

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Sunday 24th January 2016.

Envelopes: £ 522.90

Loose: £ 245.80

Standing Orders £986.08 (Dec/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 at 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.

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

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



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

31 st January 2016 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00 pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Sybil Wright – R.I.P
	8:30 AM	Gerry Johnson R.I.P
	11:00AM	Javier Riascos – R. I.P
1 st February Monday Feria	9:15 am Mass	James Turner – R.I.P
2 nd February Tuesday	No Mass	
3 rd February Wednesday Sts Laurence, Dunstan, and Theodore	9:15 am Mass	Kiernan Family – Intentions.
4 th February Thursday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Rose Kennedy – R.I.P
5 th February Friday St Agatha	9:15 am Mass	Maria Louis' Family - Intentions
6 th February Saturday St Paul Miki and Companions	6:00pm (Vigil Mass) (Sat . Vigil Mass)	Joseph Gorman – R.I.P
7 th February 2016 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (10 th Feb- Wednesday, Ash Wednesday)	8:30 am Mass	Mary & Terry Considine
	11:00am Mass	Michael Purcell – R.I.P

NEWSLETTER 31st January 2016 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Deep End – Facing the truth

In today's Gospel Jesus invites the people of his home town to come to the truth of themselves and to stop hiding. This could have been a real moment of grace for them, if they were open to it, but it is often hard to hear. This passage, read together with last Sunday's, is the entire Gospel in miniature.

The references of Elijah and Elisha may confuse us; they are reminders that the prophets of the past did not focus only on their own people. Elijah for example did not provide miraculous food for the Israelites but for a pagan widow and her son in a foreign town. This talk of divine favours to foreigners is the last straw for the Nazarene community. The final verses foreshadow the fate of Jesus but the time is not yet.

It seems that Jesus has committed the ultimate political blunder of finding fault with his own people. The message is one of a call to a radical reversal of perspective; something with which the Gospel of Luke is very concerned. Jesus will proclaim a new kind of freedom and his openness of heart is too much for those who hear him. Where do we see this in our community today?

'Although they hear you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you... Show us we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world.' – Christian Aid/Tony Singleton

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"Today I ask you in the name of Christ and the Church, never tire of being merciful."

Pope Francis, The Church of Mercy

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:

Mirian Hernandez, D'Shaun Louis, Ada Bacarini , Lucy Ugoala, Eileen Towey, Joan Neary, Rosa Nicholas, Mary Wong, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Ervina Toson, Sarah Lane, Christopher Fradley, Michael Long, Lily Chiwuoke. Charlie Crane, Stella Turner, Michael Cole, Steadman Descartes, Joe Samuels, John and Nora Harkin, , Eileen Ely, 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:

Chuka Egbe , Harry Joseph Turner, Peter Price, Margaret Cooney, Peter Sheridan, Gordon Witt, John O'Roarke, Chris Reilly, Clifford Price, Ann & Kathleen Rainsford.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Nancy Cullen, Michael Purcell, Gerry Johnson, Baldish Johal, Nezah Tesfu, Peter Joseph Heavin, Michael Gill, Mary Tisseverasinghe, Michael Coughlan, Florencio Fusin, Paulus Awondatu, Sam McKinney, Felixiene Henry, Brian Morris, Florence McGrath, John Mazzoni, Michael Prior, Frances Byrne, Helen Bradley, Andrew O'Brien.

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

PARISH WEBSITE

Did you know that you can read the newsletter online? Go to:

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

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FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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Funeral Plans available.

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.

The next parents' and Godparents' meeting will be announced in February.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015-2016

The next children session will be on Sunday 7th February at 9:30 am. Please be prompt. Next parents meeting without children will be on Wednesday 10th February 7:00 pm.

CONFIRMATION:

The first meeting for parents will be on **Thursday 4 February at 7:00pm** in the Parish Classroom. The first meeting for the young is on **Thursday 11 February 7:00pm to 8:30pm**, in the parish classroom.

The Faith and Mercy Leaders Congress

The 2016 Congress takes place on Saturday 6 February 2016 at the Friend's Meeting House, Euston Road, London.

Doors open at 10am, ending at 4pm. Book tickets for less than 10 (£11.49 per ticket) at <https://t.co/mqgtfBDy0W>.

This event is for anyone who does anything to work with young people in any setting in the Church. The more the merrier, all are welcome.

We will be joined on stage by a variety of groups including Rise Theatre and One Hope Project. Fr Andrew Small will be sharing with us as our keynote speaker and we will also have the launch of the Faith in Action Awards and more information on the next Flame.

The annual Mass in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes

In this Year of Mercy will take place in the Cathedral on **Saturday 6th February, at 2.00 pm**. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests.

If attending the Mass, please encourage those who do not need a wheelchair to sit in the main body of the Cathedral, and not in a side chapel.

The Cardinal is also inviting our hospital chaplains and those who work in health care. They will be joined by our Diocesan Pilgrims and all who have a devotion to Our Lady of Lourdes.

Lent Retreat in Daily Life

Starts Saturday 13th February 6:45 pm, ends Saturday 19th March 8 pm
Members of the Mount Street Jesuit Centre team.

Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH www.mountstreet.info
020-7495-1673

This retreat will give you a chance to deepen your prayer in Lent. You will have an individual meeting once a week with a prayer guide.

Help for Marriage- RETROUVAILLE

Matrimony: A calling to forgive!

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Phone or text/ 0788 729 6983 or 0797 338 0443

MUSINGS

Anthony the Mello SJ relates the following tale:

Much advance publicity was made for the address that the Master would give on the topic of 'The Destruction of the World' and a large crowd gathered at the monastery grounds to hear him. The address was over in less than a minute. All he said was:

'These things will destroy the human race:

Politics without principle

Progress without compassion

Wealth without work

Learning without silence

Religion without fearlessness

And worship without awareness'

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REMINDER: Change of the Liturgy for the Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has emphasized the role of Mary as Mother of Mercy. The Cardinal asks that the "Hail Mary" in the Sunday Bidding Prayers be replaced by the 'Hail Holy Queen' throughout the Year of Mercy. We have provided prayer cards for this purpose. Please do **not** take home the Prayer Cards **left in the pews**. They will be used throughout the whole year of Mercy.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Tea and Coffee and Cakes after 11:00am Mass (12:00pm-1:30pm)- the main purpose of this is to bring parishioners together and welcome new parishioners . Mass Cards, Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards are available for sale in the parish hall. Welcome.

Health and Safety –Children under 12 years old will not be allowed in the gallery at all times. Children should be supervised by their parents when they are in the toilets and when crossing the road to the parish community centre.

Church Cleaning- the church gets a lot use and so needs to be cleaned regularly. We are appealing for more volunteers TO JOIN THE TEAM.. Please contact the parish office 02076073594 or Juliana 07960541286