

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016.  
**Envelopes: £ 452.84**  
**Loose: £ 361.62**  
**Standing Orders £ 844.75(Oct/week)**  
*Your generosity enables us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!*

**FORGOTTEN** to bring some money for the collection? Just text "PARISH HOLLO" to this number: 70800, to donate £5 automatically. This amount will be added to your phone bill.

For Online giving go to:  
[www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk](http://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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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.



4th December Sunday

**Second Sunday of Advent**

**The Deep End @intercom**

This second Sunday of Advent we are called to make straight path for the coming of our Lord. How we prepare is important. We are waiting, and yes waiting can be frustrating. But waiting can also be time of growth, of inspiration, of dreaming big dreams and imagining the endless possibilities that might come. We should try not to let go of that hope and inspiration.

John appeals to the community who have gathered to open their eyes, to take the opportunity that is at hand and deal with the spiritual crisis which surrounds them. John is calling for a radical change of heart. The decisive moment is coming where people must take a new path. What can we do to help build communities where leaders produce good fruit? What can we do to respectfully challenge those who do not? Today we pray that God's Spirit enlivens our heart, our work and our world.

**"The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as waters cover the sea."- Isaiah 11:9**

John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance. Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again. Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

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**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

<b>4<sup>th</sup> December Sunday</b>  <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Bill Devereaux R.I.P-Anniv. (Private Intentions)
	8:30 AM	Jerry de la Cruz R.I.P
	11:00AM	Justino Villegas – Ints Ann & Kathleen Rainsford R.I.P- Anniversary
5 <sup>th</sup> December Monday Advent Feria	10:00 am Mass Funeral Mass	Marianne Formosa R.I.P
6 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday	No Mass	
7 <sup>th</sup> December Wed. St Ambrose	9:15 am Mass Yr. 6G & 6R- coming to Mass.	Joseph Kalathara R.I.P - Anniversary
8 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday The Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary	9:15 am Mass	Private Intentions UCM
9 <sup>th</sup> December Friday St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin	9:15 am Mass	Rosa Nicholas - Intentions
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December Saturday</b> Advent Feria	11:00 – 12:00 am	Confession or by appointment
	6:00pm(Vigil Mass) (Sat. Vigil Mass)	J de la Fuente Wedding Anniversary
<b>11<sup>th</sup> December Sunday</b>  <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	8:30 am Mass	Jack Curley R.I.P – Anniv
	11:00am Mass	Rina Castagnetti R.I.P also UCM 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:**

Justino Villegas, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Maria Louis, Ada Bacarini, Lucy Ugoala, Rosa Nicolas, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Ray Pine, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Charlie Crane, Michael Oladipo Cole, Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Eileen Lucas, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish**

### **Anniversaries:**

Maureen Finer, Jack Curley, Joseph Kalathara, Dominic Pereira, John Danquah, Jnauz Suliga, Mary Moran, Dennis Lonergan, Thomas Roche, Sarah Toolan Dennis Lonergan, Myra Richards, Larry Wims, , Anne Nugent, Sean Ahearn,, Michael Brobbey.

### **Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Noel Kennedy, Marianne Formosa, Paddy McGuire, Paddy Enright, Vicky Knight, Teresa Russell William Gonzalez, Agnes Alexander, Gavin McFadyen Frankie Alfante, Federico and Constanca Delfin, Sarah Lane, Daphne Mae Bedingfield, Alice Harkin, Edwina Tomkin, Dominica Solari, Jimmy O'Reilly, John Harkin, Joel Roque.  
*"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### **NEW PARISH WEBSITE:**

[www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk)

**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**

### **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.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

Next parents meeting is on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm.** All parents must attend.

Next session is on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January.**

Please be on time for the 11:00 am Mass.

### **CONFIRMATION 2017**

The first meeting with parents will be on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7:00pm.** First session for the youth is on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January.**

### **MARRIAGE**

Six months' notice must be given, even if you're marrying elsewhere, we must do preparation and paperwork. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: [holloway@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk)

### **Not Catholic But Curious – RCIA**

Each year a number of requests are received from people who are interested in joining the Catholic Church. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process based on weekly sessions presented from Advent (or earlier) until May. Through study and reflection candidates prepare to become fully initiated in the Church at the Easter Vigil. If you are interested, please come to the meeting room on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7:00pm or contact Edmund or Elizabeth in the parish office.

