

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 19th April 2015.

Envelopes: £484.55

Loose: £3350.9826standing

Orders £686.75 (Mar/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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NEWSLETTER 26th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

'The Deep End – Shepherd who smell of their sheep

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, so named because of the excerpt from the Gospel of John in which Jesus speaks about himself as the 'good shepherd'. It is also known as a day of prayer for vocations. What makes a good shepherd John tells us that the good shepherd is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. The shepherd is at the service of his sheep. Above all, he knows his own sheep. What a simple yet profound model for those with leadership roles in our church, and indeed for all of us.

Pope Francis used quite a vivid image in this context a while back, calling on priests to be 'shepherd with the smell of sheep'. In *the Joy of the Gospel*, he places this responsibility on all of us: 'Each Christian and every community...all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the "peripheries"'. We cannot be at the service of the people unless we know them, spend time with them and understand where they are coming from. We must be willing to serve, wherever help is needed.

A good shepherd does not remain indoors, watching from afar, hoping everything will be okay with his flock. He must be out among them in order to be able to protect and help them.

Triona Doherty @ Intercom

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

The Priest Training Fund needs our help. The number of men training for the priesthood has steadily increased in recent years. Thirty five men are currently in formation. This is wonderful news but it also means that the Priest Training Fund needs to bring in more money to cover the cost of their training. 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*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter (Special collection - Priests Training Fund)	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30 AM	Philip Potter R.I.P
	10:15 AM	Johnny Lydon R.I.P Anniversary
	12:00 AM	Grace Williams – Ints
		Joe Neary - R.I.P
27th April Monday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Deceased Members of the Solari Family
28th April Tuesday	No Mass	
29th April Wednesday St Catherine of Siena	9:15 am Mass	Varela Ocampo Family- Intentions
30th April Thursday St Pius V	9:15 am Mass	Michael Baylon – R.I.P
1st May Friday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Jack Parle – R.I.P
2nd May Saturday St Joseph the worker	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Deceased Members of the Sartori & Guarnieri Family
3rd May April 2015 Fifth Sunday of Easter	8:30 am Mass	Helen Bradley – R.I.P
	10:15am Mass	For the Parish
	12:00 Midday Mass	Patrick Hoare – 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:

Stelly Varela, Martin Rainsford, Sarah Lane, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Lily Chiwooke. Charlie Crane, Rosa Nicholas Maria Louis, Stella Turner, Michael Cole, Steadman Descartes, Joe Samuels, Carlo Mazzone, John and Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Taliah Sampson, Judette Palmer, Paddy McGravey, Maria Ward, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Margaret Lonergan, 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, Johnny Lydon, Stanley Richards, Mary Walsh, Gerry Murtagh, Sandrapragsam, Jimmy Gribben, Margaret Joseph, Mary Gill, Brigitte Spillane, Maria Bright. William Crosby, Martin Welby,

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Frances Byrne, Helen Bradley, Andrew O'Brien, Joe Samuels, 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 Sunday 10 May at 11:30am in the parish classroom.

Candidates are invited to come to 10:15 Mass before the meeting.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Last children's session is on **Sunday 3 May 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 ANNUAL MIGRANTS MASS

The Annual Migrants' Mass will be held at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on May 4th at 11am, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker. Gathering for the Mass begins at 10.30am. Mass will be followed by an international reception, supported by some of the fifty ethnic chaplaincies in London, in Notre Dame High School.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

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

Faith Matters Question Time

'The General Election: What's Religion got to do with it?'

The next Faith Matters Question Time, the panel discussion on matters of faith and life which brings together Catholics and other from different walks of life, takes place at **Farm Street on Tuesday 5th May at 6.30pm**, two days before the General Election. The panel will include Lord Glasman of Stoke Newington and Stamford Hill (Blue Labour) Dr Laura Keynes (journalist and author, Catholic Voices, and 'Conservative Woman' blogger) Alex Macquee (Actor, 'The Thick of It') Revd Lucy Winkett (Rector, St James', Piccadilly). Recommended donation is £7. Booking is essential. To book: www.mountstreet.info.

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.

Youth Awards / Taize Pilgrimage

If you are a young person aged 16-30 years then why not join Westminster Youth Ministry for their pilgrimage to Taizé this summer from 15th to 24th August. Thousands of young people from all over the world travel to Taizé every week to spend several days camping; praying; socialising; and exploring their faith together. 16-24 year olds are only £170 and 25-30 year olds just £190 - price includes travel, accommodation and food for the whole week! To book your place contact Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk or call Christine on 0207 529 8637.

MUSINGS

Our Second Reading today ask us to consider 'what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!' We might consider here the well-known *seanfhoal* or proverb in Irish which runs 'Briseann an dúchas trí shúile an chait' ('Hereditry breaks out in the eyes of a cat'). If we are, in fact, children of God' one would expect us to display some of the characteristics or traits of our Father in Heaven- to think and act in a God- like manner. Yet, if no-one knew we are children of God, would the family resemblance be immediately apparent to onlookers or not? Salvador Ryan@ Intercom

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

A SPECIAL KIND OF RETREAT ...

A Foyer de Charité Retreat will be held at the Sion Community, Brentwood from Sunday 12 July (6pm) – Saturday 18 July (2pm). The theme is God's Plan for the Fullness of Time, and the preacher will be Mgr. Keith Barltrop, with help from Foyer members and past retreatants. Foyer retreats are held mainly in silence, with three talks a day, and offer a holistic way of deepening our faith in the Church's teaching and our life in Christ. The Foyers are communities of consecrated lay people living with a priest in order to help others grow closer to Christ and live the Catholic faith more fully. For further information or to book a place, contact Mgr. Barltrop: 07879 953953; St. Mary of the Angels, Moorhouse Road, Bayswater, London W2 5DJ; keithbarltrop@rcdow.org.uk.