#### **NEWSLETTER**



 **Church of the**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Offertory Collections**

**Sunday 18th May 2014**

**Envelopes: £476.38**

**Loose: £482.42**

**Standing Orders £573.75** (Apr./Week)

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

**JUST MOVED in to the PARISH?**

Welcome. Please register by completing a registration form from the office.

**PLANNED GIVING (OFFERING)**

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.

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Sr Naomi office hours: Monday10:00-12:00, 13:00-16:00

**Parish Office opening times for Admin**

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

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| **Sunday 25th May****Sixth Sunday of Easter***(Next Sunday Collection for Catholic Communications)* | **(6.00pm** **Sat. Vigil Mass)****8:30 AM****10:15 AM****12:00 PM** | **Frank Davis R.I.P****For the Parish****Doreen King R.I.P****James Morrissey – Anniv****First Holy Communion Mass** **(2nd Group)** |
| **26th May Monday****St Philip Neri.** | 10:00 am Mass  | Mary Loftus - Intentions |
| **27th May Tuesday**  | No Mass |  |
| **28th May Wednesday** **Easter Feria** | 10:00am Funeral Mass | Henry Dolan – R.I.P |
| **29th May Thursday** | 9:15am Mass  | Patrick & Bridget Gorman R.I.P |
| **30th May Friday** **Easter Feria** | 9:15am Mass  | Joe & Pat Malone R.I.P |
| **31st May Saturday** **CONFIRMATION MASS** | **6:00pm:** **(Sat. Vigil Mass)**  | Frank Davis R.I.P |
| **Sunday 1st June****The Ascension****of the Lord*****(Collection for Catholic Communication*)** | **8:30 AM****10:15 AM****12:00 PM** | **For the Parish****Pablo Ciro – Intentions****Nora Carroll R.I.P** |

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**25th MAY 2014**

**‘Pie in the Sky’**

To an atheist - once described as someone with no invisible means of support - Christian hope must seem like a cry to on high for pie in the sky. What Christians hope for, i.e., a new heaven and a new earth, has no scientific basis.

Indeed it can’t have. At present, all that science can ultimately foresee is frozen waste of nothingness. The heart- warming prospect of blissful eternal life has no basis other than in the words of God (Rev21:1).

In today’s second reading (1Pet 3:15-18) Peter exhorts us to be ready always to defend that hope. And we do that basically by showing how God has kept his promises historically and by showing that his promises continue to be fulfilled today.

Historically, God promised the seemingly impossible only to fulfill it: Abraham and Sarah in advanced age beget a son, down-trodden Hebrews gain freedom from their super-power slave-masters; an eagerly awaited Messiah comes, but in the most unexpected manner. Killed and seemingly defeated, he rises from death to fulfil his mission.

Today, God’s promises continue to be fulfilled. God continues to bless us with new life, with freedom from slavery to sin, with the promise and hope of resurrection.

Yet, perhaps there is one other way to defend that hope: by allowing it to put pep in our step. @intercom

**Thank you for helping the Priest Training Fund**.

Last weekend this parish raised £609.80 and all of this money will be used to encourage vocations and to fund the training of priests. If you have not yet made a donation, please give as much as you can. You will find envelopes at the back of the church. You can also make a donation online by visiting **www.rcdow.org.uk/donations**

**Fr. Gideon**

**MUSINGS**

We are invited today to be always ready to give reason for the hope that is in us. Some months ago, Pope Francis, speaking about the virtue of Hope, observed that ‘hope is not mere optimism, but a link to eternal life’, following this up with a question, ‘Where are we anchored, each of us?’ (29 October 2013). That anchor can be located either in our own capacities or in God’s providence. I once heard the distinction between optimism and hope explained as follows: Optimists believe that they or others can; those with hope know that God will. @intercom

 **THE CALIX SOCIETY**

Supports Catholics in recovery from addiction. Groups meet in different locations around London. For more information go to: [www.calixlondon.org.uk](http://www.calixlondon.org.uk)

