

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 14th December
Envelopes: £473.82
Loose: £ 530.96
Standing Orders £654.50 (Oct./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 from 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2014

Gift Aid? It's worth it!

It is *important* to **gift aid** your offering to the church (envelopes or standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by 25p for every £1 at no extra expense 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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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.



NEWSLETTER 21st-25th DECEMBER 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Deep End. Yes, mother

We sometime distance ourselves from the real encounter here. As Margaret Silf notes, we sometimes 'put Mary into a glass cases, surround her with flowers, and avoid the personal consequences of this moment'. And there could have been very severe consequences for Mary, even death by stoning. Mary's yes is an example of completely surrendering to God's will. She surrenders her motherhood, her entire life to God.

We can think today of those who mother against the odds in our world. In places where there is not food, no clean water, the threat of disease, of torture; those who watch their children suffer from addiction or violence. And we remember those who are the angel Gabriel's of the world, bringing good news and hope that 'nothing is impossible'.

'Hail Mary, woman of Nazareth, home maker, cleaner, preparer of food, fetcher of water, God is with you in your everyday excursion in this ordinary town. Blessed are you among women and blessed indeed are women in their everyday lives, in the confines of family life, the ambivalence of decision making, in the silences and blessed are the fruits of all our labours'. @intercom

Fr. Gideon writes:

In anticipation for Christmas the Mass schedule is presented clearly below.

I wish you and your Family every Blessing for Christmas and the New Year.

I can't thank you enough for your support to me and our parish. Thank you very much for your generous Christmas gift to the church.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

24th December, Christmas Eve

6:00PM - Children's Christmas Mass (Children re-enacting the Gospel)

11:30pm - Christmas Carols

12:00 AM- Solemn Midnight Mass

25th December, Christmas Day

8:30am & 11:00AM.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

21st December 2014 Fourth Sunday of Advent	(6.00pm Sat. Vigil Mass)	For the Parish- Simbang Gabi (Filipino Christmas Mass)
	8:30 AM	Dr. Gilbert Ero R.I.P – Anniv.
	10:15 AM	Josie O'Brien – R.I.P
	12:00 AM	Pat Naughton and Ivy Ross R.I.P Anniversary
22 nd December Monday Advent feria	9:15 am Mass	Agustino Solari R.I.P
23 rd December Tuesday	No Mass	
24th December Wed. CHRISTMAS EVE	6:00pm Mass	Michael Costin - R.I.P
	11:30pm	Carol Service
	12:00 Midnight Mass	For the Parish
25th December Thursday THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS DAY	8:30am Mass	Beryl and Rudy Genovese R.I.P Anniversary
	11:00 am Mass	For the Parish
26 th December Friday St Stephen	10:00 am Mass	Fr.Philip Komaranchath
27th December Saturday St John Apostle	10:00-11:00	Confessions or by appointment
	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Patrick O'Connor R.I.P
28th December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8:30 AM	For the Parish
	10:15 AM	Matt Kennelly – Intentions
	12:00 AM	Lydia Escat 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:

Frances Byrne, Matt Kennelly, John and Nora Harkin, Leo Kilkenny, Yolanda Villegas, Edwina Toson, Helen Bradley, Eileen Ely, Joe Samuels, Taliah Sampson, Judette Palmer, Paddy McGravey, Maria Ward, Barbara Baptiste, Florence Collins, Cedric Cowell, Margaret Mulroy, Margaret Lonergan, Eileen Lucas, Tanya Obid, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Chris Eisen, Diana Johnson, Charlie Crane, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi. **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

Anniversaries:

Pat Naughton and Ivy Ross, Gilbert Ero, John O'Rourke, Beryl Genovese, Margaret McGee, Ykaalo Michael, Sarah Toolan, Myra Richards Houlihan, Denis Lonergan, Sean Ahearne, Consuelo Flores, Jack Curley, Ted & Tom Connor, Margaret & Joe Reddington, Keith Potter.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Angela Tabone, Josie O'Brien, Angelita Nogoy, Patrick Cullen, Dean Aka Samuels, Janusz Suliga, Martin Beeny, Fr. Gilberto Hoyos, Molly Wilson, John Clemo, Fr Alan Ashton, Canon Peter Phillips, Dena Adams, Vittoria Pedretti, Liam Lenihan, Andrea Justin, Johnny Patterson.

