

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 2nd December 2018.

Envelopes: Weekly £563.65

Loose: £227.92

Standing Orders £1,020 (Oct/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.

PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you very much to all those who filled in a form during our planned giving campaign.. If you missed the opportunity to do so there are forms at the back of the church on the table and in porch. **As a reminder we need information from every parishioner or family even if you already contribute regularly to the Offertory Collection and/or volunteer at Sacred Heart's.**

This will help us plan for the future, including support for parish ministries. And those who requested for envelopes can now collect them at the back of church.

CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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

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Our Mission: We are a welcoming, nourishing living parish, inspired by the Sacred Heart to serve and radiate this love to all.

Second Sunday of Advent

9th December '18

THE DEEP END: Make his paths straight

Preparing for the arrival of someone important takes care and attention. Think of a family preparing to welcome a loved one home from abroad, perhaps a son or daughter who lives in Australia or someone who has been off traveling the world. They get their bedroom ready, buy their favourite foods, perhaps put up banners or even organise a 'welcome home' party. It is all done with great excitement and love, and is a way of easing the path home for the traveller. Or imagine new parents preparing for the arrival of a baby. There are practical considerations such as buying nappies and clothing and getting a cot ready, and of course the nerves and excitement as they prepare to welcome the new arrival.

On a larger scale, when an important dignitary visits a venue or a country there is also a flurry of activity in preparation. We saw it in the painstaking arrangements made for the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland earlier this year. Such high profile visits often involve a literal preparation of the way – organising a welcome reception, planning the best route from the airport, clearing the streets of traffic, as well as much chatter and anticipation.

Today's Gospel brings these two types of welcome to mind. During Advent, we prepare for the coming of Jesus by our actions, when we are generous with our time, patient with our families, and help those in need. And we do all these things with excitement and love, so that Christ will find the warmest of welcomes and a clear route into our hearts.

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

9th December '18 Second Sunday of Advent	6:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass –	Bill Devereux R.I.P Anniversary.
	8:30 am Mass	Mate Family – Intentions
	11:00 am Mass	Mary Morrissey - R.I.P
10 th December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Carmelita Cerezo R.I.P
11 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
12 th December Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Louis family - Intentions
13 th December Thur. St Lucy	9:15 am Mass	For the parish
14 th December Friday St John of the Cross	9:15 am Mass	Paddy McGrath R.I.P
15th December Sat. Advent Feria		11:00-12:00 noon Confessions
	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	Jenny Bove R.I.P
16th December '18 Third Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Mass	John O'Roarke R.I.P Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	Delfin Calomay R.I.P

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:

Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Eva Buchalska, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Baby Michael Ellittott, Daithi Sweeney, Keith Hunt, Maria Louis, Crystal Green, Dolores Crowley, Ludvinia King, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Kathy Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Edwina Toson, Charlie Crane, Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen *and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.*

Anniversaries: John O'Roarke, Michael Brobbey, Bill Devereux, Josie O'Brien, Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, John Danquah, Michael and Peter Ginty, Denis Lonergan, Ellen Howard Egleceria Goylan, Ernesto Yañez, Consuelo Sartorio, Sean Ahearne, Jeremiah & Teresa Kennelly, Sarah Toolan.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Gabriel Samuels, Mary Morrissey, Stephen Hogan, Jenny Bove, Zelpha Anderson, Jim Neary, Mercy Dapaah, Ollie O'Driscoll, Ann Franklin, Reynaldo Vergara, William Francis O'Dwyer, Joan Neary, Brian Mpunga.

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.

SACRAMENTS

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

BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, R. C. I.A.

For details on being baptised, First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion preparation (year 3 and above), youth confirmation (14-18 year olds), being confirmed as an adult or for details about becoming Catholic, please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or speak to Nali (catechetical coordinator).

Baptismal Preparation Meeting

The next preparation course for Baptism will take place on Thursday **20th December from 7:15-8:45 pm** in the parish classroom. Parents and godparents are expected to attend this meeting. Please contact the parish office to complete the paperwork and to confirm attendance by **Tuesday 18th December.**



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Children, who have enthusiastically been preparing since October, for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will receive their First Reconciliation on Saturdays, 8th and 15th December. Please keep them in your prayers.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation in our parish will take place in June 2019. The Confirmation programme will begin in January with sessions on Sunday afternoons. If you are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) and wish to join the programme, then you are invited to complete the application form. The forms are available after all the Masses this weekend.

CHOIR PRACTICE is usually on Thursdays @ 8:30pm at the Parish house. The day however, is movable depending on the availability of most members. Please ask Peggy for more details. Everyone welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW

Next Sunday 16th December after 11:00 a.m. Mass is our Christmas Draw. Please do not *forget* to return the raffle tickets stubs.

We still have plenty of tickets to be sold, let us know if you wish more tickets; and help us to sell as many as you possibly can. All proceeds of the Draw will go towards the Presbytery Roof Repairs.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday 19th December

7:00PM to 8:45 PM

In the Sacrament of Penance, we celebrate God's forgiving and healing love.

Join the penance service here at Sacred Heart of Jesus- Holloway on Wednesday 19th December 2018.

Three Priests will be available for Confession.

All Welcome.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY-

6:00pm Christmas Eve

(FAMILY VIGIL MASS)

Children are invited to participate in our Christmas play. Rehearsals date will be: Saturday **22nd December 10:30 to 12:00 p.m. and Sunday 23rd December 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (After 11:00 a.m. Mass)**

Children will need to be in the church at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The play will be performed at the children and family Mass on **Monday 24 December** at 6:00pm

CAROL CONCERT AND THE BLESSING OF THE CRIB

On Thursday December 20th after the 9:15am Mass, we have our annual carol concert (Key Stage 2). This year, we would like to integrate into that service the blessing of the Crib.

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES

This weekend the Christmas envelopes are enclosed with the newsletter. They are also available at the back and porch. These are your personal gifts to the priest of the parish at Christmas time. Together with Easter envelopes form his salary for the year. Please be generous and if you are going away please put your envelope and gift through the presbytery letter box or in Sunday collection.

SECOND COLLECTION CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:

This weekend, we will take up a collection for flowers and Christmas trees to decorate the church. A little from everyone will ensure we have a beautiful Christmas display, thank you to our dedicated volunteers. Many Thanks.

Simbang Gabi (Filipino Christmas Mass)

Saturday 22nd December at 6:00pm Vigil Mass. All are welcome to the "Simbang Gabi."

Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas. - Pope John XXIII

Parish Regular Events

Thursday Evening: 8:30 Choir practice. 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. NNI Dialogue workshops. (see notice board for details).

Saturday: Confessions, Church cleaning.

Sundays: 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:30-1:00pm Children's Rosary in classroom
12:30 Tea and Coffee in Parish Hall.
12:30/1:00pm Union of Catholic Mothers (2nd Sundays).
2:00 pm Praise & worship/ Evangelisation Team (Parish Hall)