

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 11th March 2018.

Envelopes: Weekly £359.64

Loose: £322.22

Standing Orders £946.50 (Feb/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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent 18th March 2018

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

18 th March Fifth Sunday of Lent Cardinal's Lenten Appeal	6:00 pm Sat. <i>Vigil Mass</i>	For the Parish
	8:30 am Mass	Frances Byrne – R.I.P.- Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	For the Parish (Joan Neary R.I.P.)
19 th March Monday St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary	9:15 am Mass	Paddy Boylan R.I.P
20 th March Tuesday Lent Feria	No Mass	
21 st March Wednesday. Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass Y4P & Yr 4S from School	Joseph Canavan R.I.P.(Anniv)
22 nd March Thursday. Lent Feria	12:00 Noon. Funeral Mass	Joan Neary R.I.P
23 rd March Friday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	For the Parish
	7:00pm	Stations of the Cross followed by prayer meeting at 7:30pm
24 th March Saturday. Lent Feria	11:00- 12:00 noon 6:00 pm <i>Vigil Mass</i>	<i>Confessions</i> Nora Carroll R.I.P
25 th March Palm Sunday	8:30 am Mass	Beryl Genovese- R.I.P Anniv. Frances Byrne – R.I.P Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	Ana Maria Velasco R.I.P - Anniversary

THE DEEP END: We should like to see Jesus

Those poor Greeks. Did you notice that they never actually get to meet Jesus? At the start of today's gospel some Greeks who are followers of Jesus come to Jerusalem. They are travellers, outsiders, and would like to meet Jesus in person. But when Philip and Andrew relay the request, Jesus begins to talk about how his 'hour' is coming. It is the last we hear of the Greeks, who disappear from the story altogether.

But they are important nonetheless. Firstly, they indicate that word about Jesus is spreading, that in the words of the Pharisees, 'the world has gone after him'. More importantly, they prompt Jesus to reveal that, when his hour comes, he will draw 'all people' to himself. In the space of a few short verses, we go from a brief mention of a group of foreigners seeking Jesus, to Jesus making it crystal clear that his saving mission is for all people, of all nations, both Jews and Gentiles – including those Greeks! There is no suggestion from Jesus that some groups are 'in' and others 'out'. All are included. All are invited. All are welcome.

I remember once hearing someone describe their home as a domestic church, a place of 'indiscriminate welcome'. As we continue our journey through Lent, and soon into Holy Week, let us listen carefully to these words of Jesus. He came for all. He wishes to draw all people to himself. Are our churches, parishes, communities and homes open to all, outsiders included? Are they places of welcome and inclusion, where all who enter experience God's love?

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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes for use from **8th April** are now available at the back of the Church. Please collect your box today. They are labelled with your surnames arranged in alphabetical order. If you want to register and support your parish by joining the planned giving scheme (either by weekly envelopes or bank standing order) please call the parish office during designated office hours and Elizabeth will send you the form. For more information kindly visit the **parish website:** www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk and **click support**

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, Christopher Browne, Baby Michael Ellitott, 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 McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries: Beryl Genovese, Frances Byrne, Arnel Bejosano, Sean Cullen, Michael Baylon, Margaret Lonergan, Isabel Lindo, Pauric Dolan, Helen Bradley, Clifford Price, Michael Houlihan, Nora Carroll.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Joan Neary, Brian Harrigan, Bridget Gill, Brian Mpunga, Jose Ballesteros, Paddy Boylan, Thomas Clarke, Helena Bolotny, Veronica Manning, Patrick Hayes, Ellen Howard, Margaret Kinsella.

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 **on Monday 26th March and Friday 13th April at 7:00 pm.**

Baptism training for new catechists will be on Sat 24 March from 10am-1pm. If anyone is interested in volunteering as a catechist, please speak to Nali (Catechetical Coordinator or contact the parish office).

We are in particular need of more catechists for First Holy Communion preparation, Baptism and Children's Liturgy of the Word.

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

Next meeting is for parents, on Wednesday 21st March at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Children do not need to attend this meeting.

CONFIRMATION

Next Saturday, 24th March, is the Mass of Commitment for confirmation candidates. Candidates are expected to arrive at 5:30 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS- is a wonderful **Lenten Devotion.** It 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 in the classroom. All are welcome.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for March 2018 is for formation in spiritual discernment: *"That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels."*

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS!

Please keep free the evening of Friday 8th June (The Feast Day of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus).

Following our Feast Day! Mass at 6:00pm we will be having an international evening in the parish hall celebrating the feast day and all the different cultures that make up our wonderful parish! Join us for food, music, dancing and fun- all help greatly appreciated (please see sign-up sheet on noticeboard or speak to Nali).

Is God calling you?

Are you interested in sharing your faith through volunteering as a catechist? Do you have skills that you would like to offer? We are in need of catechists for a range of ages and sacramental needs but in particular for First Holy Communion preparation and Children's Liturgy of the Word. Please speak to Nali (Catechetical Coordinator or contact the parish office).

Preparing to Pray the Triduum

(for young adults aged 18-35)
Saturday 24th March, 10.30am-2.30pm
Anouska Robinson-Biggin fcJ
Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH pathwaystogod.org 0207-495-1673
The Easter Triduum is the high point of the Church's year, one celebration in three very distinct phases. Before entering into this year, join with other young adults and take time to reflect and share on what it means for you.

Beginning Experience Weekend

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 20th to 22nd April 2018 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more details please telephone Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

OFFERTORY COLLECTION- With many of our registered members in the parish, relocating to another part of the country (or abroad), our offertory collection has been affected. With the money you saved in your efforts to give up, why not try to put a little extra in the Offertory collection on Sunday. With a little effort our collection could amount to £1000 per week which would make it a little easier to pay our heating and other bills. Thank you very much.

LENTEN ALMS

This weekend please take a Cardinal's Lenten Appeal as you leave Mass. The Cardinal Lenten Appeal funds the work of Catholic parishes, schools and charities in London and Hertfordshire contributing to three fundamental missions areas of the Church:

Marriage and Family Life – enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church.

Youth and Evangelisation - as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic Faith.

And the Church's Social Outreach within Civil Society – putting our faith into action through projects that serve the poor, the marginalised. Please consider making the Cardinal's appeal part of your Lenten almsgiving and sacrifice to benefit others, and to support the Church's dynamic efforts to increase outreach in these three focal areas of ministry. Thank you.

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. We also have a number of Children's Missals at the back of the church for children to use during Mass. **Next meet up for CLW catechists is 15th April in the classroom after the 11am Mass. Anyone interested in joining the team is welcome.**

PLANNED GIVING

The new boxes of envelopes for planned giving are now available at the back of the Church. If your name and address are incorrect on your box, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can amend our records. If you are new to the parish or would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme or would prefer to pay by Bankers Order, please complete one of the pledge cards at the back of the church and post it through the presbytery letter box. These new boxes start on the 8th April.