

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 12th February 2017.

Envelopes: £534.66

Loose: £346.47

Standing Orders £947.75(Jan/week)

Your generosity enables us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!

FORGOTTEN to bring some money for the collection? Just text "PARISH HOLLOW" 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 the office or ask Fr. Gideon.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

19 th February 2017		
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Racial and Justice day Collection)		
	6:00 pm Sat. Vigil Mass	Klem Kreminiewski R.I.P Anniversary
	8:30 am Mass	John Gibbons R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	John Harkin – R.I.P Anniversary
20 th February Monday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Bridie, Martin & Mary Roche
21 st February Tuesday	No Mass	
22 nd February Wednesday The Chair of St Peter The Apostle	9:15 am Mass	Ximena Pena R.I.P
23 rd February Thursday St Polycarp	9:15 am Mass	Michael Ockwell R.I.P
24 th February Friday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Holy Souls- Private Ints
25 th February Saturday Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	11:00 – 12:00 am 6:00 pm Vigil Mass	Confession or by appointment For the Parish Confirmation Mass of Enrolment
26th February 2017 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Next Wednesday, Ash Wednesday)		
	8:30 am Mass	Michael Gibbons R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	Jose Ocampo R.I.P

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



Sunday 19th February 2017

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Deep End – Turn the other cheek

Today we hear and read one of the most famous passages in the Gospels: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. It is a radical text and not so easy. How can we expected to love those who have hurt us or done harm to us? Anthony the Mello, and Indian Jesuit who wrote many books on spirituality, spoke often about concept of 'loving enemies'. When someone hurts us, when someone triggers emotional pain in us, the realisation that we are 'standing before our benefactor'. The situation is a reminder that we are still to grow and we are hurt because someone has not met our expectations. It is these expectations that we must let go of. We can learn from the other who was wronged us: how has this affected me? What do I need to let go of?

The teachings in this passage are radical and go against what we hear around us in our world like calls for retribution and revenge. However Jesus has high expectations of his followers, to go against the grain. Jesus is not encouraging passiveness. He is inviting people to a "third way": to make non-violent stand when face with persecution. By 'offering the other cheek' we allow for the potential of conversion of the others to realisation of they have done. The easy option is to retaliate, to not see our brother or sister standing before us. We can offer them an opportunity to see our own sacred humanity. 'Loving our enemies' is a call to constantly move towards restoring relationships, offering mercy and peace.

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'An eye for an eye will leave the whole world blind' Gandhi

Lenten Observances: Remember, 1st March, is ASH WEDNESDAY, and the beginning of Lent. Be sure to look at the Ash Wednesday schedule appearing in the newsletter. More important are these questions. What will you do for Lent? More prayer, quiet time, no mobile phones or internet for a day, join faith sharing group, donations to the refugee camps or any other charities, Mass on Saturdays or Sundays. There are so many things you can consider for the 40 days of prayer, fasting and Almsgiving.

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, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Maria Louis, Ada Bacarini, Lucy Ugoala, Eileen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Ray Pine, Mary Wong, Christopher Fradley, Charlie Crane Michael Cole, Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrisey, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish

Anniversaries:

Rudi Genovese, Maria Bright, Nadia Ba-Obeid, Clifford Price, Teresa Kennelly, John Harkin, Klem Kreminefski, Chuka Egbe, Bruno Solari, Michael Toolan, Harry Turner, Margaret Lonergan, John Breslin, Sean Dolan, Michael Dolan, Frances Byrne, Beryl & Rudi Genovese, Margaret Cooney.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

John Hickey, Nell Carroll, Silvya Domingo, Myrtle Hughes, Robert L'Strange, Rosa Nicolas, Patricia Murphy, Patricia Coughlan, Noel Kennedy, Marianne Formosa, Paddy McGuire, Paddy Enright, Vicky Knight, Teresa Russell, Agnes Alexander, Gavin McFadyen Frankie Alfante, Sarah Lane, Daphne Mae Bedingfield, Alice Harkin, Dominica Solaro.

