

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 13th December 2015.

Envelopes: £483.60

Loose: £230.00

Standing Orders £1,019 (Nov/Week)

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

JUST MOVED in to the PARISH?

Welcome! Please register by completing a registration form at the parish office.

PLANNED GIVING (TITHING)

It is deciding how much of your income to regularly give to the work of your Parish. This will help us budget for the years ahead.

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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NEWSLETTER 20th December 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

20 th December	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	For the Parish (Filipino Christmas Mass)
Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>CHRISTMAS DRAW AFTER THE 11:00AM MASS</i>	8:30 AM	Helen Bradley – R.I.P
	11:00AM	Dr. Gilbert Ero - R.I.P Pat Naughton - R.I.P Ivy Ross – R.I.P
	21 st December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass
22 nd December Tuesday	No Mass	
23 rd December Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Mr&Mrs Crossley - R.I.P
Thursday 24 th December	6:00pm Vigil Mass 11:30 pm Carols and Readings 12:00 Midnight Mass	Michael Costin - R.I.P
Christmas Eve		For the Parish
	Friday 25 th December The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day	8:30 am Mass 11:00am Mass
26 th December Saturday	11:00-12:00a.m.	<i>Confession or by appointment</i>
	6:00pm (Vigil Mass) (Sat . Vigil Mass)	For the Parish
27 th December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8:30 am Mass	Sara Crosby – R.I.P
	11:00am Mass	Morrissey Family - Ints

A NEW ORDER

“O, Little Town of Bethlehem.” A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillip Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today's first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord.

The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary's womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus' new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.

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CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE

In a few days we will be celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. I wish to send Christmas Blessings to you and your families and to all our visitors. May we keep before us the true meaning of Christmas – the gift of God's son coming to us as our Saviour.

If you are travelling, we pray you have a safe trip.

A reminder that this Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve, we will have two Masses, **6:00pm Family Vigil Mass, & 12:00 Midnight Mass** (with Carol Singing and Readings at 11:30pm before Mass). This Friday, **25th December Christmas morning**, we will have two Masses at **8:30am and 11:00am**.

PEACE AND JOY BE WITH YOU THIS CRISTMAS AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR!

Fr. Gideon

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:

Lucy Ugoala, Gerald Johnson, Eileen Towey, Joan Neary, Rosa Nicholas, Mary Wong, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Sarah Lane, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Lily Chiuwoke. Charlie Crane, Stella Turner, Michael Cole, Steadman Descartes, Joe Samuels, John and Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Maria Ward, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Margaret Lonergan, Eileen Lucas, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Chris Eisen, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi. Ada Bacarini **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

Anniversaries:

Peter Sheridan, Gordon Witt, John O'Roarke, Chris Reilly, Clifford Price, Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, Bill Devereux. Ykaalo-Micael, John Danquah, Josie O'Brien, Theresa Suporn, Sarah Toolan, Sarah Crosby, Mary Moran, Clifford Price.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Baldish Johal, Nezhah Tesfu, Peter Joseph Heavin, Michael Gill, Theresa Carr, Mary Tisseverasinghe, Michael Coughlan, Florencio Fusin, Paulus Awondatu, Menchi de Castro, Sam McKinney, Felixiene Henry, Brian Morris, Florence McGrath, John Mazzoni, Michael Prior, Frances Byrne, Helen Bradley, Andrew O'Brien.

"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH WEBSITE

Did you know that you can read the newsletter online? Go to:

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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Funeral Plans available.

