

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Envelopes: Weekly £535.75

Loose: £382.17

Standing Orders £1,232.50 (Feb/week)

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

**Text Giving-** is quick and easy way to make donation towards the upkeep and running costs at Sacred Heart. Just text "PARISH HOLLO" to this number: 70800, to donate £5 automatically. This amount will be added to your phone bill.

**For online giving, please go to:** [www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk) and click **support**. Thank you.

## PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you very much to all those who filled in a form during our planned giving campaign.. If you missed the opportunity to do so there are forms at the back of the church on the table and in porch. **As a reminder we need information from every parishioner or family even if you already contribute regularly to the Offertory Collection and/or volunteer at Sacred Heart's.**

This will help us plan for the future, including support for parish ministries. And those who requested for envelopes can now collect them at the back of church.

# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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## Third Sunday of Lent 24<sup>th</sup> March '19



### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

24 <sup>th</sup> March '19  Third Sunday of Lent CAFOD- Family Fast Day Collection	6:00 pm Saturday <i>Vigil Mass –</i>	Ana Maria Velasco R.I.P _ Anniversary Sue Finnegan R.I.P – Anniv.
	8:30 am Mass	Beryl Genovese R.I.P Frances Byrne R.I.P- Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	Edith O'Donald R.I.P
25 <sup>th</sup> March Monday The Annunciation of the Lord	9:15 am Mass	Infant Jesus- Thanksgiving
26 <sup>th</sup> March Tuesday	No Mass	
27 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Michael Houlihan R.I.P – Anniv Years 5H & 5L From school at Mass.
28 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Margaret Deignan R.I.P
29 <sup>th</sup> March Friday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass 7:00 pm	Maria Louise – Thanksgiving Stations of the Cross
30 <sup>th</sup> March Saturday. Lent Feria		11:00-12:00 noon Confessions
31 <sup>st</sup> March '19  Fourth Sunday of Lent	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	Jim Blakely R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass  11:00 am Mass	Mick Ginty R.I.P  Patsy Coyle R.I.P Annie Rooney – R.I.P

### The Deep End - 'It may bear fruit next year'

Today's Gospel brings a thorny question for Jesus, as the people ask why a number of Galileans were killed by the Romans as they made sacrifices to God. The basic question is why do bad things happen to certain people? Some Jewish leaders at the time viewed the Galileans as second-class Jews, and so they are raising more than a question about meaningless suffering here. They want to know if the Galileans suffered because they were not really 'Jewish enough.' Jesus responds with a sharp question about a recent tragedy involving those killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them. Were they worse offenders than others in Jerusalem? No. Jesus responds further by focusing on those who are still living. In the parable of the fig tree we hear that the tree is not producing any fruit and probably should be cut down. However, the owner of the vineyard agrees to one more year, during which it is given special attention.

Jesus' response to the difficult question on suffering is to focus on the living. We are still alive and therefore should be producing much fruit. Perhaps those who are questioning Jesus need, like the fig tree, much fertiliser, nourishment and growth so that they can focus on producing fruit for the world. The fig tree is blessed, and has received much grace in terms of time and care. The parable is a reminder to all of us of the nourishment and time we have been given; it is a call to examine the fruits that we produce in this world, in our communities, our families and in our church.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new boxes of envelopes for planned giving are available at the back of the Church. Please take a few minutes to collect your box. If you are new to the parish or would like a box of envelopes, or to join the Gift Aid Scheme, or would prefer to pay by Bankers Order, please complete one of the pledge forms at the back of the Church and post it through the Presbytery's letterbox. The new boxes start on 6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> April.

*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:**

Tony Reilly, Colman Connelly, Catherine Wright, Mario Marshall, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Baby Michael Elliott, Daithi Sweeney, Keith Hunt, Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Kathy Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Edwina Toson, Charlie Crane, Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben Deignan, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen *and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.*

**Anniversaries:** Michael Houlihan, Beryl Genovese, Ana M Velasco, Paucir Dolan, Sue Finnegan, Frances Byrne, Margaret Dolan, Joan Neary, Brian Harrigan, Bruno Solari, Michael Toolan, Bridget Gill.

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:** Sita Radomkit, Mark Joseph, Rowel Tabuzo, Regina Salazar Clara Lwembe, Margaret Deignan, Eva Buchalska, Edward Power, Dolores Hawley, Dolores Crowley, Lottie Capocci.

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

**Active Membership of the Parish** is determined by the following criteria: being properly registered for a sufficient period of time; faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; use of the planned giving system (envelope or bank standing order) in regular support of the parish.

