CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY LONDON



**A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster**

**Offertory Collections**

**Sunday 10 August 2014**

**Envelopes: £422.00**

**Loose: £233.20**

**Standing Orders £671.5** (June./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 office.

**PLANNED GIVING (OFFERING)**

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.

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**Parish Office opening times for Admin** *(except Summer)*

**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.**

Newsletter  **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

17th August 2014

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| **17th August**  **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time** | **(6.00pm**  **Sat. Vigil Mass)**  **8:30 AM**  **11:00 AM** | **Faye Baloyot R.I.P and**  **Vicky Ibaniez R.I.P**  **R.J.K Intentions**  **Maria Assumption Turner**  **R.I.P - Anniversary** |
| **18th August Monday**  Feria | 9:15 am Mass | Monica Wims RIP Anniversary |
| **19th August Tuesday** | No Mass |  |
| **20th August Wednesday**  St Bernard | 9:15 am Mass | Hughie McDaid R.I.P |
| **21st August Thursday**  St Pius X | 9:15 am Mass | Vicky Ybanez R.I.P. |
| **22nd August Friday**  The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 9:15 am Mass | Helen Bradley (sick) |
| **23rd August Saturday**  St Rose of Lima | **6:00pm**  **(Sat. Vigil Mass)** | **John Francis Enright R.I.P**  **Anniversary** |
| **24th August**  **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time** | **8:30 AM**  **11:00 AM** | **Mrs O’Leary R.I.P**  **Martin, Sarah & Eileen McAndrew R.I.P**  **(Anniversaries)** |

**‘It’s a test’**

If it is a test, the Canaanite woman passes with flying colours! Her faith is impressive. When Jesus ignores her initial appeal, she tries again. And when he knocks her back, she replies with a witty retort: ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house – dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table’.

I always find this exchange amusing. At first reading, it seems that the woman has got one up on Jesus. He attempted to fob her off, and her quick wit has caught him out. We can imagine him chuckling as he concedes ‘Woman, you have great faith’.

But the exchange also makes me wonder: What was Jesus really up to? By the end of the conversation, he is clearly impress with the woman’s faith, her wit and her wisdom. But why the test? Why does he try to fob her off, and why the dog reference?

In the Gospels, Jesus often tests his followers. He certainly tests Peter and the other disciples. He challenges them to think, and to come up with the right answers. Perhaps he is testing not only the woman’s faith but also his disciples’. In using the analogy of a ‘house-dog’, he may well be giving voice to the thoughts of his disciples. They would have little time for this Canaanite woman, a Gentile. They certainly would not have expected her to demonstrate such faith.

Perhaps it was an exchange that would come back to them al later date as they expanded their mission to the Gentiles. Paul would later talk of God’s mercy ’to all mankind’ (‘see today’s Second Reading). A far cry from ‘house dogs’! @intercom

**MISSION APPEAL Next Weekend (23rd/24thth August) Missionary Sisters of St. Paul Claver. One of their Sisters will be here to appeal on behalf of the Sisters Missions Committee of England and Wales. She will tell us about their missionary work and will be grateful for your support.**

**TRAINING FOR PARISH CATECHISTS:**

We need Volunteers to be trained as Catechists for First Holy Communion. Training will be given here at Sacred Heart. This training will be open also to prospective catechists in other parishes of Islington deanery.

Please take note of this date:

**2nd and 9th September: from 7:30-9:00pm Preparing Children for First Communion**

**MISSION APPEAL 23rd/24th August 2014**

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***HEALING PRAYER* AFTERNOON WITH FR. ANTHONY. Talks on prayer and healing. Songs of Praise. Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. Come and be healed.**

**Saturday, 13th September from 1:00pm-5:30. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm.**

**Afternoon of Recollection for all Church Helpers**

**Bishop John Crowley will be giving a Day of Reflection for all who help in the Church in any way. Please not in your diaries the date of Saturday, 27th September and make sure you give your name to Sr. Naomi.**

**Pray for Christians in Iraq**

The Cardinal’s Iraq appeal : “Help and protect persecuted communities facing threat to their very existence.” After last weekend’s appeal, please give generously to agencies like “Aid to Church in Need” who is working to support the people of Iraq.

**MUSINGS**

Today’s Gospel is a shocking one. Or al least it should be. Here we have Jesus and his disciples apparently dismissing a Canaanite woman’s request because she was an outsider and didn’t belong to the ‘House of Israel’. The imagery used to differentiate both groups is offensive to our ears- the Israelites are’ children’ while the Canaanites are mere ‘house dogs’. But her retort that ‘even the hose of dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the Master’s table’ catches Jesus’ attention and he responds to her bold act of faith. The ‘outsider’ is shown to have much to teach the ‘insiders’.

Who are our ‘outsiders’ today and what can we learn?

