

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 25th November 2018.

Envelopes: Weekly £566.41

Loose: £250.84

Standing Orders £1,055.25 (Sept/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.

PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you very much to all those who filled in a form during our planned giving campaign.. If you missed the opportunity to do so there are forms at the back of the church on the table and in porch. **As a reminder we need information from every parishioner or family even if you already contribute regularly to the Offertory Collection and/or volunteer at Sacred Heart's.**

This will help us plan for the future, including support for parish ministries. And those who requested for envelopes can now collect them at the back of church.

CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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

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Our Mission: We are a welcoming, nourishing living parish, inspired by the Sacred Heart to serve and radiate this love to all.

First Sunday of Advent

2nd December '18

THE DEEP END: Be prepared ...

Have you ever heard the story of the ant and the grasshopper? It tells the tale of a grasshopper who has spent the summer singing and so is not prepared when winter comes, whereas the ant has been working hard all summer and has stored up enough food for winter. Like many of Aesop's Fables, it has a stark moral lesson, in this case about the virtue of hard work and being prepared for the future.

Of course, Advent is about looking forward to Christmas and our celebration of the birth of Jesus. It is a special time of preparation to welcome him anew into our lives. But today's readings remind us that Advent is also about looking ahead to another time, the second and final coming of Jesus at the end of time. 'Advent' comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning 'coming'.

The problem, of course, is that we have no idea when this will happen. Unlike the ant and the grasshopper, we have no way of knowing when the seasons will change. We don't even know when the sun will set on our own individual lives. All we can do is to be prepared and to 'stay awake' – to live now in such a way that when we meet Jesus, we will be ready. This readiness is less a practical skill than a condition, or a way of life. Look at how St Paul describes it: he talks about increasing our love for one another, and continually making progress in living the life that God wants. That is how we store up treasures here on earth to make sure we are ready for the heavenly things to come.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

2nd December '18 First Sunday of Advent	6:00 pm Saturday <i>Vigil Mass –</i>	Holy Souls
	8:30 am Mass	Michael Brobbey- R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	Ann & Katthleen Rainsford R.I.P – Anniversary RCIA - Rite of Welcoming the Candidates and Catechumen
3 rd December Monday St Francis Xavier	9:15 am Mass	Maria Louis - Thanksgiving
4 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
5 th December Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	For the Parish Year 6R & 6S from school at Mass.
6 th December Thur. St Nicholas	9:15 am Mass	Mary Morrissey R.I.P
7 th December Friday St Ambrose	9:15 am Mass 1:00 p.m. Funeral Mass	Dorothy Sollom – R.I.P Stephen Hogan R.I.P
8th December Sat. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	<i>11:00-12:00 noon Confessions</i> Bill Devereux R.I.P Anniversary.
9th December '18 Second Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Mass	Mate Family – Intentions
	11:00 am Mass	Mary Morrissey - 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:

Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Eva Buchalska, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Baby Michael Ellittott, Daithi Sweeney, Keith Hunt, Maria Louis, Crystal Green, Dolores Crowley, Ludvinia King, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Kathy 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, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen *and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.*

Anniversaries: Michael Brobbey, Bill Devereux, Josie O'Brien, Ann & Katthleen Rainsford, John Danquah, Michael and Peter Ginty, Denis Lonergan, Ellen Howard Eglercia Goylan, Ernesto Yañez, Consuelo Sartorio, Sean Ahearne, Jeremiah & Teresa Kennelly, Sarah Toolan, Marianne Formosa, Myra Richards Houlihan.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Mary Morrissey, Stephen Hogan, Jenny Bove, Zelpha Anderson, Jim Neary, Mercy Dapaah, Ollie O'Driscoll, Ann Franklin, Reynaldo Vergara, William Francis O'Dwyer, Joan Neary, Brian Mpunga.

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

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

BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, R. C. I.A.

For details on being baptised, First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion preparation (year 3 and above), youth confirmation (14-18 year olds), being confirmed as an adult or for details about becoming Catholic, please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or speak to Nali (catechetical coordinator).

Baptismal Preparation Meeting

The next preparation course for Baptism will take place on Thursday **20th December from 7:15-8:45 pm** in the parish classroom. Parents and godparents are expected to attend this meeting. Please contact the parish office to complete the paperwork and to confirm attendance by **Tuesday 18th December.**

Parish Regular Events

Thursday Evening: 8:30 Choir practice. 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. NNI Dialogue workshops. (see notice board for details).

Saturday: Confessions, Church cleaning.

Sundays: 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:30-1:00pm Children's Rosary in classroom
12:30 Tea and Coffee in Parish Hall.
12:30/1:00pm Union of Catholic Mothers (2nd Sundays).
2:00 pm Praise & worship/ Evangelisation Team (Parish Hall)

CHOIR PRACTICE is usually on Thursdays @ 8:30pm at the Parish house. The day however, is movable depending on the availability of most members. Please ask Peggy for more details. Everyone welcome!

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

Our annual Christmas Draw will take place on Sunday 16th December after the 11:00AM Mass. Please do not forget to return the raffle tickets stubs. We still have plenty of tickets to be sold, let us know if you wish more tickets; and help us to sell as many as you possibly can. All proceeds of the Draw will go towards the Presbytery Roof Repairs.

Catholic Christmas Cards

Christmas is fast approaching. You can now buy your Christmas cards on Sundays in the Parish Hall after 11:00 am Mass. Or in the parish office during the week at office hours.

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

Children are invited to participate in our Christmas play. Rehearsals date will be: **Saturday 22nd December 10:30 to 12:00 p.m. and Sunday 23rd December 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (After 11:00 a.m. Mass)**

Children will need to be in the church at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

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

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

The school's Christmas Fair will be on Thursday 6th December from 3:30 - 5:00pm. All are welcome.

CAROL CONCERT AND THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

On Thursday December 20th after the 9:15am Mass, we have our annual carol concert (Key Stage 2). This year, we would like to integrate into that service the blessing of the Crib.

Simbang Gabi (Filipino Christmas (Mass))

Saturday 22nd December at 6:00pm Vigil Mass. All are welcome to the "Simbang Gabi."

An Advent Prayer Resource for Families

Jesuit Media Initiatives and the Diocese of Westminster Marriage and Family Life team have joined forces to produce a series of imaginative contemplations to help families journey alongside the Holy Family in prayer this Advent.

The series of six imaginative contemplations, plus an introduction, will be available to listen to or download from the Jesuits' spirituality website Pathways to God.

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/imagining-nativity>

Each contemplation focusses on a person or group from the Nativity story – Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Magi - who will all be very familiar to children.

Each session will have its own suggested storyline and you are invited to imagine and reflect along with it.

We invite families this Advent to embark on a special journey: one where we can reflect on the composition and healthiness of the earth in the domestic setting of the home and in the context of the parish.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday 19th December 7:00PM to 8:45 PM

In the Sacrament of Penance, we celebrate God's forgiving and healing love.

Join the penance service here at Sacred Heart of Jesus- Holloway on Wednesday 19th December 2018.

Three Priests will be available for Confession.

All Welcome.

The Passage is raising funds through the The Big Give website after 12.00 noon on **Tuesday 4 December**, to support its work with homeless people this winter. Double your Donation, Double your impact. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921856 andrew.h@passage.org.uk <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/project/30366>