

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 16th December 2018.

Envelopes: Weekly £615.50

Loose: £306.61

Standing Orders £1,020 (Oct/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

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster
62 Eden Grove, Holloway London N7 8EN
Registered Charity 233699

Phone: 020 7607 3594

Email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

Parish Priest: Fr. Gideon Wagay

Mrs. Elizabeth Ocampo - Admin Assistant

Parish Office opening times for Admin-
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.

Catechetical Coordinator:

Nali (nalininathan@rcdow.org.uk)



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

23rd December '18

THE DEEP END: Reaching out

Have you ever wondered why Mary travelled to visit Elizabeth? At first it is the excitement that comes through. Caught up in her wonderment at being pregnant and the news that her cousin is also expecting, Mary hurries off as quickly as she can. Perhaps the journey gives her time to reflect on everything that is happening. The precious moment when Elizabeth greets her is a lovely glimpse of the close friendship between the two women.

We know that Elizabeth is advanced in years, and that she and her husband Zechariah had not expected to ever have a child. After this encounter, we are told that Mary stays on with Elizabeth for three months; as a younger woman, it is fair to assume that she is there to help and support her cousin.

Pope Francis has described the visit as a lesson in service and joy, as well as demonstrating great courage. 'Being of service and reaching out to others both require going out from themselves: going out to serve and meet others, to embrace another person. Through Mary's service towards others, through that encounter, our Lord's promise is renewed and makes it happen now, just as it did then.'

With just two days to go until Christmas it is a busy time. But it is also a time that offers many opportunities to reach out, whether it is to build bridges with family members, offer our time to someone who is lonely, or support a friend or neighbour who finds this time of year difficult.

Triona Doherty@Intercom

CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE

In a couple of 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. **PEACE AND JOY BE WITH YOU THIS CHRISTMAS AND THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR!**

Fr. Gideon

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

23 rd December '18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	6:00 pm Saturday <i>Vigil Mass –</i>	For the Parish Simbang Gabi (Filipino Christmas Mass).
	8:30 am Mass	Brian King R.I.P – Anniv. For the Parish
	11:00 am Mass	Dr. Gilbert Ero R.I.P – Anniv.
24 th December Christmas Eve	6:00 pm Mass Children's Christmas Mass	Michael Costin R.I.P - Anniv
	12:00 Midnight Mass	(11:30pm Carol Service and Readings) For the Parish
25 th December Tuesday The Nativity of The Lord	8:30 am Mass	Beryl & Rudie Genovese R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	For the Parish.
26 th December Wed. St Stephen.	10:00 am Mass	Martin Mc Carthy – R.I.P
27 th December Thur. St John Apostle	10:00am Funeral Mass	Robert Moran – R.I.P
28 th December Friday The Holy Innocents	9:15 am Mass	Maria Louis - Intentions
29 th December Sat. St Thomas Becket	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	11:00-12:00 noon Confessions Habte Semhary – R.I.P
30 th December '18 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8:30 am Mass	Christou Family – Intentions
	11:00 am Mass	Teresa & Jeremiah Kennelly R.I.P- Anniversary Joaquin Pineda R.I.P Anniv.

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, 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: Bishop Adrian Ddungu, Michael Costin, Joaquin Pineda Beryl & Rudie Genovese, Brian Mpunga, Gilbert Ero, John O'Roarke Michael Brobbey, Bill Devereux, Josie O'Brien, Ann & Kattleen Rainsford, John Danquah, Michael and Peter Ginty, Denis Lonergan.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Robert Moran, Gabriel Samuels, 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.

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).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation in our parish will take place in June 2019. The Confirmation programme will begin in January with sessions on Sunday afternoons. If you are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) and wish to join the programme, then you are invited to complete the application form. The forms are available after all the Masses this weekend.

CONFESSIONS

For those of you that were unable to attend the Advent Penance service last wednesday; you still have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. On Monday 24th December there will be a priest available for Confessions from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Do avail of this opportunity to prepare for Christmas.

"In switching on the light of the Nativity scene, we wish for the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart; let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities, which are dark. Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus. This is my wish for all of you, when you turn on the light of the crib."

Pope Francis



WINNERS –CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW 2018

CONGRATULATIONS:

1st Prize: £300 – Joshua J.No.03838

2nd Prize: £100 –M. Mirren No.06694

3rd Prize: £50 -Keinatisemy No.06409

4th Prize: £50–Luisa Brotas - No. 03010

Consolation Prices: Rose G.Uy, Amara Blair, Mell Pagaddu, Elise Sinfield, P.Molin, Dinah Teriote, D.King, Samira Datu.

Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported this year's Raffle Draw last Sunday. We thank our organiser, Mrs Ross and to all our donors who donated prizes. The grand total raised was **£2,147.**

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY-

**6:00pm Christmas Eve
(FAMILY VIGIL MASS)**

Children participating on the Family Vigil Mass 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 Tomorrow **Monday 24** December at 6:00pm

Ethics: Living the Examined Life

Why is my life stuck? What's missing? How can I grow as a person and flourish? Philosophy can help. Answering practical, down to earth questions with insight from the greatest thinkers of the Western Tradition, The Sapiens Program will help all – of any or no faith – search for wisdom and find fulfilment. Five evenings to live a more examined life.

Why not bring a different-minded friend?

On Thursday 17 January at 19:30.

St Mary Moorfields RC Church, EC2M 7LS.

Organised by Brothers of Saint John
Cost Suggested donation £10/eve. (inc. hot meal).

**SEEING YOUR LIFE
THROUGH THE LENS OF THE
GOSPELS**

Luke 1:39-44

1. The greeting of Elizabeth to Mary, 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb,' is a joyful welcome of the child to come. Bringing new life into the world through pregnancy and birth is one of the most awesome human experiences. How have you experienced this for yourself or in someone close to you?
2. The image of the pregnant Mary going a distance to visit her cousin is a symbol of willingness to look beyond one's own needs to the needs of others. When have you witnessed that kind of generosity in others, or have been able to act in this way yourself?
3. Mary is praised for her faith, because she believed the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled. In what ways have you experienced blessings from your faith and trust in God's promises? @Intercom

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

If you are going away for Christmas-Christmas envelopes are available at the back and porch of the church. By tradition, the Christmas and Easter envelopes are the parishioner's kind gift and provide each priest with a salary. If you would like to make your donation as a more personal gift, please enclose it in an envelope or Christmas card – they brighten up the Presbytery! Thank you.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
DURING CHRISTMAS PERIOD.**

Parish office will be closed from Friday 21st December to 7th January 2019. For any urgent matters, please call and leave a message on 0207 607 3594 or email your question to holloway@rcdow.org.uk