**IN CASE YOU ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL**

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the RC Chaplain. Also state that you would like the RC Chaplain to visit you

**STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?**

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year. For confidential information about or to register for the programme commencing with a residential weekend on 19th -21st Sept 2014, the email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) ; call or text 0797 338 0443 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

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Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email [info@catholicsingles.org.uk](mailto:info@catholicsingles.org.uk)

.**DePaul UK on Saturday 27th Sept. they will be celebrating their 25 years of working in the UK and internationally with a Thanksgiving Mass at Westminster Cathedral at 2pm, presided over by our Patron, Cardinal Vincent Nicholls.**

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**“DAY FOR LIFE”**

In a special message to Catholics across Britain and Ireland for the annual Day for Life, Pope Francis has emphasised the need to care for life from conception to natural end.

In his message, he says that all life has inestimable value ‘even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.’

He has promised his prayers that ‘Day for Life will help to ensure that human life always receives the protection that it is due.’

Over half-a-million leaflets have been sent to parishes in England and Wales in readiness for Day for Life – Sunday, 28 July.

The theme of the Day is ‘Care for Life – It’s Worth It’ taken from a homily preached by Cardinal Bergoglio in 2005 during a Mass in honour of the protector of Pregnant Women, Saint Raymond Nonnatus.

Within this homily, the now Pope Francis said:

“All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth… to give life is to open (our) heart, and to care for life is to (give oneself) in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others.

“Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing… So, go forth and don’t be discouraged. Care for life. It’s worth it.”

This year’s Day for Life focuses on care for unborn children and their mothers; care for people who are elderly and care for those who are suicidal and their families.

One of its key aims is to build an environment of compassion and care that nurtures and sustains life, even in the most challenging of human events and personal circumstances.

**Message from Pope Francis to Catholics in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales**

“Calling to mind the teaching of Saint Irenaeus that the glory of God is seen in a living human being, the Holy Father encourages all of you to let the light of that glory shine so brightly that everyone may come to recognise the inestimate value of all human life.

Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.

**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:**

Helen Bradley, June Bismire, Rosa Nocholla, Florence Collins, Cedric Cowell, Margaret Mulroy, Eileen Ely, Margaret Lonergan, Ashia Darr, Eileen Lucas, Tanya Obid, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Chris Eisen, Diana Johnson, Edwina Toson, Charlie Crane, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrisey, Stephanie Enepi, Michael Collins.

, ***and******all who are sick and housebound in the parish.***

**Anniversaries**:

Maria Assumption Turner, Faye Baluyot., Joe and Pat Malone, Tayo Ero, Roberto Varela, Daniel Hagan, Jose Ocampo, Teresa Ferguson, Keith Potter, Mary Heffernan, Bridie Gorman, Nora O’Reilly, George Johnson, Elizabeth Ellis, May Johnson, Eugene O’Keefe, Pierre Imbert, Martin Mc Carthy., Mary O’Neill, John Rainsford, Barney Doherty, Kevin O’Brien, Columbus Itoya Iyayi.

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Vicki Ibanez, Margaret Reynolds, Tish Smith, Luis Morales, Esther L, Hilda Camozzi, Ryan Grey, Keith Harding, Tanya Page, Teresa Rooney Maher, Henry Dolan, Eduard Donnelly, Madeleine Allen, Monica Devereux, Jerry Murtagh

“*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](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk)

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

[www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk](http://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 or Sr. Naomi. 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 the Autumn ( date to be confirmed).

**MARRIAGE**

Six months’ notice must be given for marriage, whether here or elsewhere. The parish in which you are a resident has to do preparation and paperwork. Couples considering marriage should speak to the priest well in advance. To make an appointment email: [holloway@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk)

**ENQUIRERS’ GROUP**

If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic; or you would like to be confirmed; or you would just like to know more about your faith, this group is for you. Have a chat with Sr. Naomi.

**SUMMER MASS TIME SCHEDULE**

As usual, during summer-time, we will have a revised Mass schedule on Sundays. From Sunday 20th July until Sunday 31st August, Sunday Masses will be at 6:00pm (Sat. Vigil) 8:30am and 11:00am only.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

(UCM) Meets on the 1st Sunday of the month after the 12:00Noon Mass. All mothers are welcome. Next meeting will be in autumn.

**A DAY WITH MARY**

Saturday 23 August from 10:00 am to 5:15pm at St Saviour Lewisham High Street, SE13 6AA.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

From Tuesdays 12 August, Elizabeth, the parish secretary/administrator will be away for summer holidays. If you have any urgent query, please email holloway@rcdow.org.uk.

**KOLBE’S GIFT**

**1st -5th October 2013 at Leicester Theatre**

See poster in porch. To book, visit [www.kolbesgift.com](http://www.kolbesgift.com) or

phone the theatre box office on 08448 733433

**RETROUVAILLE:**

Offers a lifeline to troubled marriages. Backed by prayer, this programme has healed and turned around thousands of marriages on the brink of collapse and even brought divorced couples back together again.

The next programme starts on the 27th – 29th September 2013. Don’t miss this lifeline if your marriage is painful – visit: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) or call or text 0797 388 0443 in complete confidence.

**CONFIRMATION PHOTOS**

Photographs and CDs from Confirmation of June 15 2013 are now available. View albums and Order forms in the parish office. Also for further information you can contact photographer 07976 747 901 or email justinpip@yahoo.com

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)**

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

**COLLECTION BOX for the**