

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Thursday 25 and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Dec.

Envelopes: £763.00

Loose: £803.05

Standing Orders £ 663.25 (Nov./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.

# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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**Parish Office opening times for Admin**

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



NEWSLETTER 4<sup>th</sup> January 2015

## Epiphany of the Lord

### The Deep End – The God of surprises

What is an epiphany? Perhaps it is best describe as an 'Aha' moment! The word epiphany comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, which means to 'shine upon' or 'make known'. So we celebrate today the first occasion that Christ made himself known, in surprising way. I wonder if the wise men were taken aback at the very ordinary scene they encountered when they arrived at the home of Mary and Joseph. After all, they were looking for an infant king. What they found was simply 'the child with his mother Mary'- no palace, or servants, or security at the gate. What unexpected way for God to reveal himself. Yet the wise men had enough insight to recognise that there were in the presence of something very special.

There were many more surprises to come. Think of the miracle at the wedding at Cana, or Jesus going against the grain to befriend the outcasts of society, or the clever answers he gives to those who try to catch him out.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus reveals himself to people in the most unexpected ways. We can get very set in our ways, perhaps getting used to encountering God only at set times, in set places – perhaps when we go to Mass on Sunday. But do we keep an eye out for him the rest of the week? After all, he is God of epiphanies. He wants to surprises us, and we should be open to hearing him when he wants to speak to us.

*'God is not afraid of new things! That is why he is continually surprising us, opening ours hearts and guiding us in unexpected ways'* Pope Francis  
Triona Doherty@Intercom

### BEHIND THE SCENES

Many people attended Mass over Christmas season and we have received many comments on the beauty of the church and the liturgy. This was made possible because of the hours of preparation that went into this. We are grateful to so many parishioners who give their time in many ways. Thank you for the many cards and gifts and your continued support. The team and I wish you every blessing in 2015. To God be the glory. *Fr. Gideon*

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>4 January 2015</b>  <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>	(6.00pm Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30 AM	Philomena R.I.P  Jane Nadal R.I.P
	10:15 AM	Theresa Suporn Kusumratana R.I.P
	12:00 AM	Mary Krzemieniewski R.I.P Margaret Keohone R.I.P Anniversaries
<b>5<sup>th</sup> January Monday</b> Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Onorina Molinari R.I.P
<b>6<sup>th</sup> January Tuesday</b>	No Mass	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> January Wednesday</b> Christmas Feria	10:00 am Mass School Mass	Beginning of Term Mass Sacred Heart Primary School
<b>8<sup>th</sup> January Thursday</b> Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Margaret & Paddy Cooney R.I.P
<b>9<sup>th</sup> January Friday</b> Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Lido Zuccolini R.I.P
<b>10<sup>th</sup> January Saturday</b> Christmas Feria	10:00-11:00 6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Confessions or by appointment  Resma Joseph - Int
	8:30 AM	Peter Rossen R.I.P
<b>11 January</b> <b>The Baptism of the Lord</b>	10:15 AM	Gordon Witt R.I.P
	12:00 AM	For the Parish

*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:**

Helen Bradley, John Breslin, Shirley Dolan, Joe Samuels, Frances Byrne, Matt Kennelly, John and Nora Harkin, Leo Kilkenny, Yolanda Villegas, Edwina Toson, 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, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrisey, Stephanie Enepi. **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

**Anniversaries:**

Mary Krzemieniewski and Margaret Keohone, Pat Naughton and Ivy Ross, Michael Costin, Gilbert Ero, John O'Rourke, Bill Devereux, Beryl Genovese, Margaret McGee, Ykaalo Michael, Sarah Toolan, Myra Richards Houlihan, Denis Lonergan, Sean Ahearne, Peter Sheridan.

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Morris Flores, Angela Tabone, Josie O'Brien, Angelita Nogoy, 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..

*"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](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk)  
Please do not confuse it with the old website's address which is now defunct:  
[www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk](http://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 February 2015.