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. **The next parents' and Godparents' meeting will be announced next term, 2016.**

MARRIAGE

Six months' notice must be given for marriage, whether here or elsewhere. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015-2016

The next session is on **Sunday at 9:30 am on 10th January 2016.**

CONFIRMATION:

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are illegible to join the Confirmation Programme 2016. Application forms are available at the end of Mass or collect it from the Parish office during office hours on Tues, Thurs, Friday. The application forms should be returned by **17th January 2016.**

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY- 6:00pm

Christmas Eve (FAMILY VIGIL MASS)

Children are invited to participate in our Christmas play. Rehearsals will be held on **Tuesday 22nd** and **Wednesday 23rd December at 10:00am** in the church. The play will be performed in the children and family Mass on **Thursday 24 December at 6:00pm.**

This Mass will be followed by: **Carol Singing and Readings at 11:30pm: then CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS AT 12:00 (MIDNIGHT)**

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The offerings leading up to Christmas using the special envelopes (in pews), and the Christmas Mass Offerings on Christmas Day are your kind contributions towards the upkeep of the parish Clergy. Priests do not get a salary, but are reliant on your generous support especially at Christmas.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

Do not miss it out. Come along to the parish Centre after 11:00 am Mass this Sunday, enjoy a cup of hot drink and at 1:00pm you will find out if you are one of the lucky winners.

LIFT JESUS HIGH

New Year's Eve Celebration Mass. Principal Celebrant Archbishop Kevin McDonald. Time of celebration with share food just after midnight, please bring some to share. No Alcohol. From 8:30 pm to 6:00am. Venue: St Aloysius RC Church, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston NW1 1TA.

Come along! Bring a friend! All welcome!

LIGHT TO THE NATIONS CONCERT

a charity concert in aid of Tyburn Convent and its Mission Foundations will be held at St. James' Church, Spanish Place, London on **Saturday 2nd January at 7.30pm.** Tickets are on sale at Tyburn Convent or via the website: www.tyburnconvent.org.uk/concert

EVANGELISATION

Learn about the Catholic Faith online:

WITH SYMBOLON- 20 programmes of approximately half an hour each that give clear and inspiring lessons on some of the most aspects of our Faith. Log on to watch any of the programmes at any time on any device that is connected to the internet. This series is Well recommended. Tell your friends.

WITH SYCAMORE- this is another resource that is again available on the internet. Sycamore is a series of 10 programmes that gently introduce viewers to Christianity. www.sycamore.fm

Help for Marriage- RETROUVAILLE: A

lifeline for troubled marriages. www.retrouvaille.org.uk

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR: A six-

week back to basics exploration of the Good News that leads to a real and deep knowledge and experience God's love for us. **Every Thursday 7-9pm 21 Jan-25Feb 2016** at **St. Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle St. W1W 6HS, off Oxford St. (Tube: Warren St. Goodge St).** Prepare to be amazed. For more info visit: ww.soulfoodgroup.org/liss

MUSINGS

I love the image of the Incarnation, found in some early Christian writing, of Jesus as a powerful singer with a fine voice and perfect pitch who joins a discordant choir (humanity) and transforms it from within. The American theologian and writer, Richard McBrain, explains this further when he says 'It is not that Jesus gave us a completely different set of songs to sing. He helped us understand, enhance and perform our standard repertoire in an entirely new and beautiful way'. SalvadorRyan@Intercom

REMINDER: Change of the Liturgy for the Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has emphasized the role of Mary as Mother of Mercy. The Cardinal asks that the "Hail Mary" in the Sunday Bidding Prayers be replaced by the 'Hail Holy Queen' throughout the Year of Mercy. We have provided prayer cards for this purpose. Please do **not** take home the Prayer Cards **left in the pews**. They will be used throughout the whole year of Mercy.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Tea and Coffee and Cakes after 11:00am Mass (12:00pm-1:30pm)- the main purpose of this is to bring parishioners together and welcome new parishioners. Mass Cards, Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards are available for sale in the parish hall. Welcome.

Health and Safety –Children under 12 years old will not be allowed in the gallery at all times. Children should be supervised by their parents when they are in the toilets and when crossing the road to the parish community centre.

Church Cleaning- the church gets a lot use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. We are appealing for more volunteers TO JOIN THE TEAM.. Please contact the parish office 02076073594 or Juliana 07960541286

CRIB DONATIONS – will go to Catholic Children's Society.

CONFESSIONS AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:

Extra priests will be on duty to assist with the extra needs as Christmas approaches and confessions will be heard **between now and Thursday 24th Dec. from 10:30am-6:30pm**