

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019.

Envelopes: Weekly £560.39

Loose: £339.14

Standing Orders £1,137.37 (Sept/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.

**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

# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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



## +THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday) 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>+THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>(Gaudete Sunday)</b>	<b>6:00pm</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b> <b>8:30 am Mass</b>  <b>11:00 am Mass</b>	<b>Bill Devereux R.I.P – Anniv</b>  <b>John O'Rourke R.I.P –Anniv.</b>  <b>Patricia Naughton, Ivy Ross &amp; Alf Bearman R.I.P</b>
16 <sup>th</sup> December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Peter O'Toole – R.I.P
17 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday	No Mass	(Internment 11:00am of John Dewitt RIP at Islington Cemetery)
18 <sup>th</sup> December Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Private Intentions
19 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass 9:45 am	Fr. Joseph Kalathara R.I.P Christmas Carol Service by Sacred Heart School.
20 <sup>th</sup> December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Dr. Gilbert Ero – R.I.P
<b>21<sup>st</sup> December Saturday</b> Advent Feria	<b>6:00 pm-Vigil</b> <b>Mass</b>	<b>11:00-12:00 noon Confessions</b>  <b>Adina Fleming - Intentions</b> <b>(Simbang Gabi –Filipino</b> <b>Christmas Mass)</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December</b> <b>+FOURTH SUNDAY</b> <b>OF ADVENT</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass</b>  <b>11:00 am Mass</b>  <b>(Brian Mpunga's</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)</b>	<b>Joe Leonard R.I.P</b>  <b>Brian Mpunga R.I.P –Anniv.</b> <b>Dr. Gilbert Ero – R.I.P</b> <b>Carol Trim – R.I.P</b> <b>Furrel Davidson R.I.P</b> <b>Janice Davidson R.I.P</b>

### The Deep – Christmas is all around

The sights and sounds and smells of the season are all around us. Is there a particular sound that reminds you of Advent or Christmas – perhaps a carol you've always loved, or the sound of jingle bells? For many, the smell of mince pies or mulled wine are real signs of Christmas. Our towns and cities are filled with wonderful sights too: festive lights and decorations, trees decked out with tinsel and baubles, while our churches display Nativity scenes. Another common sight in the run-up to Christmas are the charity collectors we meet on the streets, singing carols or shaking buckets, urging us to give generously to a good cause. It is a feast for the senses, with these experiences often evoking warm Christmas memories and putting us in good humour.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday – *Gaudete* means 'rejoice'. In our churches, the rose-coloured candle is lit on the Advent wreath to symbolise joy. Today's readings bring out this sense of joyful anticipation of the Lord's coming. The people of Jesus' time would have been familiar with Isaiah's talk of 'everlasting joy and gladness'. And Jesus tells us: 'Happy is the man who does not lose faith in me'. It is this personal encounter with Jesus that we celebrate at Christmas, God becoming man, the Good News announced by John the Baptist in today's Gospel. We have reason to be happy – let's make this Gaudete Sunday a real celebration.

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### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

After all the masses this weekend there will be a second collection to help with the expenses of Christmas flowers. We like to see the church looking its best for the Christmas liturgies so please be generous as you can. Thank you.

**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**

Brian Mpunga, Fr. Joseph Kalathara, John O'Rourke, Bill Devereux, Luis & Jesus Silva, Robert Moran, Gabriel Samuels, Kevin Finnegan, John Danquah.

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

John DeWitt, Charlie Estrada, 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](mailto: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](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk)

**Baptism or Confirmation of an Adult**

**R.C.I.A.**

Our RCIA programe is underway. We invite you to pray for all of those who are taking part on it. The next meeting with Fr. Bogdan is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30 pm.

**CONFIRMATION 2020**

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

**Save the Date: Saturday 15th February** will be a day of reflection for the Confirmation Programme. Please make sure you have this day in your diary. Attendance is mandatory.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2019-2020**

If you are not going away this Christmas, please bring your children to take part in the Mini-Nativity Play on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at the 6:00pm Family Mass

**Mini- Nativity Play- FAMILY MASS**

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

Rehearsals will be held on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> after 11:00 am Mass** (snacks will be provided) and **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10:00- 11:30 am** in the church.

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

**Confessions Before Christmas**

**On Monday 6:30pm-7:30pm. Three priests will be available.**

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Sacred Heart Primary School**

School would like to invite you to their on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00 am (after the 9:15am Mass) in the Church. Please join us afterwards in the Community Centre for Tea and mince pies.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.**

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISING EVENT**

A huge thank you to everybody who one way or another supported this event. We do not have numbers yet but watch this space, we will tell you how much we raised next week. THANK YOU AGAIN.

**CRIB OFFERING**

Your donations will help the Catholic Children's Society provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese.

**Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to meet the New Year.**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December from 11:30pm-12:30am**

**Volunteers Needed 2020-**

If you would be interested in helping the Parish, this is something to think about in the New Year. We are currently looking for new volunteers in the following areas. Hospitality Group or Ushers (welcoming people as they arrive in the church), Fire marshalls (health and safety) for every Mass, church cleaners, handyman for small jobs with some skills in electrics and plumbing (to give advice). Give back something to God and to your community. If interested, please contact the parish office.

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. – (Vigil Mass) 6:00 p.m.  
Simbang Gabi (Filipino Christmas Mass).

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. - Forth Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

9:15 am Mass

6:30 pm – 7:30 p.m. – Confessions

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve**

6:00 pm— Children's Christmas Mass

11:30pm (Carol Service and Readings)

12:00 Midnight Mass

**Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec The Nativity of the Lord**

8:30 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December - 10:00am Mass

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December – 9:15 am Mass

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> December - (Vigil Mass) 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December -The Holy Family of**

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:30 am Mass

11:00 am Mass

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December

9:15 am Mass

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December – New Year's Eve Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

11:30pm -12:30 am

**Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 – New Year's Day**

10:00 am Mass

**If you are about to go for Christmas –**

Christmas envelopes are available this weekend. Quite a number of families travel home for Christmas in the first half of December so apologies for this notice appearing early.

**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.