

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 16th Feb 2020

Envelopes: Weekly £351.50

Loose: £271.78

Standing Orders £1,073 (Dec./week)

SPUC Collection £259.49

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

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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**Parish Office opening times for Admin-
 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.**



+ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd February

The Deep End - Day of Prayer for Temperance

The power of forgiveness 'I bear no ill will. I bear no grudge. Dirty sort of talk is not going to bring her back to life. She's in heaven and we shall meet again. I will pray for these men tonight and every night.' These words of Gordon Wilson echoed across the world in 1987, just hours after his 20-year-old daughter Marie was killed in an IRA bomb in Enniskillen. Very few words in the history of the Northern Ireland conflict had such a powerful impact. His extraordinary capacity to forgive the people who had caused him so much pain helped to move along the slow process.'

Gordon Wilson was the personification of the words of Jesus: 'love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' It is one of the most difficult and challenging passages in the Gospels; one commentator calls it 'Jesus' most unreasonable command.' Living under oppressive Roman rule, with torture and murder not uncommon, the disciples knew what it was to hate their enemies. As we read and listen to the news today, the cruelty of people continues to astound and upset us. But Jesus reminds us that everyone is human. All are children of God, who 'causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good.' While we clearly don't accept or excuse the terror and evil in the world, we cannot dehumanise those who carry out despicable actions. It is much easier said than done, but we must strive to meet hatred with love. With God, there is always forgiveness; there is always hope.

'Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.' Martin Luther King Jr – Thriana Doherty@Intercome

ASH WEDNESDAY – 26TH FEBRUARY

Lent begins on this day and the Mass and distribution of the ashes is at 10:00 am.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

23rd February +Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass	John Hanrahan – R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass	Helen Bradley - R.I.P Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	John Behm – R.I.P Margaret Deignan R.I.P Anniv.
24 th February Monday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Nora Carroll R.I.P
25 th February Tuesday	No Mass	
26 th February Wednesday ASH WEDNESDAY	10:00 am Mass Season of Lent	For the Parish School at Mass.
27 th February Thursday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Holy Souls
28 th February Friday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	William Cannon – R.I.P
29th February Saturday Lent Feria	6:00 pm-Vigil Mass	11:00-12:00 noon Confessions For the Parish
1st March +First Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	Mrs R.J Intentions Adina Fleming - Intentions

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, 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

Mark Joseph, Helen Bradley, Margaret Deignan, Teresa Kennelly, Michael Toolan, Bridget Gill, John Joe Ferguson, Xavier & Ann, Margaret Lonergan, Claudio Rigolli, Sean Dolan, Mary Krzemieniewski

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Olive Barron, Fr. Fernando Suarez, 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

Baptism or Confirmation of an Adult **R.C.I.A.**

The RCIA candidates and their sponsors will attend The Rite of Election and Affirmation at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 29th February. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey.

CONFIRMATION 2020

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME **2019-2020**

After half-term holidays, children will have their First Reconciliation. Children in groups 1,2,3 will have the reconciliation on Saturday 29th February at 10:00 am in the church.

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

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

You are invited to The Bible Timeline

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

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

On Wednesday 26th February we will be watching and discussing Patriarchs part 1.

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

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

FAMILY TIME

EQUAL AND RESPECTFUL

Do you want to improve the quality time you spend with your family?

In this space you will talk about: You and your children, manage challenging behaviours, enjoy play time together and much more.

Led by TeSer.org

Where: Here at Sacred Heart Parish - Classroom

When: Thursday 27th February.

Time: from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusetledstatus

Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

Vinnie Packs

"The SVP are distributing 11,500 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237. Thank you so much for your support.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorce, or widowed will be held from 3rd-5th April 2020 at the Domus Mariae Chigwell Essex. For details contact Freda 01322 838415 or see web: www.retrouvaille.co.uk

Year of the Word - The God who Speaks

Meditate

The normal reaction when receiving injustice or being subjected to evil is to repay in the same manner. St Francis of Assisi blesses God for those who forgive for love of him; for those who, knowing how much they have been forgiven, can be merciful to others and patient with themselves.

Act

Think of someone who has done a wrong to you. Following Jesus' invitation in the gospel, pray for them, wishing them God's blessings. Perhaps try to be good to them, if this is possible.

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

Date: 21st April

Pentateuch

- o To present an overview of the Five Books of the Pentateuch
- o To study some chosen/representative texts. Lecturers: Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PH.D. and Sr Monica Cardona. Suggested donation £5 per talk. **Please register at**

livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL, Saturday 30th May at 3:30pm – The Cardinal invites to this Mass all couples in the diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and every year over 60, wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please let the Parish Office have the following details: Husband and wife's names, wedding date, postal address and email or telephone number by 20 March 2020. Thank you.

February is emptying time for RED BOXES. Please bring your red box to the parish office or hand them over to the priest after Mass.