

CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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Newsletter 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent

The Deep End. 'Waiting'

You know the feeling of waiting for something or someone? It is a feeling of excitement or maybe anxiety. It can be a 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 good thing but it can be a time for growth. And so, we enter into the season of waiting:

Advent.

These weeks are weeks of great hope and joy and we celebrate God entering in our lives once more. This short passage from Mark reminds us to be alert, to use this time to prepare. What will our preparation be like? God is with us in many different ways, trying to catch our attention in the midst of our crazy, 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.

Jane Mellett@Intercom

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2014

The annual Parish Christmas Draw will be held on Sunday 21st December after the 12:00noon Mass. All proceeds of the Draw will go towards furnishing/ signage of our new Parish Centre. Please collect your envelope of raffle tickets with your name on it at the back of the Church. The envelopes are arranged in alphabetical order. Please help us by taking envelopes that belongs to your neighbours and friends. By collecting your tickets, you will save us the cost of stamps if we are going to post the envelope of tickets to you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 23rd November

Envelopes: £465.00

Loose: £313.50

Standing Orders £654.50 (Oct./Week)

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 from 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.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2014

Gift Aid? It's worth it!

It is important to gift aid your offering to the church (envelopes or standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by 25p for every £1 at no extra expense 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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

30th November 1st Sunday of Advent	(6.00pm Sat. Vigil Mass)	Otello Cavana – R.I.P Frank Kavaghner – R.I.P
	8:30 AM	Fr. Alan Ashton R.I.P
	10:15 AM	Holy Souls
	12:00 AM	Pat Naughton – R.I.P Ivy Ross – R.I.P
1st December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Flores Family R.I.P
2nd December Tuesday	No Mass	
3rd December Wednesday St John Damascene	9:15am Mass Year 1D at Mass	Fr. Joseph Kalathara R.I.P
4th December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Bill Devereux R.I.P - Anniv
5th December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Holy Souls
6th December Saturday St Nicholas	10:00-11:00 <i>Confessions (or by appointment)</i> 6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Ann Rainsford R.I.P – Anniv. Kathleen Rainsford R.I.P Anniversary
7th December Second Sunday of Advent	8:30 AM	Mrs R.J. - Intentions
	10:15 AM	Samuel Varela – Intentions
	12:00 AM	UCM –Mass of Renewal

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:

Frances Byrne, John and Nora Harkin, Leo Kilkenny, Yolanda Villegas, Edwina Toson, Helen Bradley, Eileen Ely, Joe Samuels, Taliah Sampson, Judette Palmer, Paddy McGravey, Maria Ward, Barbara Baptiste, Florence Collins, Cedric Cowell, Margaret Mulroy, Margaret Lonergan, Eileen Lucas, Tanya Obid, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Chris Eisen, Diana Johnson, Charlie Crane, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi. **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

Anniversaries:

Beryl Genovese, Margaret McGee, Ykaalo Michael, Sarah Toolan, Myra Richards Houlihan, Denis Lonergan, Sean Ahearne, Twiggy Baroquena, Jack Curley, Ted & Tom Connor, Margaret & Joe Reddington, Keith Potter, Pierre Imbert, Sarah Crosby, Peggy Crane, Kenneth Squires, John Danquah, Erning and Leonila de la Cruz,

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Angela Tabone, Josie O'Brien, Patrick Cullen, Dean Aka Samuels, Janusz Suliga, Martin Beeny, Fr. Gilberto Hoyos, Molly Wilson, John Clemo, Fr Alan Ashton, Canon Peter Phillips, Dena Adams, Vittoria Pedretti, Liam Lenihan, Andrea Justin, Johnny Patterson. "Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

PARISH WEBSITE

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk
Please do not confuse it with the old website's address which is now defunct:
www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk

BAPTISM

Babies are usually baptised in the first 6 months of life. To book a baptism for your child, please contact the parish priest. Parents of the child must be **registered** members of the parish. At least one parent of the child needs to supply us with their **Catholic baptismal certificate** and the child's **birth certificate**. Parents and godparents must attend some baptism preparation beforehand.

