

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 20th December 2015.

Envelopes: £ 774.90

Loose: £ 350.00

Standing Orders £1,019 (Nov/Week)

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

JUST MOVED in to the PARISH?

Welcome! Please register by completing a registration form at the parish office.

PLANNED GIVING (TITHING)

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.

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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Parish Office opening times for Admin

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



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

27th December	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	For the Parish
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8:30 AM	Sara Crosby – R.I.P
	11:00AM	Morrissey Family - Ints
28th December Monday The Holy Innocents	9:15 am Mass	Martin McCarthy R.I.P
29th December Tuesday	No Mass	
30th December Wed. 6th day in the Octave of Christmas	9:15 am Mass	Christou Family- Intentions
Thursday 31st December St Silvester	9:15 am Mass	Sam McKinney R.I.P.
Friday 1st January 2016 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	10:00am Mass	For the Parish
2nd January Saturday St Basil The Great & Gregory Nazianzen	6:00pm (Vigil Mass) (Sat . Vigil Mass)	Michael Gill – R.I.P
3rd January The Epiphany of the Lord.	8:30 am Mass	Gordon Witt R.I.P
	11:00am Mass	Mary Wong's Intentions

NEWSLETTER 27th December 2015

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Deep End - The Missing Child

Today's is both an ordinary and extraordinary family story. A missing child is something that happens to most families at one stage or another. 'I thought (s)he was with you!' is the usual panicked exclamation. Returning from Jerusalem, Mary and Joseph assumed Jesus was with the caravan. Panic ensued when he couldn't be found among their family and friends. There is a dash back to Jerusalem- a whole day's journey away, and it takes three long days to find him. They must have been beside themselves with worry, thinking they had lost their son forever. We are told they were 'overcome' when they found him in the Temple- as well they might be. Jesus' parents didn't understand what he meant by his cryptic reference to 'my Father's affairs'. But Mary stored up 'all these things' in her heart, accepting the mysterious workings of God. As the only story in the Gospels from Jesus' childhood, this one takes on greater significance, highlighting Jesus' quite ordinary family life while also setting the scene for his future mission. We might wonder what other experiences they had as Jesus was growing up. Were there other times when Mary was struck by Jesus' wisdom and strangeness? When did she realise what was ahead for him, and for herself?

Triona Doherty@intercom

FAMILY LIFE

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes – can disconnect – then we shouldn't be find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children too) can probably relate to – and take some solace in – the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

@straymond's

THANK YOU

To so many wonderful people...adults and children who helped to make our Christmas celebrations beautiful. The decorations, the Choir, the Music, the Servers, the readers, the cleaners, everyone had a part to play and we all benefited from such dedication to honouring the Lord Jesus. Happy New Year. *Many, Many Thanks. Fr. G*

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:

Gerry Johnson, Lucy Ugoala, Eileen Towey, Joan Neary, Rosa Nicholas, Mary Wong, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Sarah Lane, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Lily Chiwuoke. Charlie Crane, Stella Turner, Michael Cole, Steadman Descartes, Joe Samuels, John and Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Maria Ward, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Margaret Lonergan, Eileen Lucas, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Chris Eisen, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi. Ada Bacarini

and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries:

Peter Sheridan, Gordon Witt, John O'Roarke, Chris Reilly, Clifford Price, Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, Bill Devereux. Ykaalo-Micael, John Danquah, Josie O'Brien, Theresa Suporn, Sarah Toolan, Sarah Crosby, Mary Moran, Clifford Price.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Baldish Johal, Nezah Tesfu, Peter Joseph Heavin, Michael Gill, Theresa Carr, Mary Tisseverasinghe, Michael Coughlan, Florencio Fusin, Paulus Awondatu, Menchi de Castro, Sam McKinney, Felixiene Henry, Brian Morris, Florence McGrath, John Mazzoni, Michael Prior, Frances Byrne, Helen Bradley, Andrew O'Brien.

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

PARISH WEBSITE

Did you know that you can read the newsletter online? Go to:

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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Funeral Plans available.

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.

The next parents' and Godparents' meeting will be announced next term, 2016.

