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**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?

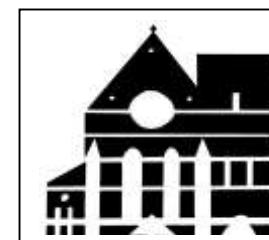
It is *important* to gift aid your offering to the church (whether Sunday envelopes or through standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by **25p for every £1** at no extra cost to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call Elizabeth in the office

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>13<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b>	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)  8:30 am Mass  11:00 am Mass (Via ZOOM)	Anna McDonagh – R.I.P  Holy Souls  Anne and Kathleen Rainsford R.I.P –Anniversaries Abimbola Cletus (Intentions)
14 <sup>th</sup> December Monday St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church	9:15 am Mass	Martin Mongan Intentions
15 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday	<b>No Mass</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> December Wednesday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Michael Kiernnan R.I.P
17 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Dshaun Louise - Ints
18 <sup>th</sup> December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Margaret Cooke R.I.P
19 <sup>th</sup> December Saturday Advent Feria	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	11:00-12:00 noon Confessions and by appointment  Brian Mpunga R.I.P (Anniv)
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	8:30 am Mass  11:00 am Mass Via ZOOM	Nuala Doyle Intentions  Dr. Gilbert Ero R.I.P Anniversaries

# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Gideon Wagay  
**Mrs. Elizabeth Ocampo - Admin Assistant**  
 Parish Office opening times for Admin-  
 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.

**Third Sunday of Advent.**  
**13<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

### The Deep End - A bearer of light

Last week we were introduced to John the Baptist as part of our Advent journey. We hear his story again but this time from the fourth Gospel. Light and darkness is a key theme of the fourth Gospel and in its opening verses proclaims that this light has always shone in the dark; the darkness cannot overpower it. The evangelist goes on to tell us that John the Baptist's mission is that he has been sent by God to 'speak for the light'. John is a light bearer, he is not *the* light, but he points to the light. He is a witness to the light of God in our world, a light that cannot be put out.

We celebrate this light today on Gaudete Sunday, Gaudete which means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle and we celebrate with joy. As our world continues to battle this pandemic, there is much fear about. People might not feel like celebrating or being joyful. But nature shows us that Spring always follows Winter. Like John, we are called to be light-bearers. To carry Christ's love and light to those we meet in our daily lives. Our world needs light-bearers, especially in these Winter months. It might be a good opportunity to ask today 'Who have been the light bearers for me in these past months?' And also, 'To whom can I carry light to this week?' In this way we observe Christ's ongoing incarnation in the world today.

*'Lord there is much darkness in society and in our church. We thank you that someone always comes on the scene, sent by you as a witness to speak for the light ... teachers, community leaders, grandparents, children, a friend ... they bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light shines that darkness cannot overcome.' Michel de Verteuil*

### CHRISTMAS MASSES: BOOK YOUR PLACE!

Because of the continuing pandemic, Christmas Masses will be different this year. Please book your place at the Masses of your choice. Continue reading inside for the times of Masses.

**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:**

Derek Turner, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Esther Joseph, 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, Ludvina King, Maria Louise Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Bridie Prior, Mary Wong, Michael & Cathy Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Charlie Crane Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin Cooke, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

**Anniversaries**

Anne & Cathleen Rainsford, Thomas Baker, Gabriel Samuels, John Danquah, Philomena & Louis Kalathara, Xavier & Ann Kamaranchath Sarah Toolan, Marianne Formosa, Mary Morrissey.

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Ervina Toson, Joe Ward, Eileen Graham, Paolo Paner, Tommy Doherty, Margaret Cooke, Philip Yambao, Anna McDonagh, Amor Marcelo, Nora Harkin, Thomas Moran, Hugh Robert Evans, Patrick Connolly, Ruperto Josef, Evelyn Devereux, Thomas Philip Doherty, Luke Dowd.

*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 funerals to 30 people only regardless of the size of the church, 6 for Baptisms and 15 for Weddings.

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)

Following the government announcements, Baptisms are suspended until further notice. Please watch this space.

You can email us for more info [holloway@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk)

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Programme starts on 13<sup>th</sup> January with a parents meeting. Children will have their first session on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Be aware that sessions are all Saturdays (Except Holidays) and attendance to all sessions is expected.

### Young People's Confirmation

We are working to re-schedule the Mass of Confirmation. You will be contacted once there is a confirmed new date.

### STAY SAFE

Please remember to sanitise your hands as you enter the church, use 'track and trace,' wearing a face mask is a must, observe social distancing by only sitting where you see the tick unless you are in the same household. Benches will be sterilised by the stewards so kindly leave the church immediately after Mass.

### Christmas 2020 at Sacred Heart

In order to provide a COVID-safe environment in church this Christmas, entry will be by reservations only. Booking your place is a Must!

To book a place in one of the Christmas Masses, go to our website:

[www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk)

or email us: [holloway@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk) or ring 0207 6073594

Your will receive a confirmation of your booking.

Please be clear which of the Masses below you are attending.

The times of Christmas Services are as follows;

### CHRISTMAS EVE, 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**4:00 pm (Mass with families and children)**

**6:00 pm. Vigil Mass**

**9:00 pm. Midnight Mass (Zoom)**

### CHRISTMAS DAY, 25<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**8:30am. Dawn Mass of Christmas**

**11:00am. Mass on Christmas Day (Zoom)**

### **THE GOD WHO SPEAKS**

#### **Meditate**

John the Baptist appears in today's readings with a specific mission: to bear witness to Jesus, the Light. Given the current situation of uncertainty, many might think they are in darkness. We are called, by being who we are, to point to Jesus, light of the world

#### **Act**

Christ is the Light. make sure that at your times of prayer or in your "prayer corner", you lit a candle representing Jesus, the Light of the world coming to us.

Fr.Javier Ruiz

### Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel

1. 'There is one among you whom you do not know'. We can know *about* Jesus but do we *know* him. What helps you to know Jesus in a way that enables you to follow in his footsteps, trusting God as he did, and seeing other people as he did?

2. John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to you of the good news of the gospel that God loves you – a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc.? To whom have you borne that witness?

3. John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of loud and aggressive people. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been able to be yourself, even in the face of criticism from others?

4. John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' – announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness? Do these questions have any special relevance to you in the midst of the current situation in our country?

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.