

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 11th Feb 2018.

Envelopes: Weekly £442.560

Loose: £356.97

Standing Orders £892, 75 (Dec/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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**First Sunday of Lent
18th February 2018**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

18th February First Sunday of Lent CAFOD Harvest Fast Day-Collection.	6:00 pm Sat. <i>Vigil Mass</i> 8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	Paucic Dolan – R.I.P Anniv. (Also- Rite of Enrollment-Confirmation Candidates) Dan Minhane R.I.P Kate Ferguson – R.I.P
19 th February Monday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Isabel Lindo – R.I.P – Anniv.
20 th February Tuesday Lent Feria	No Mass	
21 st February Wed. Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Agnes Courtney – Intentions Year 2SP and 2SK from School at Mass.
22 nd February Thursday. The Chair of St Peter The Apostle	9:15 am Mass	
23 rd February Friday CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY	9:15 am Mass 7:00pm	Mpunga Family – Intentions Stations of the Cross followed by prayer meeting at 7:30pm
24th February –Sat. Lent Feria	11:00- 12:00 noon 6:00 pm <i>Vigil Mass</i>	<i>Confessions</i> Bridget Gill – R.I.P
25th February Second Sunday of Lent CAFOD Harvest Fast Day-Collection.	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	Dan Minhane – R.I.P Kate Ferguson – R.I.P

THE DEEP END: Operation Transformation

The first Sunday of Lent – I love Lent, it's a great season where we can get in 'transformation' mode. Regardless of whether or not someone is still 'practicing' their faith, people still seem to get on board with Lent. We usually give something up, but remember it's not simply about weight loss or getting fit. By doing these things we are trying to make room for something deeper. It's a spring cleaning sort of time. What needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God? Or often do we need to make more room for what God has planned for us? We can get stuck, especially when we are comfortable and don't really want too much to change. But without change we can't grow and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. So Lent might be a time where in giving up something or taking on something, we make space for something new. The gospel today is short and sweet – Jesus is sent into the desert and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space and we should not be afraid because as the gospel tells us clearly today, it is a Spirit led desert. God is with us in this desert. So enjoy Lent, embrace it. How we make use of this time determines what will be. *Jane Mellett@Intercom*

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 23 February

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. On Friday 23 February can you give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity?

With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, your fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough good food to eat.

And this Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Twice the number of children can have the opportunity to grow up healthy and strong.

Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give generously.

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, Edgar and Josefina Losa, 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 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: Margaret Lonergan, Isabel Lindo, Pauric Dolan, Helen Bradley, Clifford Price, Michael Houlihan, Nora Carroll, Rudi Genovese, Josefa Redruello, Margaret Dolan, Teresa Kennelly, Thomas Bernardo, John Joe Ferguson, Annie Murtagh.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead: Bridget Gill, Brian Mpunga, Jose Ballesteros, Paddy Boylan, Thomas Clarke, Helena Bolotny, Veronica Manning, Patrick Hayes, Ellen Howard, Margaret Kinsella, Sheila Connolly, Sheila Lasok, 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 in the parish at 7:00 pm on Monday 19th February & Monday 5th March 2018. Parents and godparents need to attend both days.

In order to make the most of the meeting, we would like to recommend, leave the children at home, having them might be distracting for you and other attendants.

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

Reminder: next First Holy Communion session for parents will be on **Wednesday 21st Feb at 7pm**. Thank you to the parish for supporting one of our First Holy Communion groups with their fundraising efforts a couple of weeks ago and to our new FHC catechist Marcela for doing a fantastic job organising the morning. We raised £85 which will provide meals for people living in poverty.

Confirmation Programme

Please welcome and pray for our 12 confirmation candidates. The Confirmation Mass of Enrolment will be on 17 Feb at 6pm. The candidates will also be organising a charity fundraiser on Sunday 25th Feb after the 11am Mass. A big thank you to our confirmation catechists Cherril, Maria and our two new catechists Giorgio & Fars who voluntarily give of their time each to support the teenagers in our parish in their journey of faith.

Pope Intentions February 2018

Say **"No"** to **Corruption**. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

RCIA –Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

The initial enquiry period (pre-catechumenate) for our parish's group of enquirers moved into its second stage last Saturday, with our unbaptised enquirers, and our baptised wishing to be confirmed celebrating the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens/ Rite of Welcome. The first phase of the journey of initiation has been a time for seekers to hear the mystery of God proclaimed. The 3 adults in our parish have consciously and freely sought the living God and entered the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. We ask you please to pray for them as they continue their conversion journey. We, as a parish, will journey with them as they discover what it means to follow Christ as a Catholic. We also wish them well and all our prayers when they celebrate the Rite of Election & Affirmation on the **17th Feb at Westminster Cathedral**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- takes place every Friday throughout Lent at 7:00pm in church.

Lent Faith Sharing: Lenten Prayer Group: Please join us on Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross followed at 7.30pm with a time of prayer and reflection. First session 16th Feb. All are welcome at the Upper Room (room above the Classroom)

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Do you have any spare toys, children's books and DVDs (all ages) related to the Catholic faith that are in good condition? We would be grateful for your donations for children to use for catechesis etc. Please leave in the box at the back of the church or hand in to the parish office. Thank you to the kind family who have already donated a number of books for young children to use during Mass to help them participate more fully.

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Nursery Applications for September 2018

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, they are eligible to start the Nursery in September 2018.

You need to apply to the School by completing an application form and supplementary information form.. All applications for places must be submitted by: **Thursday 15th March 2018**

LENTEN ALMS-

This year the Cardinal has asked that the Lenten Alms collection be directed to the Cardinal's Appeal Fund. The funds raised will go to support parishes or groups in their work to further the mission of the Church: to serve the evangelisation of youth, to develop marriage and family life projects, and to provide service in society, especially to those on the margins. Please take a leaflet, read and pray about this You can make a Lenten Gift by placing the envelope in the second collection during Lent.

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. **Volunteers to decorate the Church for Easter?**

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. **Next meet up for CLW catechists is 11th Feb in the classroom after the 11am Mass. Anyone interested in joining the team is welcome.**

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony –

takes place at Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 19th May 2018 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish secretary the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). eduemc@rcdow.org.uk

Catholic Singles- is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further info tel.0161 941 3498 or visit www.catholicingles.org.uk