**SACRAMENTS  
MARRIAGE**

Six months' notice must be given, even if you're marrying elsewhere to gather and process the paper work. Please contact Fr. Gideon. To make an appointment email: [holloway@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk)  
**BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, R. C. I.A.**  
For details on being baptised, First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion preparation (year 3 and above), youth confirmation (14-18 year olds), being confirmed as an adult or for details about becoming Catholic, please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or speak to Nali (catechetical coordinator).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS- is a wonderful Lenten Devotion. It takes place every Friday throughout Lent at 7:00pm in church.**

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church –  
Lenten Talks**

Join us every Sunday during Lent from 12:30 -1:30 pm in the parish classroom. Each week we will have a different speaker, talking about different aspect of our faith. Topics include: Forgiveness & healing, the Eucharist, faith and miracles in today's world...and much more.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE PARISH**

We are currently looking for a volunteer to support the parish on health and safety matters. Are you passionate about health and safety? Could you spare a couple of hours a month to carry health and safety checks? Please contact Fr.Gideon or Elizabeth on 020 7607 3594 or in the parish office. Thank you.

***How do we not judge, not condemn, and forgive? "Give and it will be given to you": be generous in giving. Not only material alms, but spiritual alms too: spend time with someone in need, visit someone who is sick, offer a smile.*** Pope Francis

**CAFOD**

**DURING** Lent, we are all invited to pray, fast and give alms to the poor. CAFOD is the Catholic charity that helps the poorest, most hard-to-reach people around the world. People who are facing drought, disease, injustice... But the reality is they are forced to turn away one in three requests for help. Simply because they don't have enough money to go around. It's the Catholic parishes that supports CAFOD. There will be a second collection this weekend. There are envelopes available if you want to gift- aid your donation. Please fill in your details on the envelope. Thank you.

**Standing Together' rally against  
violent crime**

Where: Trafalgar Square, London.  
When: **Saturday 6 April**, 2019, 2-4pm.  
This rally will bring together Christians and others, "to stand alongside those affected by the scourge of violent crime in the UK". Further information may be obtained: By email – [rally@ascensiontrust.org.uk](mailto:rally@ascensiontrust.org.uk)

**POST-SYNOD REFLECTIONS FOR  
YOUNG ADULTS**

The next meeting of young adults at Archbishop's House will take place on Tuesday 2nd April, 6.30pm. These meetings are an opportunity for young adults to come together following the Synod of Bishops meeting on youth last October, pray, have input from one of our diocesan bishops, reflect and discuss the place of faith in the life of young people. Bishop John Sherrington will be leading our reflections this time. All young adults are invited to attend. Please let us know by emailing [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk). For more details, go to [www.dowym.com/events](http://www.dowym.com/events)

**Happy Landings: Accompanying the  
return to Faith & Practice**

It will be held on Tuesday 11th April, 7pm at Farm Street Church Hall, London W1K 3AH. Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, senior lecturer in Pastoral Theology, Newnham College, Cambridge will be speaking at the day. To book a place, please email [landingsuk@gmail.com](mailto:landingsuk@gmail.com) or call 020 7529 4802. Recommended donation £10. For details, visit [landings.org.uk](http://landings.org.uk).

**Seeing your Life through the Lens of the  
Gospel** Luke 13:1-9

1. Jesus rejects the idea that personal misfortune is God's punishment for sin. Yet a serious illness or accident can serve as a wake-up call for how we live our lives. How have such experiences given you a greater appreciation of the value of your life and relationships, and of the time and opportunities at your disposal?

2. "I'll wait till tomorrow to do that". Have you ever said that and then found the chance is gone the next day? In the story we are called to recognise God at work in our lives and respond to Him. Now is the opportune moment. When have you been glad you did not put off action to the following day?

3. Perhaps there have been times when you saw yourself like the tree in the parable – useless, merely a waste of space, unable to achieve what you wanted. Think of friends who came to you at such a time, people who saw your potential and were prepared to give you another chance, people who also dug the soil around you and gave you the help you needed to grow. Perhaps in your turn you have been able to do this for others.

*John Byrne OSA @ Intercom*

**The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal:**

This year, the Cardinal has launched a new programme focusing on the food poverty that affects so many across the Diocese. Much of this poverty remains hidden. Many use foodbanks even though there is a wage earner in the family. Please take a donation leaflet at the back and porch of the church. In the words of Cardinal Nichols: "I hope this Appeal offers you and your family one way in which to observe Lent and to grow in the richness of our response to God's blessings of life and faith.

**Caritas Volunteering for Lent**

Caritas has a service to support and develop volunteering in the Diocese and the aim is to make volunteering as easy as possible for everyone. Please visit the Caritas Westminster website at [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer)

**BEGINNING EXPERIENCE**

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves or the single again following separation, divorce, or the death of a partner from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell Essex. For details : please contact Maria 01322 838415.