The next parents' and godparents' meeting will be in 2015. Watch this space, new date will be confirmed early January 2015.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2014-2015

The next Parent's meeting (with children) is on **Wednesday 3rd December** from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Then next candidate's session is on Sunday **7th December**. Parents, please bring your children on time.

MARRIAGE

Six months' notice must be given for marriage, whether here or elsewhere. The parish in which you are a resident has to do preparation and paperwork. Couples considering marriage should speak to the priest well in advance. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

Nativity Play for Christmas Mass for Children 24th December at 6:00pm

If your child would like to take part in our Nativity play on 24th December, please contact Elizabeth in the parish office. Rehearsals will be on 22 and 23 December

CHARITY BINGO NIGHT

In Aid of HCPT – Group 147. (Raising funds to take disadvantage/handicapped children to Lourdes at Easter). William Street Community Centre, Parkhurst Road N7 (No children allowed). Saturday 6 December 6:00pm doors open at 7:00pm.

AN EVENING OF ADORATION AND INTERCESSION

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament. Come and join us in Adoration and in prayers of intercession for our children and our families, ourselves and others. Tuesday 2nd December in the Lady Chapel, St Joseph's Church, Highgate at 7:30pm after 6:30pm Mass.

SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE – THE BIG GIVE

Please support the work of The Passage working with Homeless People. **If you donate through The Big Give website just after 10.00 a.m. on 4, 5 or 6 December every £1 is worth £2 due to matched funding.** There is an element of competition for full matching from The Big Give so if possible please give just after 10.00 a.m. on Thursday 5 December, Friday 6 December or Saturday 7 December. The Big Give site is quieter on the Saturday and the matched giving remains open longer on that day.

:http://new.thebiggive.org.uk/project/The_Passage

FAITH MATTERS

Wrestling with God: Faith and Freedom in the Christian Tradition

The Advent 2014 series of Faith Matters talks will be dedicated to explore some big faith questions such as existence of God, suffering and secularization. The third talk is led by Fr. Nicholas Crower OP and is titled 'Wrestling with God: Faith and Freedom in the Christian Tradition' on 4 December at 7:00pm In Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

'Heavenly Horizons: A Theological Reflection on Suffering and Love'

Faith Matters' final talk is titled 'Heavenly Horizons: A Theological reflection on Suffering and Love' and will also be delivered by Fr. Nicholas Crower OP.

On 11 December at 7:00pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London. SW1P 1QN.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

UCM renewal Mass will be on Sunday 7th December at 12:00 Noon Mass.

CAROL CONCERT

At St Gabriel's Church, The choirs of St Joseph's Primary School and Mount Carmel College. 12 December at 6:00pm
Tickets on the door

JOSIE O'BRIEN R.I.P.

She will be received into the Church on 10th Dec. at 5:00pm. Her Funeral Mass will be on 11th December at 12:00 Noon. Followed by burial at Islington Cemetery.

MUSINGS @intercom

In 1744, Charles Wesley (the younger brother of Methodist founder, John Wesley) published *Hymns for the Nativity of Our Lord*. Out of eighteen hymns featured in the collection, one in particular is still closely associated with the Advent season: 'Come thou long expected Jesus'. Its first verse is a fitting clarion call on the first Sunday of Advent as we wait in expectant longing to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas: 'Come thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest Thee.'

PRAYER GROUP COCKFOSTERS

Meets at 8 pm every Monday for praise & worship, intercession, a talk and, finally, for personal prayer for those who desire this. People of all ages and denominations find both encouragement and fellowship. Some have also found physical, emotional or spiritual healing. We have been meeting for the last 42 years and thousands have come over the years, even from far away. New members are most welcome – just come and see! Enquiries: Ros Kraushar 020 8883 2665 Christ the King 29 Bramley Rd N14 (Oakwood Station)

Youth 2000 New Year Retreat:

TAKE HEART Have No Fear
29th December- 1st January

An epic event to kick-off the New Year! If you're 16-35 & would like fun and meaningful way to start 2015, then Take Heart is for you. This 4-day London event is at Maria Fidelis lower School, North Gower Street, NW1 2HR. It will be jam packed with Live Worship-Powerful Services- Engaging Talks- Indepth Discussions – Creative Workshops – Friendships, Live Music and social times... There will be laughter, prayer and most importantly an Encounter with our Great & Loving God!

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