

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 10th Dec 2017.

Envelopes: £359.50

Loose: £253.51

Standing Orders £1,001 (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.

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.



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

17th December Third Sunday of Advent	6:00 pm Sat. <i>Vigil Mass</i> 8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	Sam McKinney – R.I.P John O’Roarke R.I.P – Anniv. Eddie and Bridie Gorman R.I.P- Anniversary Patricia Naughton R.I.P Ivy Ross R.I.P
18 th December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Private Intentions
19 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
20 th December Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Dr.Gilbert Ero – R.I.P- Anniv.
21 st December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	For the Parish KS2 From the School at Mass School Carol Concert
22 nd December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Sean Lyons- R.I.P
23rd December Sat. Advent Feria	11:00 – 12:00 am 6:00 pm <i>Vigil Mass</i>	<i>Confessions</i> Michael Costin – R.I.P – Anniv.
24th December Forth Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mas	For the Parish Gilberto Ero -R.I.P- Anniv
24th December Christmas Eve	6:00 pm Mass Children’s Christmas Mass 12:00 Midnight Mass	Michael Costin R.I.P - Anniv (11:30pm Carol Service and Readings) For the Parish
25th December Monday The Nativity of The Lord	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	Beryl & Rudie Genovese R.I.P Monica & Ricardo - Ints

Third Sunday of Advent 17th December 2017

The Deep End - Light and Darkness @Intercom

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again today, and in this account, from the fourth gospel, we hear John’s voice and his testimony about Jesus. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth gospel and its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist’s mission is that he has been sent by God to ‘speak for the light’. John is a light-bearer, he is not the light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.

We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means ‘rejoice’; we light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. It might be good opportunity to ask today: ‘Who have been the light-bearers on your own faith journey’? Who testified to the Light of God and passed to torch onto you? We may thank God for them.

Lord, there is much darkness in society and in our church...We become cynical and settle for mediocrity. We thank you that someone always come on the scene, sent by you as a witness to speak for the light...teachers, community leaders, grandparents, children, a friend...they bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light shines that darkness cannot overcome. Michael de Vertuil

CONFIRMATION 2018 -

The application to join the Confirmation Programme is still ongoing. If you are in Year 9 and above or 14 years old or older, and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please take a form from the priest or from Nalini or Elizabeth in the office. All forms must be handed in by 7th January 2018.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

If you are going away this Christmas, Christmas envelopes are available this weekend at the back of the church. If you would like to make your donation as a more personal gift, please enclose it in a marked envelope or a Christmas card.

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:

Brian Mpunga, Edgar and Josefina Losa, Keith Hunt, Baby Michael James Elliot, Maria Louis, Crystal Green, Dolores Crowley, Helena Bolotny, 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 Mc Goff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries: Gilberto Ero, Michael Costin, Eddie and Bridie Gorman, John O'Roarke Josefina Miller Clifford Price, John Danqua, Bill Devereux, Ann and Kathleen Rainsford Josie O'Brien, Josefina Miller, Conrado Espejo, Janusz Suliga, Sarah Toolan.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Ellen Howard, Margaret Kinsella, Sheila Connolly, Sheila Lasok, Grace Ann Lewis, Lee Turnbull, Lucy Ugoala.

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 first term of 2018, 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017-2018

If you are not taking part in our Christmas play, your next Session will be on Sunday 14th January 2018. Have a blessed and prayerful Christmas.

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

Children are invited to participate in our Christmas play. Rehearsals will be held on **Friday 22nd and at 3:00 pm and Saturday 23rd December at 10:00am** in the church.

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

OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH -RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS).

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation by celebrating Confirmation and/or First Communion as an adult. You are still on time to join in. See Fr.Gideon, Nali or Elizabeth.

TEA / COFFEE – in the parish centre after the 11:00a.m. Mass. Everyone welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP – Prayer session starts at 1:30pm, after Tea/coffee at the Parish Centre.

Christmas Cards

They are on sale at the Parish Centre after the 11:00am Mass or in the office during office hours. Buy your Holy Cards now. Proceeds will go the upkeep of the parish centre. Also Walk With Me Advent Booklets priced at £1.

Christmas Raffle Draw 2017

The Raffle Draw will be held this Sunday 17th December. If you brought with you your envelope with stubs and money, kindly drop this to the collection basket as you leave the church today

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Offertory Collections at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are a significant contribution to the support of the parish Clergy. Priests to not receive a salary or payment from the Diocese or anywhere else but depend entirely on the generosity of parishioners for their income. Special envelopes are attached for your contributions. Thank you for your support.

SOUL FOOD: Life in the Spirit Seminar

St. Charles Borromeo, 8, Ogle Street, W1W 6HS nearest tube: (Warren St., Goodge Street). Experience God's love in a personal way. Every Thursday 7pm-9pm, 18th January-22nd February 2018. Come and See. All are welcome. To register and for more details visit: www.souldfoodgroup.org/liss

A POST TRUTH WORLD

Are we losing our Minds?

Building a culture of encounter in an age of fake news; 9th January 2018. **Speaker: Austen Ivereigh-**

The HURTADO Jesuit Centre.

2 Chandler Street, E1W 2QT

Doors open 7:00pm. Talks at 7:30pm-9:00. Suggested donation £10.00. For more information: Take a leaflet available at porch.

Vinnie Packs

"The SVP are distributing 12,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP. Thank you.

Church Cleaning/Preparation for Christmas- We are looking for volunteers to come and clean the church on **23rd Saturday at 10:30am.** Please call Juliana 07960541286.h for your support."

Christmas occurs on a Monday this year.

This means that the 4th Sunday of Advent is also the day of Christmas Eve. We have an obligation to attend Mass on both Sunday and Monday. Christmas Eve Mass at 6:00pm (children) and Midnight Mass on Sunday does not fulfil the Sunday obligation but the Christmas obligation. So, I hope to see you on Sunday, or once on Sunday and again on the Monday of Christmas. God gives us every day of our lives, we should be happy to offer Him back some of those days by coming to Church.

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION MASS

"Lift Jesus High"

Venue: St. Aloysius RC Church, 20 Phoenix Road Euston, London NW1 1TA nearest Tube Euston. Buses 10, 18, 30, 73, 205, 390. Principal Celebrant – Archbishop Kevin McDonald. Doors Open 8:30pm. At 9:00pm-Praise and Worship followed by Mass. At midnight we will be praising before the Blessed Sacrament. Time of Celebration with shared food just after midnight. Please bring some to share (no alcohol). Eucharistic Adoration through the night. Prayer for our nation and the world. All are welcome!

THE SAINT'EGIDIO is a Christian movement promoting solidarity to the poor, ecumenism and intercultural dialogue. One of the initiatives that Sant'Egidio is promoting in London is the Christmas Eve Dinner: A meal that we will prepare and serve to many homeless and lonely elderly people on 24th December. We believe that nobody should be alone for Christmas. This year we expect no less than 300. For this reason, I would like to ask if you could spread the news about this event among the faithful of Holloway parish. We would be very happy if you wish to join us and volunteer in the preparation and delivery of the dinner. We think that this is a beautiful way to live concretely the Christmas message and we promise that people will "no longer distinguish between who serves and who is actually served".

Prospective volunteers are welcome to sign up to attend the dinner and/or any of the preparatory events through the form below:

<https://santegidio.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=8717bd783def00de8829>