

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 21st December
Envelopes: £458.75
Loose: £ 440.15
Standing Orders £654.50 (Nov./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 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.

CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

28th December 2014 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	(6.00pm Sat. Vigil Mass)	Patrick O'Connor R.I.P
	8:30 AM	For the Parish
	10:15 AM	Matt Kennelly – Intentions
	12:00 AM	Lydia Escat R.I.P
29th December Monday St Thomas Becket	9:15 am Mass	Martin McCarthy R.I.P
30th December Tuesday	No Mass	
31st December Wed. St, Sylvester	9:15 pm Mass	Christou Family -Int
1st January Thursday Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God	10:00am Mass	Fort he Parish
2nd January Friday Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,	9:15 am Mass	Nan Joe Curran R.I.P
3rd January Saturday Most Holy Name of Jesus	10:00-11:00 6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Confessions or by appointment Philomena R.I.P
4 January 2015 Epiphany of the Lord	8:30 AM 10:15 AM	Jane Nadal R.I.P Theresa Suporn Kusumratana R.I.P
	12:00 AM	Mary Krzemieniewski R.I.P Margaret Keohone R.I.P Anniversaries.

NEWSLETTER 28th DECEMBER 2014

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

WE ARE GOD'S FAMILY

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples. - Luke 2:30-31

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the 1st reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, were given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender in faith to a God of endless promise.

Fr. Gideon writes:

Many thanks.. to so many people who helped us to celebrate the holy day of Christmas. Our Christmas Eve Mass for Children was beautiful with the participation of the children in re-enacting the Christmas Gospel. The midnight Mass was solemn with the choir leading us with their beautiful singing. Thank you to all the people who decorated the church, to the cleaners, to the readers, altar servers, sacristans, Eucharistic ministers... group effort to celebrate worthily and reverently the birth of Jesus into our hearts and homes once again.

A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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:

Frances Byrne, Matt Kennelly, John and Nora Harkin, Leo Kilkenny, Yolanda Villegas, Edwina Toson, Helen Bradley, Eileen Ely, Joe Samuels, Taliah Sampson, Judette Palmer, Paddy McGravey, Maria Ward, Barbara Baptiste, Florence Collins, Cedric Cowell, Margaret Mulroy, Margaret Lonergan, Eileen Lucas, Tanya Obid, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Chris Eisen, Diana Johnson, Charlie Crane, Ben and Margaret Deignan, Mary Morrissey, Stephanie Enepi. **and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.**

Anniversaries:

Pat Naughton and Ivy Ross, Michael Costin, Gilbert Ero, John O'Rourke, Bill Devereux, Beryl Genovese, Margaret McGee, Ykaalo Michael, Sarah Toolan, Myra Richards Houlihan, Denis Lonergan, Sean Ahearne, Peter Sheridan, Jack Curley, Ted & Tom Connor, Margaret & Joe Reddington, Keith Potter.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Angela Tabone, Josie O'Brien, Angelita Nogoy, Patrick Cullen, Dean Aka Samuels, Janusz Suliga, Martin Beeny, Fr. Gilberto Hoyos, Molly Wilson, John Clemo, Fr Alan Ashton, Canon Peter Phillips, Dena Adams, Vittoria Pedretti, Liam Lenihan, Andrea Justin, Johnny Patterson.

"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 in 2015. Watch this space, new date will be confirmed early February 2015.

CONFIRMATION

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are illegible to join the Confirmation Programme 2015. We are finalizing the timetable and will be inviting you to apply to join the programme. This will be announced next Sunday 4th January.

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

Is there anything you can do for your Church? Help is always required!

Church Cleaning- The **Cleaning Team** urgently need new members. If you can offer a little of your time to assist with this very important role please contact **Juliana – 07960541286**.

Visiting the Sick- This is a ministry for all the baptised. We have a number of housebound who would love a visit from a fellow member of the parish. Contact Fr. Gideon.

Lifts to Church - there are people who struggle to get to Mass. If you have a car with spare seats why not ask if anyone needs a lift home.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

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

Alternative way of celebrating New Year's Eve?

CELEBRATION MASS

Venue: St. Aloysius Church, 20 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1TA (Euston Tube)

New Year's Eve Lift Jesus High

The celebration will begin with a time of praise and worship, followed by Mass which will end around 11:30pm, allowing you to celebrate the New Year coming in with those present and with absent friends and family. Around 1:00am, for those who wish to stay, this is the time of praise, worship, healing prayer and intercession in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Come Along! All are welcome. Bring food to share and soft drinks. No Alcohol please.

Pray and Fast for the Climate:

Films, Mass, **New Year celebration**, All night vigil for the Climate. See www.prayandfastfortheclimate.org.uk and www.ourvoices.net, at St John Vianney Church and Parish Centre: Films 10pm. Mass 11pm. Celebration 12.00-1am. Vigil 1-7am.

MISSIO APF RED BOX-

Do you have this red box in your house? Please return it to the Presbytery for the December collection.

HOW TO SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE BEFORE MEETING YOUR SPOUSE

How can you build a strong foundation for a lasting marriage before it begins? Does marriage preparation start before engagement? In this inspiring and engaging talk, Robert Colquhoun will look at building grace filled marriages with God's plan for love and life.

Wednesday, 7 January at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue SW1P. Open to all, entry £10 on the door from 7.30pm. Refreshments served following the talk, hosted by the Young Friends of Westminster Cathedral.

MUSINGS

There's a lot of talk these days about a person's 'Bucket List', i.e. things to be accomplished before death and the importance of ticking these items off the list. Yet, it's a great (and perhaps rare) blessing if one reaches old age and can truly say 'I have few regrets, I am very happy with how I have lived my life and, actually, there's nothing left that I really want to or need to experience- I am happy to go. 'At that stage, perhaps we can make Simeon's prayer ours: 'At last, all powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace according to your promise. @ Intercom

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE CHURCH

Please collect your Christmas Envelopes in the table at the back or in porch. Thank you for your generosity and in so many cases your sacrifices for the parish.

Life in the Spirit Seminar 22 Jan-26th February 2015

Soul Food is a charismatic prayer group for young adults based in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on Ogle Street, London (www.soulfoodgroup.org/liss). They organise every year the 'Life in the Spirit Seminar'. It is a six-week course which helps people to have a profound encounter with God in the person of the Holy Spirit. After the seminar people generally become more active in their home parish, sharing the fruits of a renewed life in Christ. The seminar starts on 22 January and lasts until 26 February. The meetings are every Thursday from 7 to 9pm. As part of the course we also organise a weekend retreat at Aylesford Priory from 13 to 15 February 2015 with the sacrament of reconciliation.

Prepare to be amazed – the Holy Spirit will not disappoint.