

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 28th February 2016.

Envelopes: £ 602.12

Loose: £ 336.00

Standing Orders £ 931.00 (Jan/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.

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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Parish Office opening times for Admin

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



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

6th March 2016 Fourth Sunday of Lent Lenten Alms Collection for Caritas	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30 AM 11:00AM	Michael Baylon—R.I.P. (Ann.) Confirmation Mass of Enrollment Mary McInery, Sr. Marie Casey Philippe Lau-Yu-Kan— R.I.P (Anniversary). Patrick Abaton— R.I.P
7th February Monday Lent Weekday Sts.Perpetua & Felicity Martyrs	9:15 am Mass	
8th March Tuesday	No Mass	
9th March Wednesday Lenten Weekday St. Frances of Rome	9:15 am Mass	D'Shaun Louis (Thanksgiving).
10th March Thursday Lenten Weekday	9:15 am Mass 7:00pm-	Ann Finden— R.I.P Confirmation Session
11th March Friday Lent Fast Day	10:00 am- Funeral Mass <i>7:00 pm</i>	JOHN HARKIN R.I.P <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
12th March Saturday Lenten Weekday	11:00 – 12:00 am 6:00pm (Vigil Mass) (Sat . Vigil Mass)	<i>Confession or by appointment</i> Tania Ba Obeid R.I.P Anniv.
13th March 2016 Fifth Sunday Sunday of Lent Lenten Alms for Caritas	8:30 am Mass 11:00am Mass	Francis Byrne R.I.P. Darey Cletus Intentions <i>Baptisms: Rhea Nicole and Rhys Kian Diggs (12:15pm)</i>

Fourth Sunday of Lent 6th March 2016

A SUNDAY FOR REJOICING

Today's Gospel story of the Prodigal Son is a favourite of many. We can identify with all the major figures and their crisscross of emotions. The father's initial grief over his young son's avarice is turned to relief at his return. The son's grief over his loss of fortune, family, and friends turned to delirious joy at the sight of his father.

We understand the eldest son's bewilderment over his father's generosity. For the older son, virtue seems not to be its own reward. For all his honourable toil and loyalty, there seems to be no celebration. The father however, is prodigal in his forgiveness and mercy. He expects the same generosity from his older son. He wants all to rejoice when the lost one is found.

This is a Sunday of rejoicing. It's time to pause, consider, and encourage one another. We are the prodigal children heading home. We are the elder siblings waiting with the eager Father, who scans the horizon. In Christ Jesus we are reconciled to the Father and one another. In his death and resurrection we have passed over. We are a new creation. *In this we rejoice.*

St. Raymond's

LENT- is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through prayer and fasting we remember those who are forced to fast because of their poverty. A good way to tie in the meaning of Lent is to put oneself in the shoes of the poor, the needy, the marginalised, and to give alms to help them.

CARITAS WESTMINSTER - Today March 5th and 6th , and the whole Lenten season, our parish will take up a collection to support the work of Caritas Westminster, the official social arm of the Diocese. Your generosity will help address the problem of those going hungry, those sleeping rough on our streets, and the terrible plight of humanity that is human trafficking - [right here in London.](#)

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:

Mirian Hernandez, D'Shaun Louis, Ada Bacarini, Lucy Ugoala, Rosa Nicholas, Mary Wong, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Edwina Toson, Sarah Lane, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Charlie Crane, Stella Turner, Michael Cole, Steadman Descartes, Joe Samuels, Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Maria Ward, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Eileen Lucas, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi, **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

Anniversaries:

Philippe Lau-Yu-Kan, Michael Baylon, Madeline Allen, Helen Bradley, Maria Bright, Margaret Lonergan, Michael Toolan, Santolo Genovese, Bruno Solari.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

John Harkin, Joel Roque, Gerry Johnson, Bernard John Peter Fear, Nancy Cullen, Anne Finden, Nezah Tesfu, Peter Joseph Heavin, Michael Gill, Mary Tisseverasinghe, Michael Coughlan, Florencio Fusin, Paulus Awondatu, Sam McKinney, Felixiene Henry, Brian Morris, John Mazzoni, Michael Prior, Andrew O'Brien.

