**A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster**

**62 Eden Grove, Holloway London N7 8EN**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Sunday 25th December 2016.**

**Envelopes: £1,105.10**

**Loose: £ 699.32**

**Standing Orders £ 844.75(Oct**/week)

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

**FORGOTTEN to bring some money for the collection? Just text “PARISH HOLLO” to this number: 70800, to donate £5 automatically. This amount will be added to your phone bill.**

**For Online giving** **go to:**

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk and click **support.** Thank you.

**CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF**

**JESUS, HOLLOWAY**

**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.

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Gideon Wagay**

**Mrs. Elizabeth Ocampo- Admin Assistant**

**Parish Office opening times for Admin**

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



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**25th December Sunday**

**The Nativity of the Lord- Christmas Day**

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST - A HOLY CHRISTMAS**

As we gather to celebrate this beautiful feast of Christmas, we can reflect on a year of many events, public and private, that have touched our lives and those of others in our parish in many different ways. As I write this message, foremost in my mind are the people in Syria, and particularly those in Aleppo queueing to escape their war-torn city. Among them are children who have never experienced peace and joy in this world. In the news this week was a terror attack in a Christmas market in Berlin, reminiscent of the tragedy earlier on this year in Nice in France. We have witnessed great tragedies; but we, as a community, are called to do what we can to move forward.

We can do that by celebrating Christmas in its truest sense: by putting aside the secular commercialisation of our holy feast, celebrating simply, in silence, and praying that the healing and peace promised to us by Christ will be given to us in abundance. Perhaps we can reclaim some of what this holy day is meant to be.

We know that there are hearts right here in our parish community that will be hurting again on Christmas morning when that one person is not there to open their gifts. Let us say a prayer for those for whom this day will never be the same again and hugs for those surrounding you whose life you hold as a precious. We need to know that even in these darkest hours, there is still light, light that is brighter than the great star over Bethlehem, light that will take us to the place where we need to be. It is the light of the heart of Christ who will heal our brokenness, remove our anger and hurt and fill us with the peace and strength we need to move forward in uncertain times.

Thank you for your prayers; for the many Christmas cards and well wishes, especially for my health, and for all your presents. I pray for a special Christmas for all of us this year, and for all that this holy season can hold for us believers.

**Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year! Fr. Gideon**

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| **1st January Sunday**  **The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God** | **6:00 pm Sat.** Vigil Mass  **8:30 am Sun.**  **11:00 am Sun.** | **Holy Souls.**  **Elizabeth Kelly RIP**  **Margaret Keohane RIP**  **Frances Byrne R.I.P**  **Jerry Kennelly R.I.P**  **Josie O’Brien R.I.P.** |
| 26th December Monday  St Stephen | **10:00 am Mass** | Fr Philip Kamaranchath  R.I.P Anniversary |
| 27th December Tuesday | **No Mass** |  |
| 28th December Wednesday  The Holy Innocents | **9:15 am Mass** | Martin McCarthy R.I.P |
| 29th December Thursday  St Thomas Becket | **10:00 am**  **FUNERAL MASS** | **PATRICIA MURPHY R.I.P** |
| 30th December Friday  The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph | **9:15 am Mass** | Christou Family - Ints |
| **31st December Saturday** | **6:00 pm Vigil Mass** | **Holy Souls – Private Ints** |
| **1st January 2017**  **Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God** | **8:30 am Mass**  **11:00 am Mass** | Frances Byrne R.I.P  For the Parish |

**Are you ready to volunteer and make a difference in Lourdes? Would you like to be a Red Cap?**

Every year the Diocese of Westminster takes a pilgrimage to Lourdes. If you are between 16 and 18, you can serve as a “**Red Cap”** helping people in wheelchairs and taking part in the processions and many other tasks. Please contact Katrina Lavery at **Katrina.lavery@clovershipping.com** for more information.

If you are over 18, you can also volunteer as a **St. Frai Helper.** Sick Pilgrims stay in the Accueil St. Frai, looked after by volunteer nurses and doctors. Your role as a St.Frai helper would be to give support to the team of nurses and doctors – the sort of care for which you don’t need medical qualifications, such as getting the pilgrims ready, taking them to various pilgrimage events, shopping etc., There will be a rota and shared timetable. Volunteering in Lourdes is an extremely rewarding experience. **You will be** **leaving on 24th July** and return on **Saturday 30th** July. If you are interested please email Nick Leonard at wesminstersfrai@gmail.com

**Church Cleaning-** The church gets a lot of use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. TO JOIN THE TEAM, it takes 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 3:00pm.

