

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 20th November 2016.

Envelopes: £ 507.02

Loose: £ 337.79

Standing Orders £ 844.75(Oct/week)

Sick & Retired Priest Collection £ 633.30

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

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.



27th November Sunday
First Sunday of Advent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

27 th November Sunday First Sunday of Advent	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Holy Souls (<i>We remember especially today those whose names are written in our Box of Remembrance.</i>) John Danqua R.I.P- Anniv.
	8:30 AM	
	11:00AM	Michael, Lucy Ugoala R.I.P Ugoala Family
28 th November Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Libralesso Family
29 th November Tuesday	No Mass	
30 th November Wed. St Andrew	9:15 am Mass Yr. 5P & 5S- coming to Mass.	Chibuzo Lucky Omisa R.I.P (Holy Souls)
1 st December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Gerry de la Cruz – R.I.P
2 nd December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Lina Guarnieri - Intentions
3 rd December Saturday St Francis Xavier Migrants' Day	11:00 – 12:00 am	Confession or by appointment
	6:00pm(Vigil Mass) (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Bill Devereaux R.I.P-Anniv. (Private Intentions)
4 th December Sunday Second Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Mass	Gerry de la Cruz R.I.P
	11:00am Mass	Justino Villegas – Ints Ann & Kathleen Rainsford R.I.P- Anniversary John Rainsford

The Deep End- Living Transparently. @intercom

How many of us can truly say that our lives are an open book? 'Transparency' is a bit of a buzz word in the media these days. With every scandal that hits the headlines uncovering the corrupt practices of some public figure or another, our trust is shaken. When it is a person from whom we would have expected better, or whose actions have hurt countless others, we are left to ponder the whys and hows of it all- How could they live a double life for so long? Why did they feel the need? And how on earth did they think they would get away with it?

But when we think about it, how many of us are living truly transparent lives? Do our outside selves always match our inner selves? We may be harbouring grudges or nasty thoughts about family members, friends, colleagues or acquaintances. Maybe we are cheating or being dishonest in some small way, or cutting corners in our work. It is likely that we have built up some habits or practices that we would rather no one knew about. In our second reading, Paul talks about the 'things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark', and urges us to 'arm ourselves and appear in the light'. As we enter into Advent, it is the ideal to examine our own lives-to come out into the light.

BE PREPARED!

It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of the year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside out; we prepare foods that we eat only on holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really don't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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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:

Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Maria Louis, Ada Bacarini, Lucy Ugoala, Rosa Nicolas, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Charlie Crane, Michael Oladipo Cole, Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Eileen Lucas, 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:

Dominic Pereira, John Danquah, Jnusz Suliga, Mary Moran, Dennis Lonergan, Thomas Roche, Sarah Toolan Dennis Lonergan, Myra Richards, Larry Wims, , Anne Nugent, Sean A'hearn,, Michael Brobbey., Jeremiah O'Sullivan.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Paddy McGuire, Paddy Enright, Marianne Formosa, Vicky Knight, Teresa Russell William Gonzalez, Agnes Alexander, Gavin McFadyen Frankie Alfante, Federico and Constanca 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.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE:

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

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 4th December.**

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

Next parents meeting is on **Wednesday 7th December at 7:00pm.** All parents must attend.

CONFIRMATION 2017

Today, Sunday 27th November, is the deadline to submit applications.

We are very excited, as he have a very good group for this year's Confirmation programme.

The first meeting with parents will be on **Thursday 5th January.** 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

Journey of Faith RCIA- There are many adults who are interested in receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Communion, Confirmation and Matrimony. Please speak to Fr. Gideon. We have a special **ADULTS ONLY PROGRAMME** called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Meetings will commence in Advent. Individuals will be notified.

Tea and Coffee after 11:00am Mass-

You are invited to the parish community centre after Mass. Welcome new parishioners and chat with fellow members of the parish. (Charismatic Prayer and Worship follows at 3:00pm. Everyone is invited).

CONGRATULATIONS:

Today, we offer congratulations on the Baptisms of **Nathaniel Zachary Nelson Nunn, Adonay Makonen, Egwuatobi Oparaudo Emmanuel Ali Chiwouke.** To the parents, congratulations on the gift of your children. You and the parish are so blessed as we welcome these children into the Catholic Christian community.

Christmas Raffle Draw 2016

Please drop your stubs and money in the baskets at the end of Mass. There are still uncollected Envelopes with raffle tickets at the back of church. Names are in alphabetical order for you convenience. Please take time to look for your envelopes. If you cannot find your name please leave your name and complete address in the board provided. This year's draw will be held in the parish centre on **Sunday 18th December 2016** after the 11:00am Mass. Proceeds will go to the maintenance of the church's building. There are several masonry repairs waiting to be done.

Christmas Cards

They are on sale at the Parish Centre after the 11:00am Mass. Buy your Cards now. Proceeds will go the upkeep of the parish centre. Thank you.

Faith Matters Question Time

Religious Freedom in Iraq

Tuesday 29th November 6.45-8.30pm

Farm Street Church Hall, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH pathwaystogod.org 0207-495-1673
3 panelists: Mark Menzies (MP, for Fylde), Jim Shannon (MP for Strangford, chair All Party Parliamentary Group on Religious Freedom) and Neville Kyrke-Smith (Director Aid to the Church in Need UK).

Young Adult Advent Retreat.

Saturday 3rd December 10.30am-2.30pm

Anouska Robinson-Biggin fcJ
Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH pathwaystogod.org 0207-495-1673. An invitation to journey deeper into the season of Advent and what it means for you. The retreat will include input, prayer, silence and sharing. Please bring a journal and a pen, and a packed lunch.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the Sick and Retired Priests collection in the last two weekends. The response of love and concern was heartwarming. If you forgot to make a donation, there's still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can even donate online in our website. The care of the priests in their old age, especially the infirm and chronically ill ones, is a priority of the Diocese, and I think it's a way to say "Thank You!" to the priests who'd been there for us. May God bless you for your generosity.

MUSINGS: Advent

You know that feeling of waiting for something or someone? It is a feeling of excitement or maybe anxiety. For most people, waiting is not a very popular pastime, it can be seen as a waste of time. If we all allow it to, waiting can be creative time, a time of high alert, where we may even be more aware of ourselves. Our senses are heightened especially when we are waiting for important news or results or waiting on a loved one to call or to arrive. Waiting is not always seen as a good thing but it can be a time for growth. And so, we enter into the season of waiting: Advent. The Gospel reminds us to be alert and use this time to prepare. What will our preparations be like? God is with us in many different ways, trying to catch our attention in the midst of our busy days. As we fight our way through the queues in the coming weeks, can we use 5 minutes, 7 minutes, 20 minutes...to stop, be still, to ask God to enter into our hearts and lives once more. JaneMalett@Intercom

VOLUNTEERS: The parish relies on a lot of volunteers to keep running. Can you help in the following?

Church Cleaning- The church gets a lot 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.

UCM- Union of Catholic Mothers

UCM meets every second Sunday of the Month after 11:00 am Mass. All mothers Welcome!!!

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.

Late for Church? ...Why? Please resolve to arrive early for Mass, say a prayer, read the Scripture (Missalette) and be ready when we start. It will make Mass more meaningful for all. Remember, if you miss the readings, you miss the teachings of Christ. St. Jerome wrote, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". Getting to Church on time matters.