

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 23rd Feb 2020

Envelopes: Weekly £570.11

Loose: £298.41

Standing Orders £1,073 (Dec./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

CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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



+ First Sunday of Lent 1st March

The Deep End - Unexpected moments:

It was an important day for this little family, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Did they expect everything to go smoothly, or had they already had to let go of some of their dreams and plans? After all, the story of Jesus' birth had already been unusual, not to mention the shepherds turning up to visit the newborn Messiah. Still, they could not have expected two elderly people to suddenly appear in the Temple with a message about their child – that he was going to do great things but also would be rejected and cause great pain to his mother. Was it at this moment that they realised life would never be the same again?

The most important messages can come from unexpected sources. Anna and Simeon were advanced in years, wise and devout people who had lived well, and still hoped and trusted in God's plan. This encounter was unexpected for them too, taking place close to the end of their lives; but they were ready, willing and able to recognise its significance. Their call was to be among the first people to encounter the Messiah and to share the Good News. What is our call? The story of Anna and Simeon shows us the value of being open to an encounter with Jesus. Despite what we have been through, or what stage we are at in life, there are good things to come. Each of us has something unique to offer. We pray that we will recognise the unexpected opportunities to encounter God that come our way.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2020

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Your donations help fund initiatives in three mission areas. 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. The Church's Service in Society: putting our faith into action by serving poor, lonely and marginalised people. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table, even though they may be in work. For children who get free meals at school, the holidays can be a time of hunger because the family budget doesn't stretch to cover three meals a day. One initiative the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal supports is school holiday clubs, where children can have fun, and prepare and eat a healthy meal during the school holidays. Please take a donation leaflet as you leave Mass today.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

1st March 2020 +First Sunday of Lent (Launching of Cardinal's Lenten Appeal)	6:00pm Saturday <i>Vigil Mass</i> 8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	For the Parish Mrs R.J – Intentions Adina Fleming - Intentions
2 nd March Monday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Holy Souls Madeline Allen –R.I.P- Anniv.
3 rd March Tuesday	No Mass	
4 th March Wednesday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Joan Neary R.I.P – Anniversary Years 1M, 1S, 2B and 2C from School at Mass.
5 th March Thursday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Margaret Dolan – R.I.P Anniversary
6 th March Friday Lent Family Fast Day	9:15 am Mass	Mark Joseph R.I.P - Anniversary
7 th March Saturday Lent Feria	6:00 pm-Vigil Mass	11:00-12:00 noon Confessions Jimmy Meeham – R.I.P
8 th March +Second Sunday of Lent CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day-Collection	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	Richard Morrissey – R.I.P Joan Neary R.I.P –Anniversary Mark Joseph (1 st Anniversary)

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:

Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Catherine Wright, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, Maria Louise 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

Joan Neary, Bruno Solari, Margaret Dolan, Madeline Allen, Mark Joseph, Helen Bradley, Margaret Deignan, Teresa Kennelly, Michael Toolan.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Olive Barron, Raymond Whitaker, Gloria James, Maria Salerno, John Behm, Br Kilian Keaney, Ben Deignan.

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

R.C.I.A.

Next meeting for RCIA candidates is on Thursday 19th March at 7:00 p.m

CONFIRMATION 2020

Next session will be on Thursday 27th February at 7:00 pm, in the parish classroom.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2019-2020

Children in groups 4,5,6 will have their first reconciliation on Saturday 7th March at 10:00 am in the church.

Parents and carers are welcome to go to reconciliation as well.

Next First Holy Communion Class is on Saturday 14th March at 9:30 am in the parish hall.

Next parents meeting is on Wednesday 18th March at 7:00 p.m in the Parish Hall. All parents are expected to attend this meeting. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

RCIA: RITE OF ELECTION

This weekend the Diocese celebrates the Rite of Election, our Catechumens will be named by our Cardinal as members of the ELECT- those chosen by God for Baptism- and we pray for our candidates' continued growth in the Spirit. This Saturday afternoon we will journey to the Cathedral to celebrate the Rite of Election (of the Catechumens- those preparing for baptism) and the Call to Continuing Conversion (of the candidates-those who are baptized but have not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist) with Cardinal Vincent.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Have you ever thought how nice it would be to have youth groups, pilgrimages, spiritual retreats, more parties in the parish?

If you have a burning desire for something, some event, some activity in the parish – Volunteer and together, as a parish, we will make it happen.

Practically, we are all busy, time is precious, so the idea is that the pastoral council will meet once a month for an hour to instigate, plan, coordinate events.

Contact Simon Hunt after Mass or parish office and tell us what you think.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day on Friday 6 March is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work.

'No Planet B' Lent Study Group

Time:6:30pm - 8:00pm At Farm Street Church Meeting Room, 114 Mount St, Mayfair, London W1K 3AH.

This study group will explore the major issues connected to the climate crisis and consider the response that can be made by Catholics in Westminster. Facilitated by Colette Joyce, Justice and Peace Co-ordinator.

All welcome, from expert to beginner.

6 March - Food, Climate and Environment
13 March - Energy

20 March - Travel & Transport

The event is free but places are limited so it is advisable to register in advance - Eventbrite.

Year of the Word –

The God who Speaks: Meditate

Temptations, ordeals and hardships are part of life and are most certainly needed as we set to serve the Lord. These are the moments when we choose whether or not we want to follow Jesus. However, as St. Paul reminds us nobody is tempted beyond their strength. Because Christ has conquered we are confident we can be victorious as we share in Jesus' triumph.

Act

Angels came to serve Jesus at the moment of his trials. We are surrounded by people who are going through moments of trials in their family life, their health or work. ponder how you could be an angel to serve them and so help them pass through this moment.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS. JOURNEYING WITH THE BIBLE

Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Venue: Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN

Date: 10th March Major Themes of the Old Testament

o To explore the most important themes in the Bible.

o To present the running themes in the Old Testament

Lecturers: Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PH.D. and Sr Monica Cardona. Suggested donation £5 per talk. **Please register at**

livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

You are invited to The Bible Timeline

During the Year of the Word, you are invited to join us and embrace the Bible.

We are watching and commenting on *The Bible Timeline*, the study programme (videos) by Jeff Cavins.

On Wednesday 4th March we will be watching and discussing Patriarchs part 2.

When: Every Wednesday from 7:30 pm. to 9:00 pm.

Place: Parish Classroom. Refreshments will be provided. Do come along!

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