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS**

 **Second Group**

**Hyabiel Amaniel,**

**Albie Tommy Martyn Dedman, Sienna Meadow Falcone-Quinn, Davon Daniel Gordon-Hunte, Jayden Jacy Harrison,**

**Hermela Mehari,**

**Henry Restrepo,**

**Taylor-Lee James Stimpson,**

**Alexander Baynes- Griffin,**

**Jake William Anthony Earl, David Fessehaye, Yotam Habtai, Martin Abdulai Kargbo, Valentino Reid, Nathan Samuel, Cynthia Yeboah-kwarteng**

**DECORATING AND CHURCH CLEANING**

We need new volunteers .We need teams, so the commitment can be once a month for about an hour. Please contact Juliana: 07960541286

Help would also be appreciated with the arranging of flowers.

**NEW PARISH NOTICEBOARD**

There is a new noticeboard to the right of the main door which has details of parish events and activities. Please keep an eye on it and join our prayer & social events**.**

**“DAY FOR LIFE”**

In a special message to Catholics across Britain and Ireland for the annual Day for Life, Pope Francis has emphasised the need to care for life from conception to natural end.

In his message, he says that all life has inestimable value ‘even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.’

He has promised his prayers that ‘Day for Life will help to ensure that human life always receives the protection that it is due.’

Over half-a-million leaflets have been sent to parishes in England and Wales in readiness for Day for Life – Sunday, 28 July.

The theme of the Day is ‘Care for Life – It’s Worth It’ taken from a homily preached by Cardinal Bergoglio in 2005 during a Mass in honour of the protector of Pregnant Women, Saint Raymond Nonnatus.

Within this homily, the now Pope Francis said:

“All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth… to give life is to open (our) heart, and to care for life is to (give oneself) in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others.

“Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing… So, go forth and don’t be discouraged. Care for life. It’s worth it.”

This year’s Day for Life focuses on care for unborn children and their mothers; care for people who are elderly and care for those who are suicidal and their families.

One of its key aims is to build an environment of compassion and care that nurtures and sustains life, even in the most challenging of human events and personal circumstances.

**Message from Pope Francis to Catholics in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales**

“Calling to mind the teaching of Saint Irenaeus that the glory of God is seen in a living human being, the Holy Father encourages all of you to let the light of that glory shine so brightly that everyone may come to recognise the inestimate value of all human life.

Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.

**BAPTISM**

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

**Next parents’ and godparents’ meeting Tuesday15th July at 7.30, meeting room.**

**MARRIAGE**

Six months’ notice must be given for marriage, whether here or elsewhere. The parish in which you are a resident has to do preparation and paperwork. Couples considering marriage should speak to the priest well in advance. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2013-14**

**First Holy Communion Mass** will be at the 12:00 Mass on 25th May.

**Mass of** **Thanksgiving** will be **on 8th June at 10.15 followed by breakfast and giving of certificates in School.**

**CONFIRMATION 2014**

The rehearsal for Confirmation Mass will be on **Thursday 29th May at 7:00pm.** **Confirmation Mass** will be on 31st May at 6:00pm.

**ENQUIRERS’ GROUP**

If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic; or you would like to be Confirmed; or you would just like to know more about your faith, this group is for you. **Next meeting on Weds 4th June at 2.30pm** in the meeting room .

**CHILDRENS’ LITURGY TRAINING**

For all those working with children’s liturgy and those interested in this work. **Tuesday 3rd and 10th June, 7.30-9pm** in the Meeting Room. You should attend both sessions.

**MONDAY MORNING COFFEE**

After 9:15am Mass, for parents/carers and toddlers (but everyone welcome).

 **NEW PARISH WEBSITE**

[**www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk**](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk)

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

[**www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk**](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk)

**KOLBE’S GIFT**

**1st -5th October 2013 at Leicester Theatre**

See poster in porch. To book, visit [www.kolbesgift.com](http://www.kolbesgift.com) or

phone the theatre box office on 08448 733433

 **RETROUVAILLE:**

Offers a lifeline to troubled marriages. Backed by prayer, this programme has healed and turned around thousands of marriages on the brink of collapse and even brought divorced couples back together again.