MARRIAGE

Six months' notice must be given for marriage, whether here or elsewhere. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015-2016

The next session is on **Sunday at 9:30 am on 10th January 2016.**

CONFIRMATION:

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are illegible to join the Confirmation Programme 2016. Application forms are available at the end of Mass or collect it from the Parish office during office hours on Tues, Thurs, Friday. The application forms should be returned by **17th January 2016.**

EVANGELISATION

Learn about the Catholic Faith online:

WITH SYMBOLON- 20 programmes of approximately half an hour each that give clear and inspiring lessons on some of the most aspects of our Faith. Log on to watch any of the programmes at any time on any device that is connected to the internet. This series is well recommended. Tell your friends.

WITH SYCAMORE- this is another resource that is again available on the internet. Sycamore is a series of 10 programmes that gently introduce viewers to Christianity. www.sycamore.fm

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR:

A six-week back to basics exploration of the Good News that leads to a real and deep knowledge and experience God's love for us. **Every Thursday 7-9pm 21 Jan-25Feb 2016 at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 8 Ogle St. W1W 6HS, off Oxford St. (Tube: Warren St. Goodge St). Prepare to be amazed. For more info visit: ww.soulfoodgroup.org/liss**

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS

DRAW 20th December 2015

Winners:

1st prize £400 – Tina McCarthy

2nd prize £300- Paddy McGuire (09006)

3rd prize £200- Bailey (Burns House)

4th prize £100- Rashmi Kalathara (05041)

The Christmas Draw 2015 netted £1395

Thank you for your generous support. All proceeds will go towards repair of the Church's stained glass windows.

LIFT JESUS HIGH

New Year's Eve Celebration Mass.

Principal Celebrant Archbishop Kevin McDonald. Time of celebration with share food just after midnight, please bring some to share. No Alcohol. From 8:30 pm to 6:00am. Venue: St Aloysius RC Church, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston NW1 1TA.

Come along! Bring a friend! All welcome!

JUBILEE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

8th December 2015 to 20th November 2016

...“it is a favourable time to heal wounds, a time of offer everyone the way of forgiveness and reconciliation.” Pope Francis.

Here are the corporal works of mercy...to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked... to shelter the homeless... to care for the sick, to visit the imprisoned, to bury the dead... and here are the spiritual works of mercy... to convert sinners, to instruct the ignorant, to advise the doubtful, to comfort the sorrowful, to bear wrongs patiently, to forgive injuries, to pray for the living and the dead.

There are **7 corporal works of mercy** and **7 spiritual works of mercy**---how about one per day over two weeks--- and then start over again?

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be open at limited times through the holiday season. It will be back to its normal schedule of *Tuesday, Thursday, Friday* (9:30am-3:30pm)beginning on 4th January 2016.

Fr. Gideon will be away on his post Christmas break on 6th January.

Fr. Henry Mobela

We welcome Fr. Henry into the parish. He will be in residence in the Presbytery whilst ministering as the newly appointed chaplain to the Zambian community in London.

MUSINGS

It is a temptation, especially during the Christmas season, for us to romanticise. Today's feast is often an occasion in which the Holy Family (Jesus, Mary and Joseph) is held up as perfectly functioning, beautifully harmonious and a model to be imitated. And yet... it is easy to overlook what must surely have been real-life angst behind what we tend to dress in tinsel every Christmas: an unmarried mother betrothed to a man who is not the child's father; a bewildered Joseph who makes the decision to trust and to stay; a precarious prelude to the child's delivery and subsequent flight to Egypt as refugees. SalvadorRyan@Intercom

REMINDER: Change of the Liturgy for the Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has emphasized the role of Mary as Mother of Mercy. The Cardinal asks that the "Hail Mary" in the Sunday Bidding Prayers be replaced by the 'Hail Holy Queen' throughout the Year of Mercy. We have provided prayer cards for this purpose. Please do **not** take home the Prayer Cards **left in the pews**. They will be used throughout the whole year of Mercy.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Tea and Coffee and Cakes after 11:00am Mass (12:00pm-1:30pm)- the main purpose of this is to bring parishioners together and welcome new parishioners. Mass Cards, Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards are available for sale in the parish hall. Welcome.

Health and Safety –Children under 12 years old will not be allowed in the gallery at all times. Children should be supervised by their parents when they are in the toilets and when crossing the road to the parish community centre.

Church Cleaning- the church gets a lot use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. We are appealing for more volunteers TO JOIN THE TEAM.. Please contact the parish office 02076073594 or Juliana 07960541286

Help for Marriage- RETROUVAILLE: A lifeline for troubled marriages. www.retrouvaille.org.uk