

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 04th December 2016.

Envelopes: £593.47

Loose: £ 330.79

Standing Orders £ 844.75(Oct/week)

Your generosity enables us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!

FORGOTTEN to bring some money for the collection? Just text "PARISH HOLLO" to this number: 70800, to donate £5 automatically. This amount will be added to your phone bill.

For Online giving go to:

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

and click **support**. Thank you.

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

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

62 Eden Grove, Holloway London N7 8EN

Phone: 020 7607 3594

Email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

Parish Priest: Fr. Gideon Wagay

Mrs. Elizabeth Ocampo- Admin Assistant

Parish Office opening times for Admin

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



11th December Sunday

Third Sunday of Advent

The Deep End @intercom

Jesus asks the crowd in today's Gospel why they ran to see John the Baptist. Sometimes when we go to hear a famous speaker or go to someone we admire we are looking for answers. Our expectations are often not grounded in reality. Jesus asks the people, what did they expect when they went to see John? Were they looking for someone nicely dressed? No, they were looking for a prophet and John was the greatest of these. Jesus's words are almost like a eulogy for John.

John announces and makes way for Jesus, marking the end of one era and the beginning of another. John announces a new time. John names the question we so often ask when a new exciting leader comes on the scene: Is this the one? Is this person we've been waiting for? And if it is, how we will know? Our expectation can often be so great because we are constantly in need of renewal. Where in your life today do you need to experience fresh hope and newness?

The Gospel ends with a paradox: John is the greatest that has ever been born; yet the people who are considered the 'lowest' or the 'least' in this world are considered even greater than John by God. A statement that no doubt would have left few people scratching their heads.

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, come forth from deep within me with Christmas luminous beauty. For my heart has become the sacred crib, the birthing place of God among us' – Fr. Edward Hays (d. April 2016)

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW

Next Sunday 18th December 2016

Our next building maintenance project is to address the leaking roof of the church. This year's Christmas raffle money will go towards this project. Please take some raffle books to sell among your friends, family and colleagues.

Please return the ticket counterfoils with the money to the priest or drop them at the parish office on or before 17th December. Many thanks for your support. Fr. Gideon

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

11 th December Sunday Third Sunday of Advent	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	J de la Fuente Wedding Anniversary
	8:30 AM	Jack Curley R.I.P – Anniv.
	11:00AM	Rina Castagnetti R.I.P also UCM Renewal
12 th December Monday Our Lady of Guadalupe	10:00 am Funeral Mass	Noel Kennedy R.I.P
13 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
14 th December Wed. St John Of the Cross	9:15 am Mass	John and Jane Lorence R.I.P
15 th December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass 10:00 am	John O'Roake R.I.P – Anniv. School Carol Concert
16 th December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Emilio Guarnieri R.I.P
17 th December Saturday Advent Feria	11:00 – 12:00 am	Confession or by appointment
	6:00pm(Vigil Mass)	For the Parish (Simbang Gabi Filipino Christmas Mass)
18 th December Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Raffle draw at the Centre 12:30 PM	8:30 am Mass	Private Intentions
	11:00am Mass	Dr Gilbert Ero R.I.P Pat Naughton R.I.P Ivy Ross – 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:**

Maria Ferreri, Maria Luisa Ferrari, Justino Villegas, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Maria Louis, Ada Bacarini, Lucy Ugoala, Rosa Nicolas, Martine Rainsford, Ray Pine, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Charlie Crane, Michael Oladipo Cole, Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Eileen Lucas, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish**

Anniversaries:

John O'Roake Maureen Finer, Jack Curley, Joseph Kalathara, Dominic Pereira, John Danquah, Jnusz Suliga, Mary Moran, Dennis Lonergan, Thomas Roche, Sarah Toolan Dennis Lonergan, Myra Richards.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Marianne Formosa, Noel Kennedy, Paddy McGuire, Paddy Enright, Vicky Knight, Teresa Russell William Gonzalez, Agnes Alexander, Gavin McFadyen Frankie Alfante, Federico and Constancia Delfin, Sarah Lane, Daphne Mae Bedingfield, Alice Harkin, Edwina Tomkin, Dominica Solari, Jimmy O'Reilly, John Harkin, Joel Roque.

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

NEW PARISH WEBSITE:

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

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; and use of the planned giving system (envelope or bank standing order) in regular support of the parish.

SACRAMENTS (also visit our parish website for more information)

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

All children are expected to take part in the Christmas Play on Christmas Evening. (See information below)

Next session is on Sunday 8th January.

