

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 12th December 2016.
Envelopes: £ 536.55
Loose: £ 279.04
Standing Orders £ 844.75(Oct/week)
Your generosity enables us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!

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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 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.

18th December Sunday

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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While Luke focuses on the birth of Jesus from Mary's point of view, Matthew's Gospel tells the story from Joseph's. Joseph must have been extremely confused when he learn of Mary's pregnancy. He plans to quietly 'dismiss' her so as not to put her in danger. Mary's options were bleak without Joseph; her fate is very much in his hands. He is immediately obedient and says yes to his call. Joseph welcomes Mary and gives this child the name he is instructed: Jesus.

We hear very little about Joseph in the Gospel and he is sometimes a forgotten figure in the Jesus story, yet his decision to follow God's call is hugely important as he fulfils his promise to protect Mary from danger. Joseph's 'yes' to God sets him on a dangerous path. He must protect his family and this will mean later leaving their homeland, becoming refugees fleeing the terror of Herod.

Each time God speaks to Joseph, it is through his dreams. The Word of God which come to Joseph gives him a new meaning and a new mission in life. Today, you reflect in how God speaks to you? In what way do you hear God's word? And when you hear God's word, what is your response? When you have said 'yes', where has that led you? Today we can pray for those who are faced with tough decisions and who must chose the more difficult path. It requires strength and bravery. - Jane Mellet

CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS

In the light of suffering being endured not least by children of Aleppo and Mosul, Cardinal Nichols requested that this year's crib offerings will be designated for the works of Catholic Children's Society.

6 Big Sleeps until Christmas Eve

Christmas Services:

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve: 6:00pm (Vigil Mass) - Children's Christmas Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass - (starts at 11:30 Carol Service)

Sunday 25th Christmas Day: 8:30am Mass and 11:00am Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

18 th December Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent	6:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass	For the Parish (<i>Simbang Gabi</i> –Filipino Christmas Mass)
	8:30 AM	Private Intentions
	11:00AM	Dr Gilbert Ero R.I.P Pat Naughton R.I.P Ivy Ross – R.I.P
19 th December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Dr Gilbert Ero R.I.P
20 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
21 st December Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Carmel Murray R.I.P
22 nd December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Irma Carolina Spaul R.I.P - Anniversary
23 rd December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Mark Firzpatrick R.I.P
24 th December Saturday Christmas Eve	6:00pm (Vigil) Children's Christmas Mass	Michael Costin R.I.P- Anniv.
	12:00 Midnight Mass	(11:30pm Carol Service and Readings) For the Parish
25 th December Sunday The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day	8:30 am Mass	Frances Byrne R.I.P
	11:00am Mass	Jerry Kennelly R.I.P

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:

Justino Villegas, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Maria Louis, Ada Bacarini, Lucy Ugoala, Rosa Nicolas, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Ray Pine, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Charlie Crane, Michael Cole, Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Eileen Lucas, 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:

John O'Roarke, Maureen Finer, Jack Curley, Dominic Pereira, John Danquah, Jnauz Suliga, Mary Moran, Dennis Lonergan, Thomas Roche, Sarah Toolan Dennis Lonergan, Myra Richards, Larry Wims, Anne Nugent, Sean Ahearn, Michael Brobbey.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Noel Kennedy, Marianne Formosa, Paddy McGuire, Paddy Enright, Vicky Knight, Teresa Russell William Gonzalez, Agnes Alexander, Gavin McFadyen Federico and Constandia Delfin, Sarah Lane, Daphne Mae Bedingfield, Alice Harkin, Edwina Tomkin, Dominica Solari, Jimmy O'Reilly, John Harkin, Joel Roque.

"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

BAPTISM

Babies are usually baptised in the first 6 months of life. 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

All children are expected to take part in the Christmas Play on Christmas Evening. (See information below)

Next session is on **Sunday 8th January.**

Please be on time for the 11:00 am Mass.

The **Parents Meeting** will be on **Wednesday 11th January at 7:00pm.**

CHRISTMAS PLAY- 6:00pm Christmas Eve (Family with Children VIGIL MASS)

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

The play will be performed in the Children and Family Mass on **Sat 24 December at 6:00pm.**

CONFIRMATION 2017

The first meeting with parents will be on **Thursday 5th January at 7:00pm.** First session for the youth is on **Thursday 19th January.**

MARRIAGE

Six months' notice must be given, even if you're marrying elsewhere, we must do preparation and paperwork. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

Not Catholic But Curious – RCIA

RCIA pre-catechumens will meet weekly on Saturday evenings at 7:00pm after the Saturday Vigil Mass from the first full week of January (7th January 2017). Please support us with your prayers. For more information on this or other Catechetical programmes, please contact Edmund on edmunddean@rcdow.org.uk

Union Of Catholic Mothers (UCM)- meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 11:00am Mass. All mothers welcome.

ALTERNATIVE WAY OF CELEBRATING NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION MASS

Venue: St. Aloysius Church, 20 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1TA (Euston Tube)

New Year's Eve Lift Jesus High

The celebration will begin with a time of praise and worship followed by MASS which will end around 11:30pm, allowing you to celebrate the New Year coming in with those present and with absent friends and family. Around 1:00pm, for those who wish to stay, this is the time of praise and worship, healing prayer and intercession in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Come along. Bring food to share and soft drinks. **NO ALCOHOL PLEASE.**

- A Biblical Journey through the Mass

Thursdays 12th January-2nd February 11am-1pm Brian Purfield. Repeated Saturday 25th February 11am-4pm Brian Purfield

The Mass is the centre of our faith. We celebrate it every day. We know all the responses. We know all the gestures. But do we know what it all means? In this short course/Study Day 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.

Life In the Spirit Seminar 19 Jan to 23rd February

Soul Food Catholic charismatic prayer group will be running a Life in the Spirit Seminar starting 19th January 2017 every Thursday for 6 weeks. The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a back to basics exploration of the Good News that leads to a real and deep knowledge and experience of God's love for us. It renews and transforms lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. For full details and to register for the Life in the Spirit Seminar, please visit <http://www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss>

MUSINGS

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him... (Mt1:24)

Joseph is the central character in today's Gospel. Through his quiet heroic, unselfish spirit and generous and fearless action, Jesus came to be born. Joseph's action means Emmanuel; God-is-with-us. Throughout the Advent we've sung 'Come, O Christ, our Lord'. We've exclaimed: 'Stir up your power O Lord and come to save us. Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved'. But if Christ is to be born for us we must look beyond the melting candles of Advent wreath and see deeper than the clay moulded figures in the crib. We have to seek the face of our new-born Saviour in the melting hearts of troubled and discontented people, in the brittle bodies of the sick and the poor and fickle light of innocent children needing our guidance and care. We must become the central actors in the Christian drama of life. The name Joseph is Hebrew means 'let him add' We too can add to the saving plan of God. As Pope Benedict put it: 'Do not be afraid of Christ! He takes nothing away, and he gives you everything. When we give ourselves to him, we receive a hundredfold in return. *Fr Iomar Daniels*

Church Cleaning- The church gets a lot use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. Please consider joining the team; it takes about 2 hours once a month? Please contact the parish office 02076073594 or Juliana 07960541286 to volunteer.

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.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 11:00AM MASS

You are invited to the parish centre for tea and coffee and chat. We welcome especially those who are new to the parish. Praise and worship and charismatic prayer service follows the tea and coffee at around 3:00pm.