

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 5th April 2015.

Envelopes: £847.30

Loose: £1167.17

Standing Orders £628.05 (Feb/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 2015

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.

CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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



NEWSLETTER 12th April

Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy Sunday)

'The Deep End – Our true selves

'How can I explain? I wasn't me and you weren't you. From the very beginning to the very end, we didn't see things. What we did-we made each other up'.

Nazeen the lead character in Monica Ali's novel *Bricke Lane*, is ending an affair with her lover Karim and attempting to explain to him why it was never to work out. Neither party were being their true selves with each other, she concludes. The experience they thought they were having together was never really real; their judgement had somehow been clouded. They had 'made each other up'. It is sometime easier not to be our true selves. We can offer all sort of 'false' versions of ourselves in different situations and sometimes even in entire relationship.

Thomas had had an authentic experience of Jesus during the time he spent as his disciple. But in the story recounted in today's Gospel, he is not convinced that the experience the other disciples recount is real. Could they really have encountered the real Jesus, after his death? Surely they had imagined him, or 'made him up'!

What about us? Unlike Thomas, we cannot depend on a physical experience of Christ, but he is truly present to us nonetheless- in the sacraments and in our community. It is the real and authentic Jesus we experienced. Do we in turn offer him our true selves?

Annual Priest's Collection for the Priest Training Fund 26th April

The 2015 parish collection takes place on 26th April (which is also the World Day of Vocations) and all the money that you give will be used to encourage more men to consider the priesthood and to pay for the training of those who come forward. Please respond generously to this appeal through your prayers and donations, so that we can prepare our priests to spread the Gospel. The fund relies entirely on donations. Alternatively, you can make donation online: **www.rcdow.org.uk/donations**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

12th April Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30 AM	Jane Nester - Ints William Crosby – R.I.P
	10:15 AM	For the Parish
	12:00 AM	Juliana Danquah - Ints
	13th April Monday St Martin I	9:15 am Mass
14th April Tuesday	No Mass	
15th April Wednesday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Frances Byrne R.I.P
16th April Thursday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	U.C.M - Intentions
17th April Friday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Joe Neary R.I.P – Anniv.
18th April Saturday Easter Feria	10:00-11:00a.m. (confessions) 6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Tim O'Sullivan R.I.P
19th April 2015 Third Sunday of Easter (Next Sunday- Special collection. Priests Training Fund)	8:30 am Mass	Michael Baylon R.I.P
	10:15am Mass	Fiona Acheampong R.I.P
	12:00 Midday Mass	Joe Neary R.I.P- Anniv

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:

Sarah Lane, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Lily Chiuwoke. Charlie Crane, Rosa Nicholas Maria Louis, Stella Turner, Michael Cole, Steadman Descartes, Joe Samuels, Carlo Mazzoni, John and Nora Harkin, Leo Kilkenny, Edwina Toson, Eileen Ely, Taliah Sampson, Judette Palmer, Paddy McGravey, Maria Ward, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Margaret Loneragan, Eileen Lucas, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Chris Eisen, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi.

and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries:

Joe Neary, Sandrpragsam, Jimmy Gribben, Margaret Joseph, Mary Gill, Bridgitte Spillane, Celia Donovan, Dorothy Sollom, Maria Bright, John McMahon, Madeline Allen, Michael Toolan.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Joe Samuels, Frances Byrne, Anne Morrissey, Fiona Mercy Ofori-Acheampong, David Pinto Quintanilla, Lillian Appino, Tanya Ba Obeid, Helen Bradley, Patrick Kerwick, Annie Staddon, Siobhan Catherine Ryan, John Breslin,

“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 announced in May.**

MARRIAGE

Six months' notice must be given for marriage, whether here or elsewhere. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

CONFIRMATION

Next session will be on Thursday 16 April at 7:00pm.in the parish Classroom.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents' meeting (without the children) will be on **Wednesday, 22nd April 7:00pm-8:00pm.**

The next children's session is **26th April** at 10:15am. Please arrive promptly.

Is there anything you can do for your Church? What about **Church Cleaning?** The Cleaning Team urgently needs new members. If you can offer a little of your time to assist with this very important role please contact **Juliana – 07960541286.**

THE MARTYRS' WALK

Honouring the English Martyrs. On 4 May at 1:30pm **Venue:**St Sepulchre Church, Holborn Viaduct - EC1A 2DQ
Arrive at 1.30pm for 2pm departure. The group will walk to Tyburn arriving approx 4pm for Benediction, confession and tea at Tyburn Convent.

SPIRITUALITY SERIES 2015 at AUSTIN FORUM

Spirituality and the Mystics of Light in Medieval and Contemporary Art by Prof. Johannes Hoff from Heythrop College.
Join us on Tuesday **21 April** from 7-8.30pm at Austin Forum, 55 Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8AU.

"From its very beginning, the tradition of Christian mysticism was shaped by the Platonic mystics of light. The mystics shaped the medieval way of building and thinking. My lecture will introduce Christoph Schlingensief into the mystic of lights and display some extracts from his Zürich staging "Learning to Die" (Sterben lernen)" Johannes Hoff

CARDINAL'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY

The annual Mass of thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Marriage, celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, takes place on 23 May at Westminster Cathedral. Cardinal Vincent would like to extend a personal invitation to all couples who are celebrating 10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and higher anniversaries. If you would like to receive an invitation, please provide your names, postal address, parish, date of marriage and contact telephone number to your Parish Priest or contact Maria O'Brien at the Office for Marriage and Family Life at family@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7931 6064.

General Election 2015 - No time to be silent. A couple or more weeks until polling day. We need to seize the opportunity to speak with one voice about the really big issues. The politicians may want to talk about the economy, the NHS and immigration but we also want them to talk about more fundamental issues e.g. **protection of life, the promotion of marriage and family, the importance of Christian freedoms and the value of the Christian framework for our society.**

If Christians across the country are raising these issues, then candidates will find it harder to ignore them, especially as we highlight some of the recent steps forward (e.g. the equality of human rights commission research).

MUSINGS

As we recall in today's Gospel the story of Christ appearance to his disciples – and the absent Thomas's disbelief when the others told him- we might also call to mind the special association that Ireland has with Thomas's eventual proclamation of faith. In the Missal, issued after the Second Vatican Council, provision was made for a number of memorial acclamation to be used by the whole Church. However the Irish bishops petitioned for a special dispensation to use one extra acclamation that was traditionally dear to the Irish people: this was simply Thomas's profession of 'My Lord and my God'. Salvador Ryan@ Intercom

Reminder – Regular Giving to our Parish

This is the first weekend with the new set of envelopes, for those who make their weekly offering by handing in an envelope. Some new set of boxed envelopes are still waiting to be collected from the parish office. If the donor is a UK taxpayer, using envelopes (rather than placing loose cash in collection bag), has added advantage that you can permit us to claim a tax Gift Aid contribution on your donation **which cannot be done with loose cash.**

There are yet a number of parishioners who, as yet, have not committed to giving via a Standing order or envelopes and we ask you to seriously consider doing so. In the basket, there is a green form to fill in and indicate how much your donation. Please complete the form and return it to me, or drop it in our letterbox and we will send you the appropriate forms in order to begin your regular contribution. Many thanks.

Fr. Gideon

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS ((UCM)

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

Thinking about Priesthood? Come and See Vocations Events:

Monday, 18th May 7pm – Welwyn Garden City – St. Bonaventure 81, The Parkway Welwyn Garden City Herts AL8 6JF

Monday 22nd June 7pm- Centre for Youth Ministry, Euston – St. Aloysius Church, 20 Phoenix Road London NW1 1TA