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE**

**www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk**

**Church Cleaning- If you want to volunteer to join the team please contact Juliana on 07960541286.**

**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, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Maria Louis, Ada Bacarini, Lucy Ugoala, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Ray Pine, 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**:

John Mazzoni, Beryl & Rudi Genovese, Margaret Cooney, Maureen Finer, Jack Curley, Joseph Kalathara, Ykaalo Micael, Sarah Crosby, Theresa Suporn, Dominic Pereira, John Danquah, Mary Tisseverasinghe, Mary Moran, Dennis Lonergan, Sarah Toolan Dennis Lonergan, Myra Richards, Larry Wims, Michael Brobbey.

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Rosa Nicolas, Patricia Murphy, Noel Kennedy, Marianne Formosa, Paddy McGuire, Paddy Enright, Vicky Knight, Teresa Russell William Gonzalez, Agnes Alexander, Gavin McFadyen Frankie Alfante, Federico and Constancia Delfin, Sarah Lane, Daphne Mae Bedingfield, Alice Harkin, Edwina Tomkin, Dominica Solari, Jimmy O’Reilly, John Harkin, Joel Roque.

**“*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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

Next session is on **Sunday 8th January.**

Please be on time for the **11:00 am Mass.**

The parent’s meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th January at 7:00pm.**

**CONFIRMATION 2017**

The first meeting with parents will be on **Thursday 5th January at 7:00pm**. First session for the youth is on **Thursday 19th January**.

**MARRIAGE**

Six months’ notice must be given, even if you’re marrying elsewhere, we must do preparation and paperwork. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: **holloway@rcdow.org.uk**

**Not Catholic But Curious – RCIA**

RCIA pre-catechumens will meet weekly on Saturday evenings at 7:00pm after the Saturday Vigil Mass from the first full week of January (7th January 2017). Please support us with your prayers. For more information on this or other Catechetical programmes, please contact Edmund on **edmunddean@rcddow.org.uk**

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)-** meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 11:00am Mass. All mothers welcome.

**WINNERS –CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW 2016**

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

**1st Prize - £400 – Olivia Murray No. 06762**

**2nd Prize - £300 – Kathy Fitzpatrick No.04899**

**3rd Prize Motown The Musical – S. Hunt**

**No.01648**

**4th Prize - £200 – Xav Castillo - No. 02345**

**5th Prize- £100 – A.M. Wright no. 08516**

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**: Your offering in the collection on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are a significant contribution to the support of the parish clergy. Priests do not receive a salary or wages from the Diocese or anywhere else but depend entirely on the generosity of parishioners for their income. Special envelopes are available in porch or in pews.

**ALTERNATIVE WAY TO CELEBRATE NEW YEAR’S EVE (CELEBRATION MASS)**

Venue: St. Aloysius Church, 20 Phoenix road, London NW1 1TA (Euston Tube)

**New Year’s Eve Lift Jesus High**

The celebration will begin with a time of praise and worship followed by Mass which will end around 11:30pm, allowing you to celebrate the New Year coming in with those present and with absent friends and family. Around 1:00pm, for those who wish to stay, this is the time of praise and worship, healing prayer and intercession in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Come along. Bring food to share and soft drinks. No alcohol please.

**Faith Matters**

Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH pathwaystogod.org 0207-495-1673

**-New Beginnings**

Saturday 7th January 11am-4pm Lynne Galloway. Take time to pause for prayerful reflection on the road you travelled in 2016 and to place your year ahead into the hands of God prayerfully considering what God might be inviting you to at this time of a new beginnings.

**Life In the Spirit Seminar 19 Jan to 23 Feb**

Soul Food Catholic charismatic prayer group will be running a Life in the Spirit Seminar starting 19th January 2017 every Thursday for 6 weeks. The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a back to basics exploration of the Good News that leads to a real and deep knowledge and experience of God’s love for us. It renews and transforms lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. For full details and to register for the Life in the Spirit Seminar, please visit [http://www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss](https://webmail.rcdow.org.uk/owa/redir.aspx?C=OHmhYXaz1tfqTY-panYHseV3MzE-zMPyShlbtD4VghzU1ihf7xnUCA..&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.soulfoodgroup.org%2fliss)

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