

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 19th March 2017.

Envelopes: £561.59

Loose: £352.33

Standing Orders £940.25(Feb/week)

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

Text Giving- 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, please go to: www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk and click support. Thank you.

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent 26th March 2017

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

26 th March 2017 Fourth Sunday of Lent	6:00 pm Sat. Vigil Mass 8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	Theresa Suporn R.I.P Frances Byrne R.I.P-Anniv Teresa Kennelly R.I.P Anniversary
27 th March Monday	9:15 am Mass	Daniel Kelly R.I.P
28 th March Tuesday	No Mass.	
29 th March Wednesday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Maria Louis -Thanksgiving Also Y6G and Y6R from School at Mass.
30 th March Thursday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Baby Taylor - Intentions
31 st March Friday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass followed by Adoration until 11:00am.	Holy Souls- Private Ints Theresa Branford- Thanksgiving 7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
1 st April Saturday Lent Feria	11:00 – 12:00 am 6:00 pm Vigil Mass (followed by Evening Prayer)	Confessions or by appointment Norme Egero R.I.P
2 nd April 2017 Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	Gordon Witt R.I.P Anthony Bove R.I.P

The Deep End-We are not blind, surely?

What a convoluted Gospel we have today. The healing of blind man unleashes a chain of chaos and confusion. His neighbours are dumbfounded, the Pharisees are suspicious and at war with another, and the Jews are cynical, even calling in the man's parents as witnesses.

The character of Jesus, and of the blind man, are called into question as everyone tries to figure out what has happened. Jesus and the man who has been healed are both accused of being sinner. The interrogators even ridicule the man, asking, 'Are you trying to teach us, and you a sinner through and through?'

But things are simple for the man who has experienced Jesus' healing. He knows what he has witnessed, and is ready and willing to attest to it. 'If this man were not from God, 'he says, 'he couldn't do thing. 'He understand that his encounter with Jesus was extraordinary.

Jesus finally clears up the confusion, turning everything on its head, as is often his way. It is the man who had been blind who sees things clearly are the ones who are really blind to the truth. 'We are not blind, surely?' is the question facing all of us as we advance through Lent. Are we open to the Good News and the healing power of Jesus?

CARDINAL APPEAL - LENTEN ALMS

This weekend special leaflet envelopes are being distributed to support our Lenten Almsgiving, benefitting the Cardinal's Appeal. Please make sure to take one and read about this important Appeal which helps fund evangelisation programmes, marriage and family life promotional efforts, and our presence in charitable works and service in society, especially among those on the margins. Please use the Cardinal Appeal leaflet/envelopes to make your Lenten gift and place it in the Lenten collection basket. Please make the Cardinal Appeal's part of your Lenten Almsgiving and sacrifice for the benefit of others and the Church's dynamic efforts to increase outreach in the three focal areas of ministry. Thank you for your generosity.

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:

Ludvinia King, Justino Villegas, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Maria Louis, Ada Bacarini, Lucy Ugoala, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Mary Wong, Sarah Lane, Christopher Fradley,, Charlie Crane Michael Cole, Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen *and all who are sick and housebound in the parish*

Anniversaries: Frances Byrne, Beryl Genovese, Tania Ba-Obeid, Pauric Dolan, Edwards Wojpon, Helen Bradley, Madeline Allen, Clifford Price, Rudi Genovese, Maria Bright, Teresa Kennelly, Thomas Roche,

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Anthony Bove, John Hickey, Jose Batuca Ferreira, Emmanuel, Nell Carroll, Sylvia Domingo, Myrtle Hughes, Robert L'Strange, Rosa Nicolas, Patricia Murphy, Patricia Coughlan, Noel Kennedy, Marianne Formosa, Paddy McGuire, Paddy Enright, Vicky Knight, Teresa Russell, Agnes Alexander, Daphne Mae Bedingfield, Alice Harkin, Dominica Solari.

"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..

Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament- after the morning Mass on Fridays during the season of Lent from approx. **09:45 to 10:00 am.**

SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISM

Babies are usually baptised in the first **6 months** after birth. 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. Next meeting for parents and godparents to be confirmed. Please contact or see Edmund or Elizabeth in the parish office either by phone 0207 697 3594 or in person **Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Today is the last day before the Easter break for children's participation in the First Holy Communion Program.

The next and final session for children will be on Sunday 23 April 11:00 am.

Next parents' meeting is on Wednesday 29 March at 7:00 pm. This is a very important meeting; please make sure you attend. Children do not need to attend this meeting.

CONFIRMATION

The next Confirmation session will be on **Thursday 30 March from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.**

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**

RCIA

On Saturdays in Lent, our newly Enrolled Catechumens and Adult Candidates will be leading **Evening Prayer after the 6 pm Mass** on Saturday evenings. Please join us!

For more information on any of our Catechetical programmes, please contact Edmund: **edmunddean@rcdow.org.uk**

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:

Support for persecuted Christians – That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church. Urgent Intention: For the Pope: "I ask, please, for your prayers for me and my collaborators..." Pope Francis

CHOIR PRACTICE Thursday 8:00pm at the Parish house. Everyone welcome

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new boxes of envelopes for planned giving are now available at the back of the church. If your name or address are incorrect on your box, please let the office know as soon as possible so that we can amend our records. If you are new to the parish, or would like a box of envelopes, or would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme or would prefer to pay by Bankers Order, please write your name and address with your phone number in the board/chart provided. Or email us: **holloway@rcdow.org.uk**. For more information kindly visit the **parish website:** **www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk** and **click support.**

CAFOD Lent Fast Day Collection- will remain open for another week. Drop your envelopes to the collection basket after Mass during the season of Lent. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross: During Fridays of the season of Lent at 7:00 pm we will pray the Stations of the Cross, walking with Jesus in his final hours and his crucifixion on Calvary.

We adore You O Christ, and we praise You because by Your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world!

FAITH MATTERS:

28th March- "Seeing Mercy" by Fr. Geoffrey Wheaton, SJ, Jesuit Priest. **Where:** Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. **When:** 7:00pm-8:00pm. Registration required. Email at **livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk** or leave a message at 0207931 6078.

HEALTH & SAFETY: we take the safety of everybody very seriously and the Diocese provides a company who assist us with regular checks of all our buildings. Please observe any safety notices such as:

No persons below the age of 12 are allowed in the balcony.

No children's bicycles and scooters are allowed to be used inside the church and inside the parish centre.

Children using toilet facilities in the Church and in the Parish Centre should be supervised by their parents/guardians. The safeguarding of children has absolute priority and parents/carers are reminded of their responsibilities.

MUSINGS

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'As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth...'

The opening question of the disciples was, 'Who is to blame?' This is a common question in the media today; perhaps it is part of my vocabulary. Jesus reminds his disciples, and us, that sometimes no one is on to blame but that difficult situations present an opportunity for us to be drawn into God's presence.

Lord, there were times I was lost and found, was blind and then could see. Thank you. The man's blindness is cured, but the blindness of those who won't believe in Jesus remains. I think of how I grope, stumble and am unsure of my direction unless I can rely on Jesus, the light of the world.

Many hands make light work:

Church Cleaning: The church gets a lot of use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. TO JOIN THE TEAM, it takes about 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 this 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 1:30pm. All are welcome.

COME AND SEE- Ignacio de Loyola

You are invited to view the London screening April 9, 2017 - Palm Sunday
Venue: Regent Street Cinema 309 Regent Street London W1B 2HW. Book tickets for 14:00 Screening / 17:30 screening.
<https://www.regentstreetcinema.com/programme/ignacio-de-loyola> or call the box office on 020 7911 5050

Refugee Crisis update by Bishop's Conference of England and Wales – see catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/Refugee-Crisis-Open-Your-Hearts