#### **NEWSLETTER**



**Church of the**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Offertory Collections**

**Sunday 4th May 2014**

**Envelopes: £439.35**

**Loose: £300.25**

**Standing Orders £696.00** (Mar./Week)

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

**JUST MOVED in to the PARISH?**

Welcome. Please register by completing a registration form from the office.

**PLANNED GIVING (OFFERING)**

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.

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**Parish Office opening times for Admin**

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

## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| ***Sunday 11th May***  ***Fourth Sunday of Easter***  ***World day Prayer for Vocations (Collection for Priest Training Fund)*** | **8:30 AM**  **10:15 AM**  **12:00 PM** | **Holy Souls**  **Eileen Ely**  **John Joseph Walsh R.I.P-(Anniversary** |
| **12th May Monday**  **St Pancras, Martyr** | 9:15 am Mass | Beryl Genovese R.I.P |
| **13th May Tuesday** | No Mass |  |
| **14th May Wednesday St Matthias Apostle** | 9:15am Mass | Ferelith Hood R.I.P |
| **15th May Thursday**  **Easter** Feria | 9:15am Mass | Nora Carroll R.I.P. |
| **16th May Friday**  **Easter Feria** | 9:15am Mass | Brian Mc Nally R.I.P |
| **17th May Saturday**  **Easter Feria** | **6:00pm:**  **(Sat. Vigil Mass)** | Flores Family R.I.P |
| **Sunday 18th May**  **Fifth Sunday of Easter** | **8:30 AM**  **10:15 AM**  **12:00 PM** | **Pio and Avelina Wagay R.I.P**  **Mrs Myriam Imbert R.I.P**  **For the Parish** |

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**11th MAY 2014**

***‘The smell of the sheep’***

Perhaps you have seen the photo of Pope Francis with the Lamb draped around his shoulders. It certainly brings to life his call to priests and bishops that they should know their flock, which he brought to life with the phrase: priests need to be ‘shepherds living with then smell of sheep’ a truly evocative way of describing the relationship between shepherd and flock.

While in the Old Testament the image of God as shepherd is prevalent, shepherds were in fact often looked down upon, perhaps because they did in fact have the smell of sheep. They were outsiders, who lived with the sheep in the hills and for this reason were seen as unclean, not people who followed the laws of Moses.

Yet, the bond between shepherd and sheep was strong, so close in fact that sheep were able to recognise their master’s voice. Moreover, the shepherd did not drive the sheep from behind, but led from the front, with the sheep following. And at night, while the sheep slept in the pen, the shepherd lay across the opening or gate to protect them from what was outside. For this reason the image of God as shepherd is apt and something to aspire to for those who follow a vocation today. @ Intercom,

**Annual Parish Collection for the Priest Training Fund**

*The Priest Training Fund needs our help. The number of men training for the priesthood has steadily increased in recent years. Last year we had eight ordinations and a further 32 men are currently in formation. This is wonderful news but the uncomfortable truth is that the Priest Training Fund is now spending much more on the preparation of priests than it is bringing in and now urgently needs our support.*

*Please give as much as you can afford to today’s collection so that the Priest Training Fund can continue to seek out, support and train those men who God is calling to the priesthood. You can also* ***make a donation online by visiting* www.rcdow.org.uk/donations**

**MUSINGS**

A priest serving in Point Barrow, Alaska, was once asked ’What’s the most difficult aspect of ministry in these parts?’ to which he answered ‘There’s no sheep here’.

What he was getting at, of course was the weakened impact, if not utter redundancy, of images such as the Good Shepherd among those who had not experienced this in their environment. This would not have been such a problem in Jesus’ own day, in a culture where sheep and shepherding were commonplace, even if shepherds were not always regarded as ‘good’. What images of Jesus are most powerful for you?

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**THE CALIX SOCIETY**

Supports Catholics in recovery from addiction. Groups meet in different locations around London. For more information go to: [www.calixlondon.org.uk](http://www.calixlondon.org.uk)

**A DAY WITH MARY**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Botwell La, Hayes, Middx,UB3 2AB on Saturday 17th May from 9:30am to 6:00pm.

**UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS**

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

**Decorating and CHURCH CLEANING**

We need new volunteers .We need teams, so the commitment can be once a month for about an hour. Please contact Juliana: 07960541286

Help would also be appreciated with the arranging of flowers.

**GROWING IN FAITH FUNDRAISING**

I’m still waiting for a few pledge forms to be returned. Kindly post it to me or directly to the Growing in Faith office. Thank you.

Fr. Gideon.

**Annual Collection for the Priest’s Training Fund- 11th May 2014**

The annual collection takes place on 11th May which is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

**“DAY FOR LIFE”**

In a special message to Catholics across Britain and Ireland for the annual Day for Life, Pope Francis has emphasised the need to care for life from conception to natural end.

In his message, he says that all life has inestimable value ‘even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.’

He has promised his prayers that ‘Day for Life will help to ensure that human life always receives the protection that it is due.’

Over half-a-million leaflets have been sent to parishes in England and Wales in readiness for Day for Life – Sunday, 28 July.

The theme of the Day is ‘Care for Life – It’s Worth It’ taken from a homily preached by Cardinal Bergoglio in 2005 during a Mass in honour of the protector of Pregnant Women, Saint Raymond Nonnatus.

Within this homily, the now Pope Francis said:

“All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth… to give life is to open (our) heart, and to care for life is to (give oneself) in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others.

“Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing… So, go forth and don’t be discouraged. Care for life. It’s worth it.”

This year’s Day for Life focuses on care for unborn children and their mothers; care for people who are elderly and care for those who are suicidal and their families.

