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Parish Bank Account Details.

**Account name: WRCDT Holloway**

**Sorting Code: 40-05-20**

**Account Number: 71308319**

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# 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.*



## Twenty – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**The Deep End • A royal wedding**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>11<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b>  <b>Twenty – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	11:00 am Mass	<b>First Holy Communion Celebration (Group 2)</b> <b>Mossie O’Riordan R.I.P</b>
	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	<b>Tina Bailey – Intentions</b>
	8:30 am Mass	<b>Zelda Anderson R.I.P Anniv.</b> <b>Micahel Brobbey R.I.P. Anniv</b>
	11:00 am Mass	
12 <sup>th</sup> October Monday St Wilfrid	9:15 am Mass	Hughil Ferry, Hannah Ferry & deceased members of the family
13 <sup>th</sup> October Tuesday	<b>No Mass</b>	
14 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday St Callistus	9:15 am Mass	Michael & Grace Roarty R.I.P Pierre Imbert R.I.P
15 <sup>th</sup> October Thursday St Teresa of Jesus	9:15am Mass	Lotti Family - Intentions
16 <sup>th</sup> October Friday St Margaret Mary Alacoque	9:15 am Mass	Vincent McGuinness R.I.P
<b>17<sup>th</sup> October Saturday</b> <b>St Ignatius of Antioch</b>	11:00 -12:00 Noon	<i>Confessions or by appointment</i>
	6:00pm (Vigil Mass)	<b>Ben Deignan R.I.P –Anniv</b> <b>Pierre Imbert R.I.P</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October 2020</b> <b>Twenty – Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8:30 am Mass	<b>Evelyn Devereux – R.I.P</b>
	11:00 am Mass	<b>Thomas Moran – R.I.P</b>

Today’s gospel is difficult. Stories of judgment, weeping and gnashing of teeth just do not appeal to most people. We hear about a King whose invitations to his son’s wedding banquet are repeatedly refused. In some instances his messengers are killed. One interpretation of this parable is that it is an allegory for the Jesus story, God’s invitation to the Messianic banquet has been refused by those who are expected to embrace it. This banquet is therefore opened up to the unexpected, the Gentiles, the poor, those on the margins, the outcast.

Going deeper again, we can hear that God wants to be in a relationship with each of us. We are all invited to this banquet. Yet, sometimes we exclude ourselves from being in fellowship with God. We may be hurt, suffering in a way that is preventing us from accepting the invitation to experience God’s love and hospitality. We simply want to be left alone. Notice how the host in this parable persists. God does not give up on us.

And what about that poor chap who did come but was not suitably dressed? If we accept the invitation we should be ready for change and not just change of an outer garment, real change. Because any real experience of God in our lives transforms us in some way or another. Parables were meant to shock those who heard them. The Gospel is meant to make us uncomfortable. Otherwise, what changes for us? We can sit around and listen to nice gentle passages that keep us comforted, or we can be challenged and moved to experiencing something real, something which requires us to show up and be transformed. It is up to us whether or not we accept this invitation.

*TrionaDoherty@Intercome*

## 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:**

Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Tommy Doherty, Esther Joseph, Arthur Calderon, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Catherine Wright, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Brian Conway Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, Maria Louise Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Bridie Prior, Mary Wong, Michael & Cathy Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Eillen Graham, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Edwina Toson, Charlie Crane 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**

Zelda Anderson, Ben Deignan, Michael Brobbey, Maria Speroni, Maureen Finnegan, Sean Enright, Vittoria Pedretti, Jim Neary.

### **Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Nora Harkin, Patrick Connolly, Thomas Moran, Ruperto Josef, Evelyn Devereux, Thomas Philip Doherty. Luke Dowd, Margaret Hennessey Ricardo Balingit, Anthony Lavin, Edgar Losa, Olive Barron, Raymond Whitaker, Maria Salerno.

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

## SACRAMENTS

### **Government Guidelines in celebrating the Sacraments:**

The guidelines to date, limit number for baptisms, weddings and funerals to 30 people only regardless of the size of the church. In the current situation in the case of funeral Masses, we request you not to attend unless specifically invited by the family of the deceased.

**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)**

Although things are not back to normal, we have received guidelines to celebrate baptisms.

We are still trying to see how we can plan the next baptismal preparation meeting for parents and godparents. Please watch this space. You can email for more info [holloway@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk)

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Congratulations to 29 boys and girls who made the First Holy Communion during the past two Saturdays. We pray that they stay close to Jesus throughout their lives.

### **Young People's Confirmation**

We are ready to resume young people Confirmation programme.

Sessions will start on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Thursday, at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

We pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon all young people.

### **OCTOBER MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY- LET'S PRAY TOGETHER**

You are invited, to pray de Holy Rosary every Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. via Zoom, Find the link to get connected on our website. <http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk/event/pray-the-holy-rosary-together/> will be given soon.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS**

### **Second Group**

*Adrian John Kemp, Aston  
Allan Amour Gordon Hunte,  
Jack William Thomas Eakins,  
James Thomas O'Connor,  
Kenzo Baptista Mendes Lopes,  
Lamiyah Cascilla Weekes,  
Lee Repole, Olly John McGee,  
Logan Thomas Edward Daly,  
Mikhaela Anne & William  
Matthew Mejia-Velano, Molly  
Roberts Farrell, Riley Stephen  
Kee, Shannon Kathleen  
Mulligan, Tommy Adam  
Gorry, Vincenzo Frederick  
Tony Genovese.*

### **Financially Supporting the Parish at this Time**

#### **NO OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

We are very aware that this is a time of great uncertainty. The impact of COVID-19 has been immense and our parish finances have been affected. So we are asking for your help. The offertory collection at Mass has been stopped. Having a regular income, assured by means of **Standing Order**, rather than a weekly envelope or cash donations would ensure financial stability for the parish.

If this is not possible, you can also make a one-off or regular donations to the parish by using the Virgin Money Giving –VMG.

When you go to our website, <http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk/>, click on the **Donate Now button**, it will take you to the Virgin Money Giving page.

Thank you for your help.

## **Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel** Matthew 22:1-14

There are two parables here that Matthew has joined together. Looking at the first one:

1. Scripture often speaks of the kingdom of God as a banquet. The image of people being at a meal where everyone is happy and welcome and where all hunger and thirst is satisfied gets across the idea that God loves, accepts and welcomes us and wants us to make that experience available to one another. Think of times in your life when you have had 'banquet' experiences and when you have felt accepted and loved?

2. The host enlists the help of his servants to invite people to the banquet. We are commissioned by the Lord to invite people to the banquet of the kingdom, to the fullness of life – as parents, teachers, friends, etc. What has it been like for you to play a part in leading others to a fuller life?

3. As in the parable last week there is a message about being alert to invitations that offer a fuller life and the danger of losing out if we neglect to respond to such invitations. Perhaps there have been opportunities offered to you that you missed, and now regret. Think also of the blessings you received because you seized the moment and took an opportunity that presented itself.

4. The second parable puts the focus on how we respond to invitations. Some invitations are ones that challenge us to change, to conversion, to put on a 'wedding garment'. What has been your experience of changing in response to an invitation you received?

John Byrne@Intercome

### **November – Month of the Holy Souls IN MEMORY OF YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES**

**All Souls Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on a piece of paper and place the envelope in the baskets after Mass when you collect your newsletter. Mass will be offered for them during the month of November.**