their First Reconciliation on Saturdays, 8th and 15th December. Please keep them in your prayers.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation in our parish will take place in June 2019. The Confirmation programme will begin in January with sessions on Sunday afternoons. If you are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) and wish to join the programme, then you are invited to complete the application form. The forms are available after all the Masses this weekend.

CHOIR PRACTICE is usually on Thursdays @ 8:30pm at the Parish house. The day however, is movable depending on the availability of most members. Please ask Peggy for more details. Everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY-

6:00pm Christmas Eve

(FAMILY VIGIL MASS)

Children are invited to participate in our Christmas play. Rehearsals date will be: Saturday **22nd December 10:30 to 12:00 p.m. and Sunday 23rd December 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (After 11:00 a.m. Mass)**

Children will need to be in the church at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The play will be performed at the children and family Mass on **Monday 24 December at 6:00pm**

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

Today is our Christmas Draw, after 11:00 a.m. Mass. You still have time to buy what could be the winning ticket. Please join us and see if you are one of the lucky winners.

All proceeds of the Draw will go towards the Presbytery Roof Repairs.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday 19th December

7:00PM to 8:45 PM

In the Sacrament of Penance, we celebrate God's forgiving and healing love.

Join the penance service here at Sacred Heart of Jesus- Holloway on Wednesday 19th December 2018. Three Priests will be available for Confession. All Welcome.

"... If you have something dark in your soul, ask the Lord for forgiveness.

Christmas is a great opportunity to cleanse the soul. Do not fear, the priest is merciful, forgiving all in the name of God, because God forgives everything." Pope Francis

Simbang Gabi (Filipino Christmas (Mass)

Saturday 22nd December at 6:00pm Vigil Mass. All are welcome to the "Simbang Gabi.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

If you are going away for Christmas-Christmas envelopes are available at the back and porch of the church. By tradition, the Christmas and Easter envelopes are the parishioner's kind gift and provide each priest with a salary. If you would like to make your donation as a more personal gift, please enclose it in an envelope or Christmas card – they brighten up the Presbytery! Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:**

This weekend, we continue to take up a collection for flowers to decorate the Church. A little from everyone will ensure we have a beautiful Christmas display, thank you to our dedicated volunteers. Many Thanks.

CAROL CONCERT AND THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

On Thursday December 20th after the 9:15am Mass, we have our annual carol concert (Key Stage 2). This year, we would like to integrate into that service the blessing of the Crib.

nniDialogue at Sacred Heart

(Former Conversations)

This is a space for you to share your views, concerns and feelings about a wide range of topics, from global politics to particular circumstances. The objective is to open ourselves to better and deeper conversations and create a stronger sense of community. Whatever your perspectives, you're welcome to join us on Thursday 20th Dec at 7:00 p.m.

BRIAN MPUNGA R.I.P- Anniversary

Brian's 1st Anniversary Mass will be take place on Friday 21st December at 4:30 pm. His former from classmates from St. Aloysius helped prepared the Mass. Our prayers are with the Mpunga Family especially at this very difficult time.