

CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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Newsletter 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

The Deep End. 'Prepare a way'

John the Baptist is an interesting character. He wasn't someone kept up with the latest fashion. We are told he wore strange clothes, ate insects and lived in the desert. And yet John was very popular as we hear that 'all of Judea' came to him. There was obviously very attractive about John. People could see something in him; something that inspired them; something that gave them hope. John is clear that he is not the one they are looking for; rather he is someone who is *pointing* to the one they are looking for. John shows the way for people, he is a signpost to God.

The world says to God, 'we no longer need you, we know what is best'. And then we look at the wilderness of our modern world and hear the voice of one crying, 'prepare a way'. How do we prepare for welcoming God's love into our hearts? God is crying out for us to welcome him again and again. It is us who are blocked; we put so many things in the way. John is urging us to clear the path, to let go of all the things that are preventing us from experiencing God's love. John is calling people out from despair into hopefulness. @intercom

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2014

The Parish Christmas Draw will be held on Sunday 21st December after the 12:00noon Mass. All proceeds will go towards furnishings/ signage of our new Parish Centre. Please collect the envelope of raffle tickets with your name on it at the back of the Church. Please help us to sell these tickets. There are still plenty of uncollected envelopes in the church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 30th November

Envelopes: £593.91

Loose: £348.24

Standing Orders £654.50 (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 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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

7th December Second Sunday of Advent	(6.00pm Sat. Vigil Mass)	Ann Rainsford R.I.P – Anniv. Kathleen Rainsford R.I.P -Anniv
	8:30 AM	Mrs R.J. - Intentions
	10:15 AM	Samuel Varela – Intentions
	12:00 AM	UCM –Mass of Renewal
8th December Monday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:15 am Mass	Laurence Wims R.I.P - Anniv
9th December Tuesday	No Mass	
10th December Wed. St John Damascene	9:15am Mass	Laura Connor – Intentions
	5:00pm	Reception : Josie O'Brien R.I.P
11th December Thursday	12:00 Noon Funeral Mass	Josie O' Brien – R.I.P
12th December Friday Our Lady of Guadalupe	9:15 am Mass	Ocampo Family - Intentions
13th December Saturday St Lucy	10:00-11:00 Confessions (or by appointment) 6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Mary Davey – R.I.P May Hoare – R.I.P
14th December Third Sunday of Advent	8:30 AM	For the Parish
	10:15 AM	Marcela Frances R.I.P
	12:00 AM	Peter Oliver Sheridan R.I.P 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:

John Mazzoni, Frances Byrne, John and Nora Harkin, Leo Kilkenny, Rosa Nicolas, Yolanda Villegas, Edwina Toson, Helen Bradley, 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, Charlie Crane, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi. **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

Anniversaries:

Bill Devereux, Beryl Genovese, Margaret McGee, Ykaalo Michael, Sarah Toolan, Myra Richards Houlihan, Denis Lonergan, Sean Ahearne, Peter Sheridan, Jack Curley, Ted & Tom Connor, Margaret & Joe Reddington, Keith Potter, Pierre Imbert, Sarah Crosby, Peggy Crane, Kenneth Squires, John Danquah, Erning and Leonila de la Cruz,

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Josie O'Brien, 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, Andrea Justin, Johnny Patterson.

"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
Please do not confuse it with the old website's address which is now defunct:

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 January 2015.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Those First Holy Communion's candidates taking part in our Nativity Play on 24 December, please contact your catechist or Elizabeth. The rehearsals will take place on **22nd and 23rd December**. Time to be confirmed.

MARRIAGE

Six months' notice must be given for marriage, whether here or elsewhere. The parish in which you are a resident has to do preparation and paperwork. Couples considering marriage should speak to the priest well in advance. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

Nativity Play for Christmas Mass for Children 24th December at 6:00pm

If your child would like to take part in our Nativity play on 24th December, please contact Elizabeth in the parish office. Rehearsals will be on 22 and 23 December. Time to be confirmed.

SCHOOL'S CAROL CONCERT

Thursday, 18th December in Church at 9:45am. Everyone is invited.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

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

JOSIE O'BRIEN R.I.P.

She will be received into the Church on 10th Dec. at 5:00pm. Her Funeral Mass will be on 11th December at 12:00 Noon. Followed by burial at Islington Cemetery. Transport to the cemetery will be provided.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

CALIX CENTRE IN ST JOHN'S WOOD

Supporting those with addiction CALIX in London is an association of Catholic Alcoholics who are maintaining their sobriety through affiliation with and participation in the Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. It promotes spiritual development of its members by offering weekly meetings, celebration of the Mass, conversations, prayer and reflection. New members are welcome.

For more info, please go to www.calixsociety.org.uk or ring 07762570361

FAITH MATTERS

The Advent 2014 series of Faith Matters talks has been dedicated to explore some big faith questions such as existence of God, suffering and secularization.

'Heavenly Horizons: A Theological Reflection on Suffering and Love'

Faith Matters' final talk is titled 'Heavenly Horizons: A Theological reflection on Suffering and Love' and will be delivered by Fr. Nicholas Crower OP. On 11 December at 7:00pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London. SW1P 1QN.

GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

On Thursday 11th December, the Vigil of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Hundreds of women each year change their minds about having an abortion on the very doorsteps of the 'clinic', when they meet a volunteer from the Good Counsel Network. This takes Grace, in often very difficult circumstances. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For more information see: www.goodcounselnetwork.com

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Sunday 14 December at 7:30 at St Mellitus Church, Tollington Park, N4 3AG. This year we are raising funds for Freedom from Torture (The Medical Foundation) www.freedomfromtorture.org. also to enable the London Medical Orchestra to keep playing and fund-raising www.lmo.org.uk

Filipino "Dawn Mass"

Saturday, 21st December at 6:00pm
Filipinos in the parish will lead the choir singing on this traditionally Filipino celebrated Christmas Mass.

MUSINGS @intercom

Today's First Reading contain words of comfort and tenderness for the people of Jerusalem, words which assure them that their time of hard service is at an end and their sins paid for. It reminds me of that beautiful scene from *Les Misérables* when the convict Jean Valjean is returned by police to bishop of Digne, whose silver he has stolen. Seeing Valjean's state, the bishop assures police that there has been a misunderstanding- the stolen silver had been a free gift all along, and addresses Valjean, 'but you forgot the candles sticks- here take these as well!' God's mercy is always superabundant.

Reflection/Prayer

People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you seem in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway. *Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)*

PRAYER GROUP COCKFOSTERS

Meets at 8 pm every Monday for praise & worship, intercession, a talk and, finally, for personal prayer for those who desire this. New members are most welcome – just come and see! Enquiries: Ros Kraushar 020 8883 2665 Christ the King 29 Bramley Rd N14 (Oakwood Station)

Youth 2000 New Year Retreat:

**TAKE HEART Have No Fear
29th December- 1st January**

An epic event to kick-off the New Year! If you're 16-35 & would like fun and meaningful way to start 2015, then Take Heart is for you. This 4-day London event is at Maria Fidelis lower School, North Gower Street, NW1 2HR. It will be jam packed with Live Worship-Powerful Services- Engaging Talks- In-depth Discussions – Creative Workshops – Friendships, Live Music and social times... There will be laughter, prayer and most importantly an Encounter with our Great & Loving God!

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