

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 2018.

**Envelopes: Weekly £536.21**

**Loose: £382.38**

**Standing Orders £826.50 (Mar/week)**

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

**Text Giving-** is quick and easy way to make donation towards the upkeep and running costs at Sacred Heart. 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](http://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 Elizabeth in the office.

# 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.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

29 <sup>th</sup> April  <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	6:00 pm Saturday <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Joan Neary R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass	Jean Chalkley R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass 12:15 pm Mass (Extra Mass)	Varela Family – Intentions  First Holy Communion Mass Group A
30 <sup>th</sup> April Monday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Babs & Co - Intentions
1 <sup>st</sup> May Tuesday	No Mass	
2 <sup>nd</sup> May Wednesday. St Athanasius	9:15 am Mass	Eileen McDermott – Intentions Years 4P & 4S from school at Mass
3 <sup>rd</sup> May Thursday. Ss Philip and James	9:15 am Mass	Sean McCann – R.I.P
4 <sup>th</sup> May Friday The English Martyrs	9:15 am Mass	Overcoming Addiction
5 <sup>th</sup> May Saturday. Easter Feria	11:00- 12:00 noon	<i>Confessions</i>
	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	Margaret Callanan R.I.P
6 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>  Next Sunday - Catholic Communications- Networking Collection.	8:30 am Mass	John Walsh R.I.P – Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	John Joseph Walsh R.I.P – Anniversary
	12:15 pm Mass (Extra Mass)	First Holy Communion Mass Group B

### THE DEEP END: Stay connected ...

As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are no doubt the branches. What does it mean to be a branch? Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit need pruning so that they can grow and bear even more fruit. As we are all too well aware, productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today, in our education system, in the workplace, in economics; we are measured by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding to the pressure by telling us that he wants to see results or else?

Perhaps we can read this passage in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don't measure their weight in terms of productivity, do you? But you do want to stay connected right? It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to: 'abide in me'. Are you connected or disconnected? If the connection is strong, then fruit-bearing comes naturally and people will see the gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected, all manner of things are possible for us.

'People see the gospel in our lives; let them read our lives.' – Pope Francis

## Priest Training Fund

Thank you for your generosity to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. It is not too late to make a donation if you wish. Envelopes are available in the back of the church, or by contacting the parish office. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood. For more information, or to make a donation, visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations)

*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:**

Eva Buchalska, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Baby Michael Elliott, Keith Hunt, Maria Louis, Crystal Green, Dolores Crowley, Ludvinia King, Justino Villegas, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Kathy Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Edwina Toson, Charlie Crane, 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:** Gerry Murtagh, Stella Maznik, Stanley Richards, Joe Neary, Ann McKenna, Kathy Keane, Beryl Genovese, Frances Byrne, Arnel Bejosano.

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Dell Harvey, Ernie Fisher, Joan Neary, Margaret Callnan, David Power, Grace Stephens, Ada Slater, Federico Gracilla, Brian Harrigan, Bridget Gill, Brian Mpunga, Jose Ballesteros.

**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.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** is usually on **Thursdays @ 8:00pm** at the Parish house. The day however, is movable depending on the availability of most members. Please ask Peggy for more details. Everyone welcome!

## **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. The next preparation course for Baptism will take place in the parish, date to be confirmed.

### **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](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk)

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Our First Holy Communion Children raised £154.20 during cakes sale last week. Thank you for their hard work and for your support. This money will go to JDRF - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Caritas.

Next Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, group B will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. Rehearsals will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 10:30 am. This is a MUST attend session.

Mass of Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion children will be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 a.m.

**NEW TO THE SACRAMENTS?** Are you interested in being confirmed, baptised or receiving First Holy Communion (either for yourself or your children)? Do you know someone in your family or at work or perhaps a friend who would like to find out more about our Catholic faith? Application and enquiry forms for all of these will begin appearing at the back of the church during May and June. Please keep an eye out for them.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to our parishioner Paula Helena who will be confirmed at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April. We congratulate her and wish her every blessing as she completes the final sacrament of initiation. Please keep her in your prayers.

## **SACRED HEART FEAST DAY**

**CELEBRATIONS:** please join us on Friday **8th June for Mass at 6pm** followed by fun and food in the parish hall. We currently have volunteers to help coordinate tables for England, the Philippines, Eritrea, Italy and Colombia. If you would like to organise a group to represent your country of origin or to be put in touch with the person coordinating your country please speak to Nali (mob: 07421749616)

**PARENT'S CORNER:** Children's Mass books are available at the back of the church for your children to borrow during Mass. You will also notice that a basket of felt hearts have been left out for children as you walked through the porch to enter Mass. Please encourage them to place the felt heart into the offertory when it is collected (as an offering of their heart) and explain to them that the offertory is a special time when we place our gifts before God.

**CATECHISTS DATE FOR THE DIARY:** All parish catechists and anyone interested in becoming a catechist are invited to a day of reflection and planning on Saturday 23rd June from 10am-3.30pm in the parish centre.

**WE NEED YOU:** We are looking for parishioners with a love of God and different talents to support us with a range of activities as catechists or support volunteers. If you are interested or would like to find out more please contact the parish or speak to our Catechetical Coordinator Nali (email: [holloway@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk) mob: 07421749616). We will also be having a day for catechists/volunteers on **Saturday 23rd June from 10am-3.30pm** in the parish centre.

**LA SAINTE UNION CATHOLIC SECONDARY** School – has a limited number of places available in year 7 & 8. If you are interested in applying for a place, please submit an 'in year application form available in the school website or email [admissions@lsu.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@lsu.camden.sch.uk) for further information or application form.

**MUSINGS:** Why Pope Francis is happy ...

Question from a young boy during an interview between Pope Francis and young people in 2014: Everyone in this world is trying to be happy. But we have wondered are you happy? If so, why? Response from Pope Francis: Absolutely, absolutely, I am happy. And I am happy because ... I don't know why ... Perhaps because I have a job, I'm not unemployed, I have a job, a job as a shepherd! I am happy because I found my path in life and travelling that path makes me happy. And it is also a peaceful happiness, because at that age it is not the same happiness as a young person feels, there's a difference. A certain inner peace, a happiness that also comes with age. And also with a path that has always had problems; even now there are problems, but that happiness doesn't go away with the problems, no: it sees the problems, suffers them and goes on; it does something to resolve them and goes on. But in the depths of the heart there is that peace and that happiness. It is a grace of God, for me, really. It is a grace.

Congratulations to our first group of children who received the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time today, Sunday.

*Betsaida Tedros,  
Brandon Aguirre-Sniezek,  
David Roberts Farrell,  
Emily Green,  
Emmanuel Tedros,  
Fabio Armando,  
Lucero Esmeralda Chamby S.  
Maria Chua,  
Maya Aguirre-Sniezek,  
Niyat Makonen,  
Owen Tiatco,  
Saskia Phillip,  
Sianne Maznik,  
Sophie Harper-Martin,  
Simon Tedros,  
Taleah Pringle,  
Tia Adina Fleming,  
Tiago Freitas Gouveia,  
Victoria Orłowska*