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.

Next meeting for parents and godparents is on Monday 20th February at 7:00pm. Please contact or see Edmund or Elizabeth in the parish office either by phone 0207 697 3594 or in person Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There is no session this weekend owing to half term. Students in group A (all of Group 1 and about half of Group 2) will receive their First Reconciliation on **Saturday, 25 February at 10 am** The remaining Candidates will receive their First Reconciliation on the **4 March**, also at 10 am.

CONFIRMATION

The Mass of Enrolment will be on **Saturday, 25th February**. Candidates should arrive for **5:30 pm**.

MARRIAGE

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

RCIA

RCIA pre-catechumens are meeting weekly on **Saturday evenings at 7:00 pm** after the Saturday Vigil Mass. Please keep them in your prayers!

The Liturgy of the Word with Children

11 March – 10:00 to 1:00pm –Here at Holloway

If you enjoy working with kids and would like to join our team of catechist for Children Liturgy on Sundays, save the date – 11 March, to attend this course. The course looks at the Bishops' Conference Guidelines for Liturgy of The Word with Children helps catechists to understand the principles of liturgy, considers a variety of ways to share Scripture with children, using ideas and resources in keeping with the Directory for Masses with Children and the Guidelines of the Bishops' Conference.

Participants must register in advance of the event. If you are interested, or for more information on any of our Catechetical programmes, please contact Edmund: edmunddean@rcdow.org.uk

Faith Matters: Lent 2017 -'Faces of Mercy'

7th Mar'17, 'When I was in prison...' by Mgr. Roger Reader, Prison Adviser, Catholic Bishop's Conference

14th Mar'17, 'When I was a sick...' by Fr Peter-Michael Scott, The Cardinal's Advisor for Healthcare Chaplaincy

21th Mar'17, 'When I was a stranger...' by Sarah Teather, Director, Jesuit Refugee Service UK

28th Mar'17, 'Seeing Mercy' by Fr Geoffrey Wheaton, SJ, Jesuit Priest

Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. 7.00-8.30pm

Registration is required. Email at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk and indicate your name and the date of the event. If you do not have an access to the Internet, please leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £4 per talk.

Thanksgiving for the Holy Year of

Mercy: Final Talk organised by St. Patrick Soho in thanksgiving for the Holy Year and to mark the proposed stained glass windows for the church. Dr. Gabriele Finaldi, a Director of National Gallery, is giving the talk on "The Crucifixion, icon of love and mercy" on **Monday 6th March at 7:00pm**. All are welcome.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral Saturday 3rd June 2017 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th, (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2017. If you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to receive an invitation, send following details to the Parish Office as soon as possible and by 20th March please: Husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal's address and email or telephone number.

FUNERAL MASS; JOHN HICKEY R.I.P.

TUESDAY, 7th MARCH 2017 AT 11:00AM
Islington Cemetery at 1:00pm.

MUSINGS

To know what matters and what does not is a lesson that accompanies us all through life. Today's Word of God condenses our choices to basic fundamentals. Be holy (First Reading). Show compassion and thanks. Our desire to be holy, compassionate, grateful and to love perfectly is intensely 'there' and, with equal intensity, 'not there'. We hold ourselves in condition of surrender. We desire all that God's Word offers us by invitation, yet we choose by our passivity not to initiate, nor to cooperate. St Paul opens today's reading with a direct question: 'Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? From our own sluggish passivity arises creativity, a mysterious liberation from all the everyday ordinariness of demands and deadlines. There is nothing to say in answer to the question by St Paul, nothing even to experience in any words that sound impressive, only to accept and realise in the words of today's Psalm, that 'we are crowned with love and compassion' and 'life will be redeemed from the grave.' Fr. Cullen @Intercom

Many hands make light work:

Church Cleaning: The church gets a lot of use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. TO JOIN 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 1:30pm. All are welcome.