

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 24th March 2019.

Envelopes: Weekly £542.63

Loose: £345.16

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 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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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

31st March '19 Fourth Sunday of LENT Cardinal's Lenten Appeal	6:00 pm Saturday <i>Vigil Mass -</i>	Jim Blakely R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass	Mick Ginty R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	Patsy Coyle R.I.P Annie Rooney - R.I.P
1 st April Monday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Bridie Gill - R.I.P - Anniversary
2 nd April Tuesday	No Mass	
3 rd April Wednesday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Cathy Berley - Intentions Years 6R & 6S From school at Mass.
4 th April Thursday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Bill & Dolores - Intentions
5 th April Friday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass 7:00 pm	Fr Sean Thornton - Intentions Stations of the Cross
6 th April Saturday Lent Feria		11:00-12:00 noon Confessions
7th April '19 Fifth Sunday of Lent Cardinal's Lenten Appeal	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	Margaret Deignan R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	Frances Byrne R.I.P Fisher Family - Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Lent 31st March '19

The Deep End • The Elder Son

Sometimes we can be so familiar with a Gospel passage we tend to switch off after the first few sentences. That would be a shame, especially when the Gospel is one of the great blockbuster parables. The real challenge in today's Gospel is what happens after the lost son returns. The elder brother has 'worked like a slave' all those years and is understandably upset. The Father's welcome of the younger son would have been considered extremely foolish by those listening to this story. However, the Father makes it clear that his outreach to the younger brother will not change his love for the older brother. It will cost the elder brother nothing to reach out. We have nothing to lose in welcoming home the lost.

Today, we can try to place ourselves somewhere in this narrative: where do you stand? This Gospel shows us that God returns the lost to the community, regardless of the boundaries that we might put in place. Jesus teaches us a lesson in radical hospitality. No matter how far we wander from home, God is still a loving God. The elder brother has a choice: to come to the party or to sulk in the corner. Luke, excellent story-teller that he is, leaves the reader to decide the outcome.

'God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power ... that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live' (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 246).

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL

The Cardinal's appeal contributes to three mission areas of the Church: Marriage and Family Life, Youth and Evangelisation, and Service in Society. This year, the Cardinal has launched a new programme focusing on the food poverty affecting people in every part of the diocese, much of it hidden. The collection will fund schools, food banks and other initiatives to relieve poverty. For details, visit Cardinal'sLentenAppeal.org.uk. There are appeal envelopes at the back of church and you're encouraged to gift aid your donations.

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:

Stella Turner, Tony Reilly, Colman Connelly, Catherine Wright, Mario Marshall, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Baby Michael Elliot, 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: Ana Gutierrez, Ann McKenna, Berly Genovese, Michael Houlihan, Beryl Genovese, Ana M Velasco, Pauric Dolan, Sue Finnegan, Frances Byrne, Margaret Dolan, Joan Neary, Brian Harrigan, Bridget Gill, Ernie Fisher

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
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.

Sacred Heart 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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday Vigil Mass, 13th April

Mass: 6:00pm

Palm Sunday, 14th April

Mass: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Monday of Holy Week, 15th April

Mass: 9:15 am

Tuesday of Holy Week, 16th April – No Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week, 17th April

Mass: 9:15 am

PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday, 18th April

8:00pm- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Vigil.

Good Friday, 19th April

11:00am: Stations of the Cross for Children

3:00pm: The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, 20th April

8:00pm: Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, 21st April

Mass: 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Easter Monday, 2nd April –

Mass at 10:00 am (Public Holiday)

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2019

The Cardinal's Lenten Appeal funds initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in the three mission areas of: Marriage and Family Life, enriching and supporting marriages, the essential building block of society and the Church; Youth and Evangelisation, supporting young people, the future of the Church, as they grow in their relationship with God and deepen their Catholic faith; and the Church's Service in Society, putting our faith into action by serving the poor, the lonely and the marginalised. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about the last of these in particular, and he 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 food banks even though there is a wage earner in the family. Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today. In addition, to find out about volunteering opportunities, visit CardinalsLentenAppeal.org.uk. 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."

'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

Meeting with Young Adults at

Archbishop's House- will take place on Tuesday 2nd April, 6:30pm.

An opportunity for young adults to come together following the Synod of Bishops meeting on youth last October, pray, input from one of our bishops, reflect discuss the place of faith in young people. Bishop John Sherrington will be leading our reflections this time. All young adults are invited to attend. Email youth@rcdow.org.uk to attend.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

1. Like many a parable, this story makes its point in what seems to be an unfair way: the spendthrift son is rewarded and the elder son is hurt and angry. Jesus is telling us that both sons failed to recognise the free gift of love offered by their father. Love is a free gift, not something we earn by our goodness. When have you experienced this truth in the love you have received from others? When has the experience of human love prompted you to reflect on God's love for you?

2. After some time, the younger son 'came to himself' and returned home. Where and when have you experienced a homecoming after a time of exile and alienation? What helped you to come to yourself and make that journey home?

3. The older son resented the welcome given to the younger son after his wandering and dissolute life. This contrasts with the welcome the father gave the younger son. Perhaps you have experienced these differing attitudes in yourself when people you knew 'came to themselves'. How did you move beyond those initial feelings?

John Byrne OSA @ Intercom

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 **6th / 7th April**. As this incurs the expense of postage and packing please make every effort to collect your box this weekend.

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