

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 28th Jan 2018.

Envelopes: Weekly £266.38

Loose: £441.72

Standing Orders £892, 75 (Dec/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.



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th February 2018**

THE DEEP END: Jesus the Healer

In today's gospel we read about Jesus' first healing in Mark's Gospel. Jesus hears of the illness of the mother of Simon's wife and goes to her. Due to the purity laws of his time this scene would have been considered controversial. His first healing is of a woman and we are told that he touches her, raises her up; he completely restores her to health. Many of his actions here would be considered taboo.

The 'whole city' was crowded around the door as people wanted to also be healed. What a commotion! Jesus, very early on in his ministry, is clearly a very popular, attractive figure. Jesus is the healer. We might ask ourselves today: who do we know who is in need of healing of any kind? This week, how can we reach out to them?

Another important aspect of this story is that Jesus does not remain comfortable in this house. He keeps moving, keeps going outward. This requires so much energy and an outpouring of love for those in need. Jesus shows us in today's gospel what it takes to stay connected, to re-energise ourselves for our various tasks: quiet time and space for real encounter with God. Even then, the people hunted for him. 'Everyone is searching for you', and still today, everyone is searching. It is up to all of us to help those on this journey, the seekers, the lost and those in need of healing. We cannot break new ground unless we are inwardly free and connected to that divine presence within us and in our world.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

4th February 2018 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00 pm Sat. <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Michael Crowley R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass	Grady and Coughlan – Families - Intentions
	11:00 am Mass	Kathleen Duffy –R.I.P
5 th February Monday St Agatha	9:15 am Mass	Edgar Ocampo R.I.P
6 th February Tuesday	No Mass	
7 th February Wed. Feria	9:15 am Mass	Margaret Dolan R.I.P- Anniv.
8 th February Thursday. St Josephine Bakhita	9:15 am Mass	Monsgr Chuka Egbe R.I.P Anniversary
9 th February Friday Feria	9:15 am Mass	For the Parish
10th February –Sat. St Scholastica, Virgin	11:00- 12:00 noon	<i>Confessions</i>
	6:00 pm <i>Vigil Mass</i>	RCIA- Rite of Acceptance
11th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Next Sunday- CAFOD Harvest Fast Day- Collection.	8:30 am Mass	Francis Ruane R.I.P Rudi Genovese R.I.P – Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	Josefa Redruello R.I.P – Anniv. Joe and Maria Ward 60th Wedding Anniversary

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, Ludvina 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, Edwina 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: Monsgr Chuka Egbe, Rudi Genovese, Josefa Redruello, Margaret Dolan, Teresa Kennelly, Thomas Bernardo, John Joe Ferguson, Gerry Johnson, Sean Dolan, Claudio Rigolli, Ykaloo Michael, Mezaha Tesfu, Rosa Nicholas Gilberto Ero, Michael Costin.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Patrick Boylan, Thomas Clarke, Helena Bolotny, Veronica Manning, Patrick Hayes, Brian Mpunga, Ellen Howard, Margaret Kinsella, Sheila Connolly, Sheila Lasok, 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 in the parish at 7:00 pm on Monday 19th and Friday 23rd February 2018. Parents and godparents need to attend both days.

In order to make the most of the meeting, we would like to recommend, leave the children at home, having them might be distracting for you and other attendants.

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

Reminder: next First Holy Communion meeting is for parents. It will be on Wednesday 21st Feb at 7pm.

SACRAMENTS: Please keep in your prayers our children preparing for First Holy Communion and also our youth preparing to be confirmed and those being baptised as well as their families and also our adult parishioners who will be joining our Catholic family this Easter.

Please welcome and keep in your prayers Paula, Margaret and Samantha who are preparing to be baptised and/or confirmed. We look forward to welcoming them at their Rite of Acceptance on Sat 10th at the 6pm Mass. We would also like to say a big thank you to new RCIA catechist Mark Joseph for all his support and time.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Do you have any spare toys, children's books and DVDs (all ages) related to the Catholic faith that are in good condition? We would be grateful for your donations for children to use for catechesis etc. Please leave in the box at the back of the church or hand in to the parish office. Thank you to the kind family who have already donated a number of books for young children to use during Mass to help them participate more fully.

Lent Faith Sharing: Lenten Prayer Group: Please join us on Fridays during Lent for Stations of the Cross followed at 7.30pm with a time of prayer and reflection. First session 16th Feb. All welcome.

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony - Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19th May 2018 at 3pm.

The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their

5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish secretary the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

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LOVE HEALS BODY MIND AND SPIRIT MINISTRY

We invite you to a Seven day Retreat At Mem Soares, Castelo De Vide, Retreat House, Portugal.

Two Dates Are Available: Thursday May 10th – Wednesday 16th May 2018 Or Thursday 13th September – Wednesday 19th September 2018.

Attending Celebrant Priest: Father Bill Keogh (Former Spiritual Director of Westminster Charismatic Prayer Group)

Please secure your booking now, to make sure you get a place Email: lovehealsbodymindspirit@gmail.com Website: www.lovehealsbodymindspirit.com For more information David or Eileen, Tele: 0208 542 2476

MUSINGS

In speaking about the merciful outreach of the Church, in his first official interview with the Jesuit Antonio Spadaro, Pope Francis compared the Church to a field hospital: 'I see the church as a field hospital after battle... the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity.' Using simple but effective imagery, he brings home his point that before getting into details about the dos and don'ts of the Christian life, it's important to make sure we are conveying the central message and reality: 'it is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds ... And you have to start from the ground up.' **Bishop Brendan Leahy@Intercom**

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.

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. **Next meet up for CLW catechists is 11th Feb in the classroom after the 11am Mass. Anyone interested in joining the team is welcome.**

Calling Catholic Teachers

The Diocese of Westminster Education Service is hosting an evening to engage with Catholic teachers and leaders currently working outside of Catholic education.

We will also provide an opportunity to register for a mentoring programme for those who wish to be accompanied and supported on their journey in to Catholic school leadership positions.

6th February 2018 at 6.30 - 8pm
Vaughan House, Francis St, Lon.SW1P 1QN