

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 24th & 25th Dec 2017.

Envelopes: Weekly £585.20

Christmas envelopes: £515.00

Loose: £883.12

Standing Orders £1,001 (Oct/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 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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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 31st December 2017

The Deep End. The Presentation in the Temple

Simeon and Anna welcome Mary, Joseph and Jesus to the Temple. They have been waiting for this moment. What kind of Messiah were they expecting? Simeon welcomes this family who must have seemed 'ordinary' and poor. He can see that this child will be 'a light...for the glory of your people'. Already there is a note of reversal; boundaries being stretched. Mary is told that this child 'is destined for the fall and the rising of many'. There will be trouble ahead; there will be challenges for many. Simeon knows that many thoughts will be exposed, what people really think will be revealed, who they welcome and who they exclude will be challenged; for God's invitation will have no boundaries. This will be uncomfortable for some. Anna rejoices for all those who were looking for a change, for hope; she knows that this child will overturn systems of oppression and exclusion.

Luke is interested in how humanity responds to the gospel. If Jesus' message is really good news, then this requires a shakeup; a shakeup which challenges comfortable assumptions about the way God works. God's abundant invitation to all many not sit comfortably with many. While Anna prays and fasts for a change of heart in the way Jerusalem operates, Simeon warns Mary that this will not be an easy road. What situations in our own society and in our Church require a shake-up, an uncomfortable but necessary change so that God's love and welcome can shine through? @intercom

THANK YOU TO ALL

Christmas is one of the happiest, yet it is also one of the most stressful and busiest of all seasons. I would like to say thank you to all who gave their time and talents in so many ways to make the Christmas celebration so successful. Visitors have really appreciated the beautiful decorations, the music, the prayerfulness and welcome. Thank you for your gifts, your cards and good wishes. Your support and generosity is much appreciated. Happy New Year to all. Fr. Gideon

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

31st December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	6:00 pm Sat. <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Maureen Watkinson – R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass	Pascal Anthony – Intentions
	11:00 am Mass	Rosa Nicholas – R.I.P Anniv.
1 st January Monday Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God	10:00 am Mass (parish office closed)	Martin McCarthy R.I.P
2 nd January Tuesday	No Mass	
3 rd January Wednesday The Most Holy Name of Jesus	9:15 am Mass	Liz Kelly, Margaret Keohane - Anniv
4 th January Thursday. Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Jim O'Brien – R.I.P
5 th January Friday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Mary Krzemieniewski- Anniv
6 th January Saturday. Christmas Feria	6:00 pm <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Michael Dolan – R.I.P Anniv.
7 th January 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord	8:30 am Mass	Mary Ann Wilson RIP Marcella Wilson RIP Joseph Wilson RIP & Sean Wilson RIP
	11:00 am Mass	Ykaloo Michael R.I.P Mezaha Tesfu – 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, Edwin 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: Ykaloo Michael, Mezaha Tesfu, Rosa Nicholas Gilberto Ero, Michael Costin, Eddie and Bridie Gorman, John O'Roarke Josefina Miller, Clifford Price, John Danqua, Bill Devereux, Ann and Kathleen Rainsford Conrado Espejo, Janusz Suliga, Sarah Toolan.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Brian Mpunga, Ellen Howard, Nora Fitzgerald, Margaret Kinsella, Sheila Connolly, Sheila Lasok, 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

The next Children's Session will be on Sunday 14th January 2018.

The next Parents' Meeting will be on Weds. 17th January 7:00pm-8:00pm. (Children do not need to attend this meeting)

CONFIRMATION 2018

The application to join the Confirmation Programme is still ongoing. If you are in Year 9 and above or 14 years old or older, and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation please take a form from the priest or from Nalini or Elizabeth in the office.

All forms must be handed in by 7th January 2018.

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 still on time to join in. Meeting on **Tuesday 9th January at 7:00pm in Meeting Room.** See Nali or Elizabeth.

Crib Donations- Offerings left at the crib over the Christmas period will be sent to the Catholic Children's Society (CCS), who, through their family centres support vulnerable families.

WINNERS –CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW 2017

CONGRATULATIONS:

Main Prize- Hamilton Musical- Paula Olivera
1st Prize - £300 – A Reilly-Ripley No.07438
2nd Prize - £100 –Lindsay Newbold No.06706
3rd Prize –£50 -Samira Datu No.04517
4th Prize-£50–Caroleyn Davidson- No. 01852
Consolation Prizes: Jack Roche, Dehab, Phillip Punter, Rupert Davis.

A POST TRUTH WORLD

Are we losing our Minds?

Building a culture of encounter in an age of fake news; 9th January 2018. Speaker: Austen Ivereigh-

The HURTADO Jesuit Centre.

2 Chandler Street, E1W 2QT

Doors open 7:00pm. Talks at 7:30pm-9:00. Suggested donation £10.00. For more information: Take a leaflet available at porch.

SOUL FOOD: Life in the Spirit Seminar

St. Charles Borromeo, 8, Ogle Street, W1W 6HS nearest tube: (Warren St., Goodge Street). Experience God's love in a personal way. Every Thursday 7pm-9pm, 18th January-22nd February 2018. Come and See. All are welcome. To register and for more details visit: www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss

NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION MASS "Lift Jesus High"

Venue: St. Aloysius RC Church, 20 Phoenix Road Euston, London NW1 1TA nearest Tube Euston. Buses 10, 18, 30, 73, 205, 390. Principal Celebrant – Archbishop Kevin McDonald. Doors Open 8:30pm. At 9:00pm- Praise and Worship followed by Mass. At midnight we will be praising before the Blessed Sacrament. Time of Celebration with shared food just after midnight. Please bring some to share (no alcohol). Eucharistic Adoration through the night. Prayer for our nation and the world. All are welcome!

Seeing your life through the lens of the Gospel : John Byrne@intercom

1). What started out as an ordinary day for Joseph and Mary turned out to be a day with an encounter they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant encounters on what you expected to be just an ordinary day?

2) Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. In what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories.

3). Simeon acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has sometimes pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times?

4). The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DURING CHRISTMAS PERIOD.

Parish office will be closed from Friday 27th December to 9th January 2018. For any urgent matters, please call and leave a message on 0207 607 3594 or email your question to holloway@rcdow.org.uk

Vinnie Packs

"The SVP are distributing 12,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP. Thank you.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)- meets every 2nd Sunday of the month after the 11:00am Mass. All mothers welcome.

Can you spare an hour and a half once a month? If so, join the team of cleaners for the church, They're looking for new members. Please call Juliana on 07960 541286.