Please be on time for the 11:00 am Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2017

The first meeting with parents will be on **Thursday 5th January at 7:00pm**. First session for the youth is on **Thursday 19th January.**

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

Not Catholic But Curious – RCIA

RCIA pre-catechumens will meet weekly on Saturday evenings at 7 pm, after the Vigil Mass, from the first full week of January (7 Jan 2017). Please support us with your prayers.

For more information on this or other Catechetical programmes, please contact Edmund on edmunddean@rcdow.org.uk

CHRISTMAS PLAY- 6:00pm Christmas Eve (FAMILY VIGIL MASS)

Children are invited to participate in our Christmas play. Rehearsals will be held on **Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd December at 10:00am** in the church. The play will be performed in the children and family Mass on **Saturday 24 December at 6:00pm.**

SIMBANG GABI (TAGALOG FOR NIGHT MASS)

A devotional nine-day series of Masses practiced by Catholics in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas. There will be a Simbang Gabi Mass in our Church on Saturday 17th December at the 6:00pm Vigil Mass. The Filipino Choir will be singing at this Mass.

Christmas Raffle Draw 2016

Please drop your stubs and money in the baskets at the end of Mass. There are still uncollected Envelopes with raffle tickets at the back of church. Names are arranged in alphabetical order for your convenience. Please take time to look for your envelopes. If you cannot find your name please leave your name and complete address in the board provided. This year's draw will be held in the parish centre on **Sunday 18th December 2016** after the 11:00am Mass. Proceeds will go to the many ongoing maintenance of the church's building.

Faith Matters

Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH pathwaystogod.org 0207-495-1673

-New Beginnings

Saturday 7th January 11am-4pm Lynne Galloway. Take time to pause for prayerful reflection on the road you travelled in 2016 and to place your year ahead into the hands of God prayerfully considering what God might be inviting you to at this time of a new beginnings.

- A Biblical Journey through the Mass

Brian Purfield – Thursdays 12th January-2nd February 11am-1pm. Repeated Saturday 25th February 11am-4pm.

The Mass is the centre of our faith. We celebrate it every day. We know all the responses. We know all the gestures. But do we know what it all means? In this short course/Study Day we will take a tour of the liturgy and explore the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience in the liturgy and reflect on their profound significance.

Life In the Spirit Seminar 19 Jan to 23 Feb

Soul Food Catholic charismatic prayer group will be running a Life in the Spirit Seminar starting **19th January 2017** every **Thursday** for **6 weeks**. The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a *back to basics* exploration of the Good News that leads to a real and deep knowledge and experience of God's love for us. It renews and transforms lives through the power of the Holy Spirit. For full details and to register for the Life in the Spirit Seminar, please visit:

<http://www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss>

MUSINGS

@intercom

John, who was in prison.

There is much waiting time in prison. Waiting for sentence, for release, waiting with patience to discover one's fate. This is where John the Baptist finds himself after confronting Herod. John has prophesied revolutionary change but couldn't see it in Jesus. Therefore the question: 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?' Jesus knew his cousin had depth of spirituality to sustain him and his response is simple but effective: 'Go back and report to John what you hear and see'.

We've seen it too in others who were confident. St Paul, Nelson Mandela and Viktor Frankl never lost hope. They were not self-preoccupied in waiting but focused on their mission of establishing God's kingdom, ending apartheid or not allowing evil to win the day. 'He who has a *why* to live for can bear with almost any *how*' (Nietzsche). Advent is our time for developing a spirituality that teaches patience; to wait with patience and hope despite the darkness of our time. In the depths of winter we learn to wait for the light. And the light will come just as the days begin to lengthen. We must wait.

Church Cleaning- The church gets a lot use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. Please consider joining the team; it takes about 2 hours once a month. Please contact the parish office 02076073594 or Juliana 07960541286 to volunteer.

UCM- Union of Catholic Mothers

UCM meets every second Sunday of the Month after 11:00 am Mass. All mothers Welcome!!!

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

We are very happy to invite children who are **4 to 8 years old or who are at school in Reception to year 3**; to participate on Sunday at 11:00 am Mass, in the 'Liturgy of the Word with Children'. Unfortunately, due to limited resources, we are not able to invite younger or older kids to the Children's Liturgy.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 11:00AM MASS

You are invited to the Parish Centre for tea and coffee and chat. We welcome especially those who are new to the parish.

Praise and worship and charismatic prayer service follows the tea and coffee at around 3:00pm.

Christmas Cards

They are on sale at the Parish Centre after the 11:00am Mass. Buy your Cards now. Thank you.