

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Sunday 236rd December 2018.

Envelopes: Weekly £537.36

Loose: £439.08

Standing Orders £1,020 (Oct/week)

Christmas Day Collection: £494.16

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.

PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you very much to all those who filled in a form during our planned giving campaign.. If you missed the opportunity to do so there are forms at the back of the church on the table and in porch. **As a reminder we need information from every parishioner or family even if you already contribute regularly to the Offertory Collection and/or volunteer at Sacred Heart's.**

This will help us plan for the future, including support for parish ministries. And those who requested for envelopes can now collect them at the back of church.

CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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

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Our Mission: We are a welcoming, nourishing living parish, inspired by the Sacred Heart to serve and radiate this love to all.

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
 30th December '18**

THE DEEP END: When Jesus was small

In primary school we used to sing a song about Jesus' childhood. I don't recall the exact words, but the chorus went something like this:

Jesus was a happy child
 When he was small like me
 He used to laugh and run around
 And sometimes climb a tree
 Running here, running there
 Having fun like you and me.

There was a verse about his mother bringing him to school on his first day. The aim was clearly to remind us that Jesus was a real child who did all the things that other children do. In theological terms, it impressed on our young minds the humanity of Jesus, even as we heard the stories of the healings and miracles that expressed his divinity.

This hymn came to mind as I reflected on today's Gospel. The story of the finding in the Temple is the only one we have from Jesus' childhood, so it takes on greater significance. It is both an ordinary and extraordinary family story, highlighting a typical family incident while also setting the scene for Jesus' future mission. What parent hasn't felt the panic of discovering their child is missing, and then been overcome with relief when they were found? But the story ends with the realisation that Jesus is far from ordinary. His parents don't understand his cryptic reference to 'my Father's affairs', but Mary stores up 'all these things' in her heart, accepting the mysterious workings of God.

We are left, with Mary and Joseph, to ponder who this child really is.

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WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

30th December '18 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	6:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass –	Habte Semhary – R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass	Christou Family – Intentions
	11:00 am Mass	Teresa & Jeremiah Kennelly R.I.P- Anniversary Joaquin Pineda R.I.P Anniv.
31st December Monday 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas	9:15 am Mass	Liz Kelly – R.I.P Anniversary
1st January Tuesday Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	10:00 am Mass	For the Parish
2nd January Wednesday Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen.	9:15 am Mass	Margaret Keohane - R.I.P - Anniversary
3rd January Thursday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Breadge McDermott - R.I.P
4th January Friday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Josephine Calder - R.I.P
5th January Saturday. Christmas Feria	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	11:00-12:00 noon Confessions Michael Dolan R.I.P Anniv Mary Chiemenewski R.I.P – Anniversary
6th January '19 The Epiphany of the Lord	8:30 am Mass	Sean McDermott – R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	Mary Morrissey 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:

Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Eva Buchalska, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Baby Michael Elliott, Daithi Sweeney, Keith Hunt, Crystal Green, Dolores Crowley, Ludvinia King, 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, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries: Michael Dolan, Mary Chiemenewski, Margaret Keohane, Clifford Price, Helen Bradley, Michael Costin, Joaquin Pineda, Beryl & Rudie Genovese, Brian Mpunga, Gilbert Ero, John O'Roarke, Michael Brobbey, Bill Devereux, Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, John Danquah, Michael and Peter Ginty, Denis Lonergan.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead: Robert Moran, Gabriel Samuels, Mary Morrissey, Stephen Hogan, Jenny Bove, Zelpha Anderson, Jim Neary, Mercy Dapaah, Ollie O'Driscoll, Ann Franklin, Reynaldo Vergara, William Francis O'Dwyer, Joan Neary.

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.

SACRAMENTS 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

BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, R. C. I.A.

