

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 17th Nov 2019.

Envelopes: Weekly £359.22

Loose: £617.05

Standing Orders £1,177.81 (Jul/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.

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

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 Elizabeth in the office

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

+FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st DECEMBER 2019



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

1st December +FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass	John Danquah R.I.P Anniv.
	8:30 am Mass	Martin Roche – R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	Peggy Scanlon R.I.P
2 nd December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Sean Aherne R.I.P
3 rd December Tuesday	No Mass	
4 th December Wednesday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Kevin Finnegan R.I.P – Anniv. Year 5 from School at Mass
5 th December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Gabriel Samuels R.I.P - Anniv
6 th December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Ana Gutierrez – R.I.P
7th December Saturday St Ambrose	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	11:00-12:00 noon Confessions Robert Moran R.I.P - Anniv
8th December +SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:30 am Mass	Mosie O’Riordan R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	Gabriel Samuels R.I.P – Anniv.

The Deep – Lovingly Prepared

‘Making your Christmas cake in September is perfect, as too fresh a cake crumbles cut’ (Mary Berry)

My mother, like many of her generation, starts her Christmas preparations early.

The first thing to be done is the Christmas cake-in our house this always took place over the Hallowe’en break. I remember finding it strange to watch her lovingly prepare the fruit cake, only to hide it away in a tin for a couple of months. I laughed when I came across the above quote from food writer and TV presenter Mary Berry, as it pushes the Christmas preparation even earlier!

Every year we hear complaints that the led-in to Christmas is starting earlier and earlier. We might not all be making cakes in September, but by Hallowe’en we are certainly looking ahead to Christmas-thinking about what gifts to buy family and friends, checking out the decorations that have started to appear in the shops, perhaps even stockpiling tins of biscuits and boxes of chocolates. Many people sign up to Christmas clubs in order to spread the cost over the year. It’s no wonder often we arrive at this time of year feeling like it’s not time at all since last Christmas- it is never far from our minds.

As we enter Advent, we are invited now to turn out attention to our inner preparation for Christmas. We are waiting ‘in joyful hope’ both Christ’s birth and his return at the end of time. Taking some time each day to pray and reflect, perhaps to light the candles on our Advent wreath, will help us to focus on the wonderful mysteries that await us.

Every year we celebrate the holy season of Advent, O God. Every year we pray those beautiful prayers of longing and waiting, and sing those lovely songs of hope and promise.(Karl Raher)

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

“We are a welcoming, nourishing living parish, inspired by the Sacred Heart to serve and radiate this love 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:

Maria Louise, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Amor Marcelo, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Catherine Wright, Mario Marshall, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Keith Hunt, Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Bridie Prior, 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, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen, *and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.*

Anniversaries

Robert Moran, Gabriel Samuels, Kevin Finnegan, John Danquah, Ykaalo-Michael, Nzha-tesfu, Denis Lonergan, Sarah Toolan, Marianne Formosa, Mary Morrissey.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Br Kilian Keaney, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Denis O’Riordan, Christine Mukasa-Musaala, Fr. Barry Ffrench, Alfred Bearman, Anne Roche, Elizabeth Cole, Mark Joseph.

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

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 (Child)

Have you got a child for Baptism? Please call Elizabeth, the parish secretary in the parish office, on 0207 607 3594 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays between 9:30am and 3:00pm. Or email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

Baptism or Confirmation of an Adult

R.C.I.A.

Our RCIA programme is underway. We invite you to pray for all of those who are taking part on it.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2019-2020

Last session before the Christmas holidays is on Saturday 7th December 9:30 a.m. Children must be on time. Please pick them up at 11:00 a.m.

If you are not going away this Christmas, please bring your children to take part in the Christmas Play on Tuesday 24th December at the Family Mass.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are illegible to join the Confirmation Programme 2020. Applications forms will be distributed from today.

Today is the deadline to submit your Confirmation form.

First parents meeting will be on Thursday 16th January 2020. We anticipate that most sessions will be on Thursdays evenings.

CHRISTMAS PLAY- FAMILY MASS

All children that are staying around during the Christmas break, are invited to participate in our Christmas play.

Rehearsals will be held on Sunday 22nd after 11:00 am Mass and Monday 23rd December at 10:00am in the church.

The play will be in the Family Mass on Tuesday 24th December at 6:00pm

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & FUNSRAISING EVENT 14th December

We are two weeks away from our celebration. We need you to come on board to make it a success.

Today, after Mass you will find a list volunteers needed. **SIGN UP** to help on the day.

We also need your donations of bottles of alcohol and unwanted gifts for the tombola. Please bring them to the parish office. Our contact details on the front page.

CATHOLIC CHRISTMAS CARDS

Beautiful Catholic Christmas cards are on sale in the Parish Centre Pop in for Tea/Coffee after the 11:00am Mass and buy your Christmas cards.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS. JOURNEYING WITH THE BIBLE.

Matthew: a Guide for 2020

December 3, 2019, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

At Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN

Overview of the gospel of Matthew with the study of some paradigmatic passages.

Lecturers: Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PH.D. and Sr Monica Cardona PH.D.

Suggested donation £5 per talk. To register go to livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

The Passage

The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 3rd December – 12 noon Tues 10th December to support its work Helping Homeless People this winter. Double your Donation, Double your impact. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921856 andrew.h@passage.org.uk

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

1. The ‘coming of the Son of Man’ can be applied to the end world, to the moment of the death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive and unexpected grace (e.g. take an opportunity which presented itself, or respond to hint from another person that you might easily have missed, etc)?

2. One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall time when you paused in your relentless busyness and were rewarded by a significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace.

3. You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the announced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the coming of the Lord.

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When you go into hospital please tell them when they are taking your details that you are a Roman Catholic and would welcome seeing a priest chaplain or the team when they comes around. If you don’t, there is no way the chaplaincy team know you are there.

SAVE THESE DATES!!!

Please book in your diary the following events.

14th Dec Christmas Celebration. Time 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Children’s activities.

7:00 p.m Onwards -- Christmas Raffle, Carolling, bring and share, music and dancing.

NEW YEAR’S EVE

December 31st – 11:30pm -12:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.