### **CHRISTMAS PLAY- 6:00pm Christmas**

### **Eve (FAMILY VIGIL MASS)**

Children are invited to participate in our Christmas play. Rehearsals will be held on **Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd December at 10:00am** in the church. The play will be performed in the children and family Mass on Saturday **24 December at 6:00pm.**

### **Christmas Raffle Draw 2016**

Please drop your stubs and money in the baskets at the end of Mass. There are still uncollected Envelopes with raffle tickets at the back of church. Names are arranged in alphabetical order for your convenience. Please take time to look for your envelopes. If you cannot find your name please leave your name and complete address in the board provided. This year's draw will be held in the parish centre on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016** after the 11:00am Mass. Proceeds will go to the ongoing maintenance of the church's building.

### **Faith Matters**

Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH [pathwaystogod.org](http://pathwaystogod.org) 0207-495-1673  
**-New Beginnings**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 11am-4pm Lynne Galloway. Take time to pause for prayerful reflection on the road you travelled in 2016 and to place your year ahead into the hands of God prayerfully considering what God might be inviting you to at this time of a new beginnings.

### **- A Biblical Journey through the Mass**

Thursdays 12<sup>th</sup> January-2<sup>nd</sup> February 11am-1pm Brian Purfield. Repeated Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 11am-4pm Brian Purfield  
The Mass is the centre of our faith. We celebrate it every day. We know all the responses. We know all the gestures. But do we know what it all means? In this short course/Study Day we will take a tour of the liturgy and explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the liturgy and reflect on their profound significance.

### **Life In the Spirit Seminar 19 Jan to 23 Feb**

Soul Food Catholic charismatic prayer group will be running a Life in the Spirit Seminar starting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 every Thursday for 6 weeks. The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a back to basics exploration of the Good News that leads to a real and deep knowledge and experience of God's love for us. It renews and transforms lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. For full details and to register for the Life in the Spirit Seminar, please visit <http://www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss>

### **TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 11:00 MASS**

You are invited to the parish community centre for tea coffee and chat. We welcome especially those who are new to the parish.

## **MUSINGS**

*Preaching in the wilderness...*

Preaching the Church's message is both challenging and demanding. It does seem like 'A voice of one calling in the wilderness.' The Gospel appears unreal and irrelevant when presented in doctrinal terms to many people. Perhaps the message is lost in translation. When John preached, he too found himself in a community where many would have been indifferent to his message, especially the Jews. The Jews felt that they were the favoured people; one step ahead of all others when it came to God's judgement. Just being a Jew was enough to exempt oneself from judgement. Is there some of this in the modern psyche? John had to remind them that life, not lineage, is God's standard of judgement. When we preach today there are three things we should keep in mind as did John, the great preacher. Firstly, our Gospel is one of social concern; the poor need our attention. Secondly, in all we do we are serving God and not ourselves. Thirdly, that God judges us fairly, without discrimination. This emphasis may help in the 'wilderness of the modern world.

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**Church Cleaning-** The church gets a lot use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. TO JOIN THE TEAM, it takes 2 hours once a month? Please contact the parish office 02076073594 or Juliana 07960541286 to volunteer.

### **UCM- Union of Catholic Mothers**

UCM meets every second Sunday of the Month after 11:00 am Mass. All mothers Welcome!!!  
**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN**  
We are very happy to invite children who are **4 to 8 years old or who are at school in Reception to year 3;** to participate on Sunday at 11:00 am Mass, in the 'Liturgy of the Word with Children'. Unfortunately, due to limited resources, we are not able to invite younger or older kids to the Children's Liturgy.

### **TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 11:00AM MASS**

You are invited to the parish centre for tea and coffee and chat. We welcome especially those who are new to the parish. Praise and worship and charismatic prayer service follows the tea and coffee at around 3:00pm.

### **Christmas Cards**

They are on sale at the Parish Centre after the 11:00am Mass. Buy your Cards now.