

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 26th Nov 2017.

Envelopes: £407.70

Loose: £334.67

Standing Orders £1,001 (Oct/week)

Sick & Retired Collection- £410.98

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

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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First Sunday of Advent 3rd December 2017

Enjoy Advent!

Only a saint could maintain the patience needed to confront Christmas shopping, Christmas stress, and Christmas credit card bills. That's too bad because something else gets overlooked in the rush- and that's Advent. So here are a few brief ways to enjoy yourself over the next few weeks.

First of all, get to know Advent. This liturgical season is a time of waiting-something that we all do: we're waiting for some good news, for a better job, or for our lives to improve. Advent is a time when we think about waiting for God, so it fits in perfectly with our natural human longings. "Come, thou long expected Jesus," as the hymn goes. Advent is also the time of beautiful Scriptures readings, like those from the book of Isaiah. "The wilderness and the dry shall be glad, the dessert shall rejoice and blossom." These are readings to give all of us hope! And Advent is the season for beloved church traditions, including the Advent wreath, which can easily be translated into home rituals.

Second, cut back on the craziness of Christmas preparations. Here are just a few suggestions: Send cards only to close friends and family; drop one present per person from your list; and go only to the most essential holiday gatherings. Does that sound selfish? It's just the opposite! It will give you time to spend with those you really love, and more time to spend in prayer.

Maybe Advent is when you can really settle into your spiritual life, by finding joy in the season and less stress in the Christmas. In short, Advent may be the time that you've been waiting for!

JamesMartin@ Advent extra 2017

CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

The 2nd collection today is for the work of the Catholic Youth Service. This is a ministry within the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales that helps our young people into faithful members of the Church. It facilitates projects for our young people in England and Wales including our own Diocese. Please give generously. Thank you.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

3rd December First Sunday of Advent	6:00 pm Sat. <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Tom McGuire – R.I.P Bill Devereux R.I.P – Anniv.
	8:30 am Mass	Helen Bradley – R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	Ann and Kathleen Rainsford R.I.P - Anniversaries
4 th December Monday St John Damascene	9:15 am Mass	James Whaley – R.I.P
5 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
6 th December Wednesday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	For the Parish (Year 6C and 6R from school at Mass).
7 th December Thursday St Ambrose	9:15 am Mass	Margaret Kinsella – R.I.P
8 th December Friday The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary	9:15 am Mass	John Danqua – R.I.P- Anniv.
9 th December Saturday St Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	11:00 – 12:00 am	<i>Confessions</i>
	6:00 pm <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Sam McKinney – R.I.P
10th December Second Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Mass	Clifford Price - R.I.P- Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	Jeremiah and Teresa Kennelly – R.I.P

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:

Edgar and Josefina Losa, Keith Hunt, Baby Michael James Elliot, Maria Louis, Crystal Green, Dolores Crowley, Helena Bolotny, Ludvinia King, Justino Villegas, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Edwina Toson, Charlie Crane, Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison Mc Goff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries: Clifford Price, John Danqua, Bill Devereux, Ann and Kathleen Rainsford, Josie O'Brien, Josefina Miller, Conrado Espejo, Janusz Suliga, Sarah Toolan, Marianne Formosa, Sean Ahearne, Paddy Enright, Myra Richards-Houlihan, Mary Rosina Moran, Denis Lonergan, Victoria Valencia.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Margaret Kinsella, Sheila Connolly, Sheila Lasok, Diana Johnson, Grace Ann Lewis, Lee Turnbull, Lucy Ugoala.

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 first term of 2018, 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2017-2018

Next Sunday, 10th December, Session will be at 9:30 am. Please make sure your child is on time for his/her session.

OUR JOURNEY OF FAITH –RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS).

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your initiation by celebrating Confirmation and/or First Communion as an adult, you are invited to speak to Fr. Gideon after Mass on Sundays. Or Email us.

We will start the programme in the first Sunday of Advent (1st Week of December). Dates will be available next weekend.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS-

If you would like to join our team of altar servers please give your name, your parent's name and telephone number to Fr. Gideon. We will have the training scheduled very soon.

CONFIRMATION

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are illegible to join the Confirmation Programme 2018. Please collect your application form at the end of Mass or collect it from the Parish office during designated opening office hours. **The application forms should be returned by next Sunday 10th December 2017** We anticipate that the course will begin in early January 2018.

Christmas Raffle Draw 2017

Your raffle tickets are now available for collection at the back of the church. The names on the envelope are arranged in alphabetical order. This year's draw will be held in the parish centre on Sunday 17th December 2017 after the 11:00am Mass. Proceeds will all go to the roof repairs in the presbytery which will start in the spring.

National Day of Prayer and Fasting

'On Thursday the 7th December, the vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. Please also pray that buffer zones around abortion centres won't be introduced. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting see: www.GoodCounselNetwork.com'

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS:

An Advent evening of prayer and discernment. Friday 08 December 2017 (Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary). 6:30-9:30 pm. Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place, London W2 2L J (Marble Arch station). Free admission.

In reverent anticipation of Our Saviour's nativity, we will remember especially persecuted families, children, and the Unborn. The event will include Mass, entrustment and intercessional prayers, what you can do to help persecuted Christians, and humble thanksgiving for the positive developments this year including the release of Fr Tom Uzuunnalil from captivity and degradation of IS (Daesh).

Pope Francis and the Evangelising Mission of the Church :

Date: 12th December - 7:00pm - 8:30pm –At Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.

Speaker: Brian Purfield.

Suggested donation:£4.00. Please register by Email: livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk This short talk explores some of the key themes of the papacy of Pope Francis, with particular focus on the theme of evangelisation and the Pope's call for a Church of missionary disciples and a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

THE DEEP END. Keep awake – We are surrounded these days by the commercial "circus" of Christmas shopping and "getting ready". It might seem far removed from the story that we are celebrating; the story of a poor refugee family 2,000years ago who had a very special delivery. The story of God choosing to intervene in human history in such an intimate and shocking way; God choosing to be born into a situation of poverty and danger. It is good to ask ourselves at this time of the year, what are we getting ready for? Advent us a wonderful season which invites us to use our waiting to grow spiritually. We are invited to make space for ourselves and for God in the midst of the rushing. Can we stop and be still and ask ourselves: "Where do I see God being born around me today? In those I meet? In kind words and gestures? In my community? In my own heart? Have a more aware Advent. Be mindful in all you do. Be aware as you stand in that queue, be aware as you eat, be aware of your feelings, of your thoughts. By watching all this we can be more awake. @intercom

TEA / COFFEE – in the parish centre after the 11:00a.m. Mass. Everyone welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP – Prayer session starts at 1:30pm, after Tea/coffee at the Parish Centre.

Christmas Cards

They are on sale at the Parish Centre after the 11:00am Mass or in the office during office hours. Buy your Holy Cards now. Proceeds will go the upkeep of the parish centre. Also Walk With Me Advent Booklets priced at £1. Thank you.

THREAT TO CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it; now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.