**MARRIAGE**

Six months' notice must be given for marriage, whether here or elsewhere. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: [holloway@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk)

**CONFIRMATION**

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are illegible to join the Confirmation Programme 2015. Please collect your application form at the end of Mass or collect it from the Parish office in office hours. The application forms should be returned by **1<sup>st</sup> February 2014.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
**2014-2015**

Then next candidate's session is on Sunday **11th January**. Parents, please bring your children on time.

The next Parent's meeting (with children) is on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** from 7:00pm-8:00pm.

**Is there anything you can do for your Church? Help is always required!**

**Church Cleaning-** The **Cleaning Team** urgently need new members. If you can offer a little of your time to assist with this very important role please contact **Juliana – 07960541286.**

**Visiting the Sick-** This is a ministry for all the baptised. We have a number of housebound who would love a visit from a fellow member of the parish. Contact Fr. Gideon.

**Lifts to Church-** there are people who struggle to get to Mass. If you have a car with spare seats why not ask if anyone needs a lift home.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS**  
**(DRAWN ON 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2014)**

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize £400 -C. CONBOY	00108
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize £300 -TOMMY RYAN	06150
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize £200 -J. CALILAN	06190
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize £100 - M. KIRK	01382

**4 CONSOLATION PRIZES**

WINE - M. O'Hagan	09733
WINE - J. IGNACIO	00470
WINE- J. MEEHAN	06429
WINE- ASTER TECLAY	01710

**HOW TO SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE BEFORE MEETING YOUR SPOUSE**

How can you build a strong foundation for a lasting marriage before it begins? Does marriage preparation start before engagement? In this inspiring and engaging talk, Robert Colquhoun will look at building grace filled marriages with God's plan for love and life.

**Wednesday, 7 January** at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue SW1P. Open to all, entry £10 on the door from 7.30pm. Refreshments served following the talk, hosted by the Young Friends of Westminster Cathedral.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE**

The Alexander Technique helps people to use themselves more mindfully in every day life activities to achieve a greater sense of relaxation and wellbeing.

Thursday 15th January 11 am - 3 pm Chris Goodchild. Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K  
3AH [www.mountstreet.info](http://www.mountstreet.info) 020-7495-1673.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)**

Meets on the 1st Sunday of the month after the 12:00noon Mass. All mothers are welcome.

**A DAY WITH MARY**

**Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> January**, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Anthony's Road, E7.

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> January** at Our Lady of Fatima, White City

**MUSINGS**

The magi (wise men) have played a prominent role in the Christmas story since about the fifth century. Appearing only in the Gospel of Mathew, he doesn't tell us how many there were; the number three was later deduced from the reference of three gifts. Their later portrayal as kings riding camels was inspired by two passages in Isaiah – a reference to the nations which 'shall come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness' (Isa60:03) and some lines further on, 'a multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah ... they shall bring gold, frankincense and shall proclaim the prise of the Lord' (Isa: 60:6)

**Life in the Spirit Seminar 22 Jan-26<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

Soul Food is a charismatic prayer group for young adults based in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on Ogle Street, London ([www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss](http://www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss)). They organise every year the 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'. It is a six-week course which helps people to have a profound encounter with God in the person of the Holy Spirit. After the seminar people generally become more active in their home parish, sharing the fruits of a renewed life in Christ.

The seminar starts on 22 January and lasts until 26 February. The meetings are every Thursday from 7 to 9pm. As part of the course we also organise a weekend retreat at Aylesford Priory from 13 to 15 February 2015 with the sacrament of reconciliation.

Prepare to be amazed – the Holy Spirit will not disappoint.

**Fr. Gideon** is away for his post- Christmas break from Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> January for three weeks. Masses will be celebrated by either **Fr. Chris Connor** or **Fr. Kidane**.

The office is open on **Tuesdays, Thursdays** and **Fridays from 9:30am-3:00pm** for any queries. You can also email the office.