

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 27th December 2015.

Envelopes: £ 454.45

Loose: £ 246.04

Standing Orders £1,019 (Nov/Week)

Christmas Offering 1,038.81

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



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

3rd January 2016 The Epiphany of the Lord	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Michael Gill – R.I.P
	8:30 AM	Gordon Witt - R.I.P - Anniv.
	11:00AM	Mary Wong's Intentions
4th January Monday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Irma Spaul – R.I.P
5th January Tuesday Christmas Feria	10:00 Mass School Mass	For the Parish
6th January Wednesday. Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	John Mazzoni – R.I.P
7th January Thursday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Gerry Johnson - Intentions
8th January Friday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Justino Villegas - Intentions
9th January Saturday Christmas Feria	6:00pm (Vigil Mass) (Sat . Vigil Mass)	Mary & Benie - Intentions
10th January 2016 The Baptism of the Lord.	8:30 am Mass	Jill Fitzpatrick – R.I.P
	11:00am Mass	Baldish Johal – R.I.P

NEWSLETTER 3rd January 2016

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Deep End – The Epiphany of the Lord

Whether they were philosophers or astrologers, the Wise men were certainly 'seekers'. Looking to the skies for signs and guidance, with their hearts and minds set on finding God, the Wise Men embark on an amazing journey, determined. The thought of some new religious insight, a change or even a threat, forces Herod to call together all those considered to have authority on religious matters. All are concerned with their own power and afraid of how the new could affect their traditions and structures; the possibility of a new King is too much for them. In contrast to this, the Wise Men are humble before the leaders and genuinely seek to learn from them. We are told that the sight of the star 'filed them with delight'.

This story has too much to say to us today, we are all in a similar journey, striving for the same goal: *'going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage'*. This scene describes a moment of great joy, of grace and is in total contrast to the scene of Herod frantically calling the religious leaders together: God is found in the simple spaces. The Wise Men represent all peoples, all cultures, a clear message that God is for all regardless of nationality, culture and even faith. Today we might think about our own journeys to moments of epiphany. What 'star' had brought us there? What gifts did we leave there? What gifts we were given there?

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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:

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 Ykalo Michael

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Baldish Johal, Nezhah 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

93-95 Essex Road London N1
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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.** Next parents meeting without children is on **Wednesday 13 January at 7:00pm.**

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.**

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

Updating our Records in the Parish

PLEASE: If you are moving or changing address please let us know! You can send us a note, email or phone call.

Thank you.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE'S 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.

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?

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**

SMILE ... PRAY.... AND BE KIND!
Make this your resolution in 2016.

MUSINGS

Today's Entrance recalls: 'When peacefully silence lay over all ... the all-powerful Word leaped down from heaven'.

This image of the Word of God enthusiastically 'leaping' into the human condition was a favourite among early Christian writers. Ambrose of Milan once wrote: 'He came into this world in a kind of leap. He was with the Father, He came into a virgin, and from a virgin he bounded into a manger. He was in a manger...He went down into the Jordan and up onto the cross, he went down to the tomb, rose up from the tomb, and sits at the right hand of the Father'.

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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