

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 29th November 2015.

Envelopes: £637.00

Loose: £360.00

Standing Orders £831.75 (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 at 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.

Gift aid? It's worth it!

It is *important* to gift aid your offering to the church (planned giving envelopes or through 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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NEWSLETTER 6th December 2015

Second Sunday of Advent

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

6 th December Second Sunday of Advent	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Bill Devereux R.I.P – Anniv.
	8:30 AM	Michael Prior – R.I.P
	11:00AM	Suliga Janusz & Terlikowska Elzbieta R.I.P Ann & Kathleen Rainsford R.I.P – Anniversary
7 th December Monday St Ambrose	9:15 am Mass	Frank O'Donell - R.I.P
8 th December Tuesday	No Mass	Cathedral - Year Of Mercy Celebrations (Vestpers)
9 th December Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Matilda Lozée. Intentions
10 th December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Peter Joseph Heavin R.I.P
11 th December Friday St Damascus I	9:15 am Mass	Lisa Dolan – R.I.P
12 th December Saturday Our Lady of Guadalupe	11:00-12:00a.m.	Confession or by appointment
	6:00pm (Vigil Mass) (Sat . Vigil Mass)	For the Parish
13 th December 3rd Sunday of Advent Cardinal will open Holy Door in Westminster Cathedral 3:00pm	8:30 am Mass	Clifford Price – R.I.P
	11:00am Mass	Abimbola Cletus -Intentions

The Deep End – Be a signpost

How is your Advent going? We're a week in already. Less than three weeks to Christmas and so much still to be done! Where to start?

If we have time to listen there are some pointers in our reading today.

Following the example of John the Baptist, our Advent task is to 'prepare a way for the lord'. Of course in these busy weeks we have shopping to do, presents to buy, parties and festive gatherings to organise ; this are important part of our Christmas celebration. But how are we preparing to meet Jesus this Christmas? Can we create a space amid the hustle and bustle? And not just in our own personal lives- we are also called to be witnesses, to be the people who 'cry in the wilderness', announcing the good news to others. We must be signpost, our words and actions pointing towards Christ. Our task this Advent is to make Jesus known. In our dealings with others as we count down to Christmas, let us try to be like John the Baptist, pointing always towards Christ. St Paul's prayer in today's Second Reading is that our love for one another may increase more and more. Let love be your guide.

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YEAR OF MERCY

The Extraordinary Year of Mercy begins with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door in the Vatican on **8th December**. The Cardinal will open the Holy Door in Westminster Cathedral in the context of Vespers and Benediction at 3:30pm on Sunday, 13th December. You are very welcome to attend. Those making a brief pilgrimage during the Year to the Cathedral of Holy Door or the others through the Diocese may gain the Jubilee Indulgence for themselves or the Holy Souls.

Pope Francis has emphasized the role of Mary as Mother of Mercy, and the prayer Salve Regina: "that she may never tire of turning her merciful eyes towards us, and make us worthy to contemplate the face of mercy her Son Jesus." The Cardinal wishes, therefore, the 'Hail Mary' in the Sunday prayers of the faithful be replaced by the "Hail Holy Queen" throughout the Year of Mercy, starting 13th December.

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:

Lucy Ugoala, Gerald Johnson, Eileen Towey, Joan Neary, Rosa Nicholas, Mary Wong, Eileen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Sarah Lane, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Lily Chiuwoke. Charlie Crane, Stella Turner, Michael Cole, Steadman Descartes, Joe Samuels, John and Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Judette Palmer, Maria Ward, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Margaret Lonergan, Eileen Lucas, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Chris Eisen, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi.

and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries:

Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, Bill Devereux. Ykaalo-Micael, John Danquah, Josie O'Brien, Theresa Suporn, Sarah Toolan, Mary Moran, Clifford Price.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Baldish Johal, Nezhah Tesfu, Peter Joseph Heavin, Michael Gill, Theresa Carr, Mary Tisseverasinghe, Michael Coughlan, Florencio Fusin, Paulus Awondatu, Menchi de Castro, Sam McKinney, Felixiene Henry, Brian Morris, Florence McGrath, John Mazzoni, Michael Prior, Frances Byrne, Helen Bradley, Andrew O'Brien.