For details on being baptised, First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion preparation (year 3 and above), youth confirmation (14-18 year olds), being confirmed as an adult or for details about becoming Catholic, please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or speak to Nali (catechetical coordinator).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation in our parish will take place in June 2019. The Confirmation programme will begin in January with sessions on Sunday afternoons. If you are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) and wish to join the programme, then you are invited to complete the application form. The forms are available after all the Masses this weekend.

CHOIR PRACTICE is usually on Thursdays @ 8:30pm at the Parish house. The day however, is movable depending on the availability of most members. Please ask Peggy for more details. Everyone welcome.

Would you like to be an altar server?

Altar Server's Practice;

Calling all children who are in year 4 or above and who have done their First Holy Communion. If you want to serve on the altar at Mass, please come to the first practice on **12th January at 4:00pm.**

Requiescat in Pace: Rest in Peace
LOTTIE LOUISE CAPOCCI
Tuesday, 8th December 2018 at 10:00am Mass.

GABRIEL EHIGIATOR SAMUEL
Friday, 18th January 2018 at 11:00am Mass

WINNERS –CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW 2018

CONGRATULATIONS:

1st Prize: £300 – Joshua J.No.03838

2nd Prize: £100 –M. Mirren No.06694

3rd Prize: £50 -Keinatisemy No.06409

4th Prize: £50–Luisa Brotas - No. 03010

Consolation Prizes: Rose G.Uy, Amara Blair, Mell Pagaddu, Elise Sinfield, P.Molin, Dinah Teriote, D.King, Samira Datu.

Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported this year's Raffle Draw. We thank our organiser, Mrs Ross and to all our donors who donated prizes. The grand total raised was **£2,147.**

BLESSING OF CHILDREN:

We will have a special blessing of infants and children on **Sunday 6th January** at the 11:00am Mass.

This custom is in honor of the Christ child who was announced to the entire world by the Magi. Their visit to Jesus with their gifts reminds us that our Jesus unites all of us to share His gifts. As you visit the Christmas Crib with your children, remind them of God's love for all of us. When you leave that peaceful scene, take the Child from the manger and put Him in your heart
And after he has filled your heart, Offer Him to your family and the people with whom you live and work.

Be instrument of **Peace** in your part of our fragile world!

Ethics: Living the Examined Life

Why is my life stuck? What's missing? How can I grow as a person and flourish? Philosophy can help. Answering practical, down to earth questions with insight from the greatest thinkers of the Western Tradition, The Sapiens Program will help all – of any or no faith – search for wisdom and find fulfilment. Five evenings to live a more examined life. Why not bring a different-minded friend? **On Thursday 17 January at 19:30.** St Mary Moorfields RC Church, EC2M 7LS. Organised by Brothers of Saint John Cost Suggested donation £10/eve.(inc. hot meal)

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

The spirit of Christmas was surely shown at Sacred Heart Eden Grove over the Christmas Season!

Thank you to all of you who decorated our church so beautifully. Thank you to Jim, Marie and the girls for decorating the Christmas Trees. Thank you to Martin, who with Jim, installed the Christmas outdoor lights. Many thanks to the Choir, to our musicians and members, who add so much to our liturgies not only at Christmas but all year.

To our Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Sacristans, and to our Cleaners. Many Thanks.

To everyone who sent Christmas greetings and gifts, and brought those delicious treats to the Presbytery; we appreciate your kindness in remembering your priest(s) and staff. May you always enjoy God's favour for your thoughtfulness and generosity. And to all of you sharing your Time, Talent and Treasure with our parish community.

Your willingness to serve and sacrifice shows the Spirit of the Lord is with you. I am grateful for all the parishioners who add so much to make our parish spirit.

I hope your holidays are filled with the warmth of family and friendship.

As we begin the New Year I pray that all of us will be built up in a spirit of Joy and Hope. We set up into the New Year not alone but in the companionship of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit gives us eyes to see things from a different perspective.

Let us make each day of 2019 a day of giving Thanks for the many blessings that surround us, and which we easily take for granted!

May 2019 be a time of harmony and peace for all of us.

Your Parish Priest