#### **NEWSLETTER**



**Church of the**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Offertory Collections**

**Sunday 20th April 2014**

**Envelopes**: £818.90

**Loose**: £402.60

Holy Places Collection: £312.10

**Standing Orders** £696.00 (Mar./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.**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**27th APRIL 2014**

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| ***Sunday 27th April***  ***Second Sunday of Easter***  ***(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)*** | **8:30 AM**  **10:15 AM**  **12:00 PM** | **Johnny Lydon R.I.P**  **Jun and Dinah Teriote Intentions**  **Joe Neary R.I.P.** |
| **28th April Monday**  **St George, Martyr,**  **Patron of England** | 9:15am Mass | Nelly O’Mahoney R.I.P. |
| **29th April Tuesday** | No Mass |  |
| **30th April Wednesday Easter feria** | 9:15am Mass  12:00 Funeral Mass | Varela Family – Intentions  Edward Joseph Donnelly R.I.P |
| **1st May Thursday**  **Easter** feria | 9:15am Mass | Kitty O’Dowd R.I.P. |
| **2nd May Friday**  **St Athanasius** | 9:15am Mass | For the Parish |
| **3rd May Saturday**  **STS Philip and James Apostles** | **6:00pm:**  **(Sat. Vigil Mass)** | Joseph de Sonza R.I.P |
| **Sunday 4th May**  **Third Sunday of Easter**  (Next Sunday Priest training fund collection) | **8:30 AM**  **10:15 AM**  **12:00 PM** | **Private Intentions**  **Michael Houlihan R.I.P**  **For the Parish** |

***‘So that you may believe’***

‘As the father sent me, so am I sending you.’ Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday. I was sitting in a Hospital waiting room recently when two elderly women came in. They sat down and quietly began to recite the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy together. Afterwards they handed out Miraculous Medals to those in the room, before heading on their way to visit a patient.

Their simple act of prayer was moving, as was the willingness to pass on their faith to others. It made me think of how the faith we have today has been guarded and passed down through the generations, through prayers, devotions and practices. Our task is to continue to carry the torch.

Today’s Gospel recalls one of the first encounters of the disciples with Jesus after he rose from the dead. The end of the Gospel tells us that these things were recorded ‘so that you may believe’. The faith we celebrate today has come down from these very disciples.

We were not there when Jesus appeared to the disciples, but we experience his presence in the Christian community.

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**May the Easter Season bring joy and blessings to all in our parish community, as we rejoice in the Risen Lord and await the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.**

**MUSINGS**

There is a story told of a French soldier who deserted his post in Napoleon’s army, but did not make it very far before being captured and hauled back to face what he expected to be certain execution. In desperation, the soldier’s mother managed to get an audience with Napoleon to plead for her son’s life, begging that he was shown mercy. Napoleon stared blankly at her and, having stressed the seriousness of her son’s crime, barked ’He doesn’t deserve mercy!’ ‘I know he doesn’t,’ his mother quickly replied, ‘for if he did, it wouldn’t be mercy’

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**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)

**A DAY WITH MARY**

Lanherne Convent, St. Mawgan, Newquay, Cornwall TR8 4ER on Saturday 3rd May from 10:00am to 5:30pm.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

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

**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.

**GROWING IN FAITH FUNDRAISING**

I’m still waiting for a few pledge forms to be returned. Kindly post it to me or directly to the Growing in Faith office. Thank you.

Fr. Gideon.

**Annual Collection for the Priest’s Training Fund- 11th May 2014**

The annual collection takes place on 11th May which is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

**Fr. Gideon is away for his Easter break.**

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**“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.

**LEARNING FOR EVERYONE**

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

These are public lectures and all are welcome. *15 May,* ***The Joy of Believing and Belonging*** by Fr John Farrell, OP

*29 May,* ***Unless You Believe, You will not Understand*** by Fr John Hemer MHM,

At 7.00 – 8.30pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN. Registration is required at rcdow.org.uk/faith/faith-matters or phone 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £3.

**GRAND ORGAN FESTIVAL**

The Grand Organ Festival 2014 opens on Wednesday next week, 30th April, at 7.30pm with a recital by the legendary Philippe Lefebvre, one of the Titulaires des Grandes Orgues of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The full season brochure for the GOF is available to download on Westminster Cathedral's website: <http://www.westminstercathedral.org.uk/downloads/2014>.

**THE JOY OF PRIESTHOOD**

A retreat day for men (18+) discerning a calling to the priesthood on Saturday 10th May at Allen Hall Seminary. For more info and register contact Fr. Richard at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk)

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**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.

**‘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.

**Sr. Naomi is away this Monday.**

**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 need to attend some baptism preparation beforehand.

**Next parents’ and godparents’ meeting Tuesday 20th May at 7.30, meeting room.**

**MARRIAGE**

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2013-14**

The next session will be on 11th May 10:15am**.** Please arrive promptly.

**CONFIRMATION 2014**

The next candidates’ session will be on **Thursday 1st May 7:00-8:30pm**. All candidates must attend!

**ENQUIRERS’ GROUP**

If you are interested in 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 30th April at 2.30pm** in the meeting room with Sr. Naomi. If this date does not suit you, please speak to Sr. Naomi.

**MONDAY MORNING COFFEE**

After 9:15am Mass, for parents/carers and toddlers (but everyone welcome). Resumes 5th May in the meeting room.

**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](mailto: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.

**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, Beryl Genovese, Gloria Cabuhal, Mary Gill, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Joseph De Souza, Kevin O’Brien, Nicholas Gordon De Nobrega ,Eddie Gorman, Peter Price, Margaret Lonergan, Michael Ginty, Bill Devereux, John O’Rourke, John Danquah, Ann Rainsford, Bill Nevin,

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:** Brian McNally, Anthony Mulvey, Madeleine Allen, Monica Devereux, Celia Donovan, Mary Noolan, Jeanette Caruana, Kathleen Rainsford, Kitty Magner, Derrick Dick, Mary Hefferman, Maureen Bellemy, Alf Dorrington, Peter Augustine, Rita Burdis, John McCormack, Joseph McRedmond, Sean Enright, Brian Wright, Roy Lundy, Lisa McKenna, Michael Joseph L’Estrange, Nancy Doyle, Joseph David, Claire Campbell, Mark Griffin, Tony Rooney, John Murphy,

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

**COLLECTION BOX for the**