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

PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

Please do not confuse it with the old website's address which is now defunct:

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk

BAPTISM

Babies are usually baptised in the first 6 months of life. To book a baptism for your child, please contact the parish priest. Parents of the child must be **registered** members of the parish. At least one parent of the child needs to supply us with their **Catholic baptismal certificate** and the child's **birth certificate**. Parents and godparents must attend some baptism preparation beforehand.

The next parents' and godparents' meeting will be in 2015. Watch this space, new date will be confirmed early February 2015.

Nativity Play for Christmas Mass for Children 24th December at 6:00pm

All the children taking part in our Nativity Play on 24 December, please contact your Elizabeth in the parish office. The rehearsals will take place on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December, at 10:30am. On 24 December Children should be in church at 4:00pm to have the final rehearsal before Mass.

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

Is there anything you can do for your Church? Help is always required!

Church Cleaning- The **Cleaning Team** urgently need new members. If you can offer a little of your time to assist with this very important role please contact **Juliana – 07960541286.**

Visiting the Sick- This is a ministry for all the baptised. We have a number of housebound who would love a visit from a fellow member of the parish. Contact Fr. Gideon.

Lifts to Church during Christmas Season and in general- there are people who struggle to get to Mass. If you have a car with spare seats why not ask if anyone needs a lift home.

Pray and Fast for the Climate:

Films, Mass, **New Year celebration**, All night vigil for the Climate. See www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk and www.ourvoices.net, at St John Vianney Church and Parish Centre: Films 10pm. Mass 11pm. Celebration 12.00-1am. Vigil 1-7am.

JUSTICE AND PEACE OPEN EVENING

What is happening around the diocese, what SHOULD be happening? Wednesday 21 January, 6.:30pm Soup, bread and cheese.7pm Sharing. St John Vianney Parish Centre, 386 West Green Road, N15 3QL. Contact justice@rcdow.org.uk

MISSIO RED BOX- Do you have this red box in your house? Please return it to the Presbytery for the December collection.

HOW TO SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE BEFORE MEETING YOUR SPOUSE

How can you build a strong foundation for a lasting marriage before it begins? Does marriage preparation start before engagement? In this inspiring and engaging talk, Robert Colquhoun will look at building grace filled marriages with God's plan for love and life.

Wednesday, 7 January at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue SW1P. Open to all, entry £10 on the door from 7.30pm. Refreshments served following the talk, hosted by the Young Friends of Westminster Cathedral.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

Meets on the 1st Sunday of the month after the 12:00noon Mass. All mothers are welcome.

MUSINGS

Today's Gospel recounts the story of the annunciation in which Mary is told that she will conceive and bear the Christ-Child. Many traditions have grown up around this scene and have influenced both eastern and western Christian art. One of this depicts Mary spinning a veil for the same temple when the angel appears. This will be the same temple veil that will be torn in two Christ's death. In his Great Canon, the eighth-century bishop, Andrew of Crete, speaks of this scene in the following way: 'as from purple silk, O undefiled Virgin, the spiritual robe of Emmanuel, his flesh, was woven in thy womb'. @intercom

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE CHURCH

Please collect your Christmas Envelopes in the porch. Thank you for your generosity and in so many cases your sacrifices for the parish.

Youth 2000 New Year Retreat:

TAKE HEART Have No Fear
29th December- 1st January

An epic event to kick-off the New Year! If you're 16-35 & would like fun and meaningful way to start 2015, then Take Heart is for you. This 4-day London event is at Maria Fidelis lower School, North Gower Street, NW1 2HR. It will be jam packed with Live Worship-Powerful Services- Engaging Talks- In depth Discussions – Creative Workshops – Friendships, Live Music and social times... There will be laughter, prayer and most importantly an Encounter with our Great & Loving God! Phone 02072212124

Email Info@youth2000.org
Website: www.youth2000.org

JOSIE O'BRIEN R.I.P.

Thank you to the people of the parish for the wonderful Funeral Mass celebrated for Josie O'Brien. Special Thanks to the musicians Derek, Janet, Eze and Breda who made the Mass prayerful. Thank you for all the Mass Cards and Mass Offerings sent for Josie. We are truly grateful. Carmel, Kevin, Dan, Susan and the family.