One of its key aims is to build an environment of compassion and care that nurtures and sustains life, even in the most challenging of human events and personal circumstances.

**Message from Pope Francis to Catholics in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales**

“Calling to mind the teaching of Saint Irenaeus that the glory of God is seen in a living human being, the Holy Father encourages all of you to let the light of that glory shine so brightly that everyone may come to recognise the inestimate value of all human life.

Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live for ever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.

**BAPTISM**

Babies are usually baptised in the first 6 months of life. To book a baptism for your child, please contact the parish priest or Sr. Naomi. Parents of the child must be **registered** members of the parish. At least one parent or guardian of the child needs to supply us with their Catholic baptismal certificate and the child’s birth certificate. Parents and god parents must attend some baptism preparation beforehand.

**Next parents’ and godparents’ meeting Tuesday 20th May at 7.30, meeting room.**

**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](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk)

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2013-14**

The **rehearsal** for the first group First Holy Communion Mass will be at **10am on 17th May.** Please arrive promptly.

First Holy Communion Masses will be at the 12:00 Mass on 18th and 25th May.

**CONFIRMATION 2014**

The next candidates’ session will be on **Thursday 15th May 7:00-8:30pm**. All candidates must attend!

**ENQUIRERS’ GROUP**

If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic; or you would like to be Confirmed; or you would just like to know more about your faith, this group is for you. **Next meeting on Weds 4th June at 2.30pm** in the meeting room with Sr. Naomi.

**MONDAY MORNING COFFEE**

After 9:15am Mass, for parents/carers and toddlers (but everyone welcome).

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE**

[**www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk**](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk)

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

[**www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk**](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.co.uk)

**KOLBE’S GIFT**

**1st -5th October 2013 at Leicester Theatre**

See poster in porch. To book, visit [www.kolbesgift.com](http://www.kolbesgift.com) or

phone the theatre box office on 08448 733433

**RETROUVAILLE:**

Offers a lifeline to troubled marriages. Backed by prayer, this programme has healed and turned around thousands of marriages on the brink of collapse and even brought divorced couples back together again.

The next programme starts on the 27th – 29th September 2013. Don’t miss this lifeline if your marriage is painful – visit: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk) or call or text 0797 388 0443 in complete confidence.

**CONFIRMATION PHOTOS**

Photographs and CDs from Confirmation of June 15 2013 are now available. View albums and Order forms in the parish office. Also for further information you can contact photographer 07976 747 901 or email justinpip@yahoo.com

**Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)**

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

**LEARNING FOR EVERYONE**

**Faith Matters: Lumen Fidei, Light of Faith, Pope Francis’ Encyclical Letter**.

These are public lectures and all are welcome. *15 May,* ***The Joy of Believing and Belonging*** by Fr John Farrell, OP

*29 May,* ***Unless You Believe, You will not Understand*** by Fr John Hemer MHM,

At 7.00 – 8.30pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN. Registration is required at rcdow.org.uk/faith/faith-matters or phone 020 7931 6078. Suggested donation £3

**VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND**

We would like to invite single Catholic women in their 30s, 40s or 50s to come for a weekend of discernment from **13 to 15 June** to explore their Vocation to Religious Life. We are looking for women with enthusiasm, energy and love for God, and for whom prayer is a priority, to continue and develop the ministry of Retreats and Spirituality in our small Congregation. For more information please contact the Sisters on 020 8941 2313 or Email us info@christian-retreat.org

**NEW PARISH NOTICEBOARD**

There is a new noticeboard to the right of the main door which has details of parish events and activities. Please keep an eye on it and join our prayer & social events.

**‘CELEBRATE’ FAMILY FESTIVAL**

A weekend of charismatic prayer, talks, workshops, and fun suitable for all the family. Held at Twickenham 28th and 29th June. Sr. Naomi is going and several others. Please take a form from the new parish noticeboard and sign up on the list so that we can go or meet up as a parish group.

**CHILDRENS’ LITURGY TRAINING**

For all those working with children’s liturgy and those interested in this work. Tuesday 3rd and 10th June, 7.30-9pm in the Meeting Room. You should attend both sessions.

**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:**

Eileen Elly, Margaret Lonergan, Helen Bradley, Ashia Darr, Betty McMahon, Stephanie Enepi, Clive Bromhill, Agnes Alexander, John Breslin, Margaret Deignan, Michael Cole, Diana Johnson, Cedric Cowell, Alison McGoff, Michael Barber, Tanya Ba Obeid, Florence McGrath, Chris Eisen, Jim Spencer, Margaret Hughes, Mary Egan, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Peter Finn, Myrtle Hughes, Lillian Appino, Nessa Healy, Anne Franklin, Mary Morrissey, James McNamara, Patrick Enright, Ernie Fisher, Erin Connor, Julia White, Edwina Toson, Elizabeth Young, Pascal Philgence, Jennifer Blundell, Pauline Hunt, Anne Nicolas, ***and******all who are sick and housebound in the parish.***

**Anniversaries**:

Joe Neary, William Crosby, Anna Morrisey, Michael Houlihan, Nora O’Reilly, Kevin O’Brien, Chris Doyle, Bruno Solari, Margaret Cooney, George Johnson, Elizabeth Ellis, Dolores Winters, Barney Doherty.

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Eduard Donnelly, Anthony Mulvey, Madeleine Allen, Monica Devereux, Jerry Murtagh, Betty McMahan, Mary Costin, Bill Millet, Dora Tomson, Anson Gamy, Katie Magner

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

**COLLECTION BOX for the**