"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."

PARISH WEBSITE

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Funeral Plans available.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE FOR
ISLINGTON DEANERY
SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER 4:30PM-
5:30PM**

LED BY Bishop Nicholas Hudson
St. John's Duncan Terrace
Off Upper St. Islington

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. The next parents' and Godparents' meeting will be announced next term, 2016.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015-2016

Sunday, 6th December, is the last session in 2015. We will be back on Sunday at 9:30 am on **10th January 2016.**

CONFIRMATION:

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are illegible to join the Confirmation Programme 2016. Please spread the word to our parish's youth to join the programme. Application form are available at the end of Mass or collect it from the Parish office in office hours. The application forms should be returned by **17th January 2016.**

CHRISTMAS PLAY- FAMILY MASS

All children that are staying around during the Christmas break, are invited to participate in our Christmas play. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd December at 10:00am in the church. The play will be in the Family Mass on Thursday 24 December at 6:00pm

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS IN THE
PARISH**

**1st three Tuesdays in December, at the
Parish Meeting Room 8:00-9:30pm
Richard Broadbent-Moderator**

Tuesday 8th December: The Environment – reflections on *Laudato Si*, the Papal Encyclical on the environment.

Tuesday 15th December: The Spiritual Life – the Advent journey and personal preparations for Christmas.

This is an opportunity for us to discuss and reflect about our Catholic faith as we welcome the year of Mercy.

All are welcome!

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2015

This annual draw has helped pay for our church repairs and maintenance over the years. This year's proceeds of the draw will help pay for the repairs of our stained glass windows. The parish Christmas draw will be held on Sunday 20th December at 1:00pm in the community Centre. Please collect your envelope of tickets at the back of church. Uncollected envelopes will not be posted due to the cost.

Divine Mercy Retreat

Saturday, 19 December 2015

11:00 am - 4:00 pm at St Joseph RC Church, 68 Grange Park Road, Leyton, London, E10 5ES.

Volunteers needed for CAFOD

Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help tackle poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs more volunteers to speak in parishes and/or schools about its work in the developing world. To find out more and book a place on our next "Understanding CAFOD" training day on Saturday, 23rd January, please use our online booking facility at <https://understandingcafod2016.eventbrite.co.uk>. Alternatively, you can call CAFOD on 0208 449 6970, or email westminster@cafod.org.uk.



MUSINGS

Today's reading from the prophet Baruch contains some very consoling lines. Among this is an invitation to a city to stand tall again: 'Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west to east,...rejoicing that God has remembered them'. These words take flesh at key moments in our lives: when we are forgiven for some wrongdoing; when the alcoholic manages to stay off the drink for yet another week; when we complete our last bout of chemotherapy and all is well; when we get through our final exams; when our emigrant children return safely home...

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Seeking Sanctuary is an organisation helping migrants trapped in Calais. There are many ways to help. See seekingsanctuary.weebly.com **Refugee Crisis updates by Bishops' Conference of England and Wales – see catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/Refugee-Crisis-Open-Your-Hearts**

Tea and Coffee and Cakes/ Biscuits after 11:00am Mass (12:00pm-1:30pm)- the main purpose of this is to bring parishioners together and welcome new parishioners. Mass Cards, Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards are available for sale in the parish hall. All welcome.

Health and Safety – We take the safety of everybody seriously and the diocese provides a company who assist us with regular checks of all our buildings. ***Children under 12 years old will not be allowed in the gallery at all times. Children should be supervised by their parents when they are in the toilets and when crossing the road to the parish community centre.***

Church cleaning- the church gets a lot use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. We only have a few left cleaning the church so we are appealing for more volunteers. Please contact the parish office 020 7607 3594

The Big Give & The Passage Carol Service – in support of their work with Homeless People – Friday December at St Margaret's Westminster. Admission by advanced ticket only. Details from 020 7592 1856