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

A Reminder:

Please remember these names and the names mentioned in the Bidding Prayers at Mass in your own private prayers in your home during the week. Prayers are the powerful tools of the Lord in healing the sick and consoling the bereaved. The names listed above and mentioned in the bidding prayers will be announced for four weeks. We ask you to let us know if the person's name should be removed either from the Bidding prayers or in the newsletter.

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 after Easter. Date to be confirmed.**

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015-2016

Children first reconciliation will be at 10:00 am on Saturday 5 and 12 March. Please make sure your child attends on the date assigned.

CONFIRMATION:

Confirmation candidates will have their Confirmation Session on **Thursday 10 March** at 7:00pm at The Parish Classroom. Please be punctual.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday (starting this Friday-12th February) from 7:00pm.

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH THROUGH ELECTRONIC GIVING

Now available at Sacred Heart. Visit your parish website and click on 'SUPPORT' (ParishWebsite: www.sacredheart.holloway.org.uk). You can also make donation using text from your mobile phone. Call the parish office for more details.

PARISH WEBSITE

Did you know that you can read the newsletter online? Go to: www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

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Funeral Plans available.

Faith Matters: Lent 2016.

YEAR OF MERCY

Time: 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

8th Mar: Fr. Nicholas Crowe OP: The Peace of Christ: Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy. At **Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN.** Booking is required. Register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or call at 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation is £4.50 per talk.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY DOOR, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

12th March 2016 – the Mass is at 12:30pm. Talks will be given by Mons. Keith Barltrop. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Divine Mercy Chaplet. Benediction at 3:15pm.

Faith Matters Question Time:

Climate Change: How Do Christians Respond? **On Tuesday 15 March, 6:45 - 8:45 pm.** Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH

www.mountstreet.info 020-7495-1673

All welcome to join Cafod's Chris Bain, Baroness Liddell, and Tibetan Buddhist Lama Gelongma Zangmo for an informative lively evening on how we might respond to this important issue.

Living in the Present Moment

Saturday 19 March, 11 am - 4 pm Margaret Philpot. Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH
www.mountstreet.info 020-7495-1673

This workshop will explore ways to learn to live in the present instead of dwelling on the past or worrying about the future.

Ask your MP to vote against Sunday trading liberalisation

The government is trying to use the Enterprise Bill to liberalise Sunday trading protections.

MPs will debate and vote on the proposals next week (Tuesday or Wednesday). Please ask your MP to attend the debate and oppose the plans. **Points to make:** *Many family and community activities are easier when people have the same day off work. Some people will find it harder to attend a church service if more people have to work in shops on a Sunday.* For more info go to <http://www.christianconcern.com/>

MUSINGS

In reflecting upon the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the spiritual writer Henri Nouwen once wrote, "Perhaps the most radical statement Jesus every made is 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate'. God's compassion is described by Jesus not simply to show me how willing God is to feel for me, or to forgive my sins and offer me new life and happiness, but to invite me to become like God and to show the same compassion to others...I am destined to step into my Father's place and offer to others the same compassion that he has offered me. The return of the Father is ultimately the challenge to become the Father. S.Ryan @intercom

YOU'RE INVITED!

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

Health and Safety –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 are appealing for more volunteers TO JOIN THE TEAM.. Please contact the parish office 02076073594 or Juliana 07960541286

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholic singles.org.uk or email info@catholic singles.org.uk

World Youth Day 2016

World Youth Day this year is in Krakow and young people between the ages of 16 and 35 are invited to join the diocese pilgrimage.

There is a meeting in Euston at the Centre for Youth Ministry on 25 February at 7pm for anyone interested, and to hear the exciting plan. – contact youth@rcdow.org.uk – call 0207 387 1971 - or see dowym.com for more information”