The next programme starts on the 27th – 29th September 2013. Don’t miss this lifeline if your marriage is painful – visit: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or email info@retrouvaille.org.uk or call or text 0797 388 0443 in complete confidence.

 **CONFIRMATION PHOTOS**

Photographs and CDs from Confirmation of June 15 2013 are now available. View albums and Order forms in the parish office. Also for further information you can contact photographer 07976 747 901 or email justinpip@yahoo.com

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)**

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

**LEARNING FOR EVERYONE**

**Faith Matters: Lumen Fidei, Light of Faith, Pope Francis’ Encyclical Letter**.

These are public lectures and all are welcome. 5 June 2014, Lumen Fidei – Some Implications for Christian Living by Rev Dr Micahel O’Boy, Vice-Rector, Allen Hall. At **7.00 – 8.30pm,** Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN. Registration is required at rcdow.org.uk/faith/faith-matters.

**SPIRIT IN THE CITY11 to 14 JUN 2014**

Spirit in the City is a celebration of Christian faith in the heart of London, hosted by the Catholic churches in the West End. The annual festival aims to share the Good news of Christianity, and welcomes people of all faiths, ages and walks of life in the middle of the entertainment district. The events feature live music, workshops, talks, opportunities for prayer, reflection and reconciliation. For full programme go to www.spiritinthecity.org/news-events

 **‘CELEBRATE’ FAMILY FESTIVAL**

A weekend of charismatic prayer, talks, workshops, and fun suitable for all the family. Held at Twickenham 28th and 29th **June.** Sr. Naomi is going and several others. Please take a form from the new parish noticeboard and sign up on the list so that we can go or meet up as a parish group.

 **CAFOD visitors from Ethiopia** Tuesday, 3 June, 6pm to 8:30pm. You are invited to hear a first-hand account of how your donations to CAFOD are enabling communities in Ethiopia improve access to clean water. Talk will take place at CAFOD’s office in Lambeth, SE1 7JB. To book for this event, contact CAFOD Westminster on 0208 449 6970, or email westminster@cafod.org.uk

 **SVP ST JOHN BOSCO CAMP** offers children aged 8-13 a sports activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. The camp is especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. There are three weeks of the camp: For boys 26th July to 2nd August or 2nd to 9th August. For girls: 9th -16th August. See poster in porch or go to [www.svpboscocamp.org.uk](http://www.svpboscocamp.org.uk).

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 17-25 November**, £1,495 per person, single room supplement £275 per person. All information on notice board in porch.

**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:**

Eileen Elly, Margaret Lonergan, Helen Bradley, Ashia Darr, Betty McMahon, Stephanie Enepi, Clive Bromhill, Agnes Alexander, John Breslin, Margaret Deignan, Michael Cole, Diana Johnson, Cedric Cowell, Alison McGoff, Michael Barber, Tanya Ba Obeid, Florence McGrath, Chris Eisen, Jim Spencer, Margaret Hughes, Mary Egan, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Peter Finn, Myrtle Hughes, Lillian Appino, Nessa Healy, Anne Franklin, Mary Morrissey, James McNamara, Patrick Enright, Ernie Fisher, Erin Connor, Julia White, Edwina Toson, Elizabeth Young, Pascal Philgence, Jennifer Blundell, Pauline Hunt, Anne Nicolas, ***and******all who are sick and housebound in the parish.***

 **Anniversaries**:

Joe Neary, William Crosby, Anna Morrisey, Michael Houlihan, Nora O’Reilly, Kevin O’Brien, Chris Doyle, Bruno Solari, Margaret Cooney, George Johnson, Elizabeth Ellis, Dolores Winters, Barney Doherty.

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Henry Dolan, Eduard Donnelly, Brian McNally, Anthony Mulvey, Madeleine Allen, Monica Devereux, Jerry Murtagh, Betty McMahon, Mary Costin, Bill Millet, Dora Tomson, Anson Gamy, Katie Magner

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

**COLLECTION BOX for the**