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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.*

## First Sunday of Advent.

**29<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>29th November 2020</b>  <b>First Sunday of Advent.</b>	<b>6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)</b>  <b>11:00 am Mass (Via ZOOM)</b>	<b>Anna McDonagh R.I.P</b> <b>John Danquah R.I.P- Anniv</b>  <b>Margaret Cooke – R.I.P</b> <b>Holy souls</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> November Monday St Andrew	9:00 am Mass (no congregation)	Deceased members of the Kalathara Family
1 <sup>st</sup> December Tuesday	<b>10:00 am - 12:00 Noon</b>	<b>Individual Prayer</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> December Wednesday Advent Feria	<b>11:30 am</b> <b>Funeral Mass</b>	<b>Eileen Graham R.I.P</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> December Thursday St Francis Xavier	9:15 am Mass	Bruno & Pepa Solari R.I.P
4 <sup>th</sup> December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Maria Giuseppe and Elisa Vanin R.I.P
<b>5<sup>th</sup> December Saturday</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	<i>11:00-12:00 noon Confessions and by appointment</i>  <b>Patrick Curran – R.I.P</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass</b>  <b>11:00 am Mass Via ZOOM</b>	<b>For the Parish</b>  <b>Gabriel Samuels R.I.P –Anniv</b> <b>Margaret Cooke – R.I.P</b>

## The Deep End - Finding our feet

It can be very hard to live with uncertainty. Back at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, a counsellor was interviewed on radio about how people were coping with the 'lockdown'. People were anxious and fearful, she said. Many were experiencing loneliness, as their normal routines and social life came to an abrupt halt.

Another thing that people really struggled with was the inability to make decisions. They felt trapped and stuck, unable to plan ahead. They couldn't make plans to visit family or go on holidays. They didn't know if their jobs were secure, or if their children would return to school. When things are up in the air, it is hard to find your feet and feel grounded. Many of us are still struggling with these feelings.

Today we enter a new church year, and our first Advent season since the pandemic hit. Many of us are feeling more subdued than normal as we begin our preparations for Christmas. It will be very different from the usual family and social occasion, and we are saddened and worried by this.

In today's gospel, Jesus urges his disciples to 'stay awake'. We might feel we have no choice at the moment – the feeling of not knowing what is coming is very familiar. We are on our guard, on edge, waiting for the latest news. Yet already, there are initiatives springing up to support those who are vulnerable or in need this Christmas. In our own families, we are plotting ways to ensure no one is alone or isolated. We are 'awake' to the strange circumstances, and we are finding ways to cope. We pray today for the strength to guide us through the coming weeks, and for the peace and joy of Christ to lift our hearts and carry us onwards.

*'In this time of tribulation and mourning, I hope that you will be able to experience Jesus, who comes to meet you, greets you and says: 'Rejoice.'*

Pope Francis

## 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.

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

If your child is in Year 3 or above, 8 years old or older then, your child is eligible to join the First Holy Communion Programme. Parents must apply for their children.

**The deadline to submit your application has been extended until Friday 4th December 2020.** You can download the form from our website. Please contact us via mail if you need any information. The programme will start on early January 2020.

### 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.

### Preparing our Nativity scene –

*'I wish to encourage the beautiful family tradition of preparing the nativity scene in the days before Christmas' – Pope Francis Admirabile Signum 2019.*

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20191201\\_admirabile-signum.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_admirabile-signum.html)

*What will we use & where will we place our nativity scene: in a prayer corner; by the tree; at the table; in our heart? What has our journey to the crib been like this year? Full of fears & worries? What do we need to bring for healing, or and thanks?*

### 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, Philip Yambao, Margaret Collins, 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, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Edwina Toson, 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

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

### Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Eileen Graham, Tommy Doherty, Margaret Cooke, 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.*

### RETURN TO COMMUNAL WORSHIP FROM DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 2020

According to the government's guidelines, we can confirm that communal worship will be able to restart from 2 December in all Local Restriction Tiers.

The decision of the Government to permit communal worship in all tiers under the covid-secure protocols that have been developed and approved for our churches is in recognition of the importance of people who have the right to attend communal worship. Therefore it is important to emphasise that there will be no easing off on the applications of this good practice and encouragement for people to fully engage with what is asked of them.

### THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

#### Meditate

God's interventions always happen under cover of darkness: creation happens in the darkness, the exit from Egypt in the middle of the night as the liberation of Peter and Paul from the dungeon. Night is God's favourite time, because when we are at our weakest he shows his might. Stay awake to see him acting!

#### Pray

God of all times who come to visit us when we least expect you, open our eyes to your arrival so that we may experience the liberating power of your presence.

Fr. J Ruiz

### Sycamore - Advent Course 4 weeks Searching for God in life – a renewal of faith

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/advent-course/>

*"God is more patient than we are, and those who knock with faith and perseverance on the door of his heart will not be disappointed"* - Pope Francis

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

1. The coming of the Lord is not just the moment of death, but any moment of grace. Recall unexpected graces – good things that happened when they were not anticipated.

2. Perhaps some of these were moments when you were particularly alert and aware of what was going on in you and around you and this enabled you to be open to the moment of grace. Recall the contrast with moments when that alertness and awareness were not present.

3. The servants were given charge of the household 'each with their own job'. See yourself as a person given a responsibility within the household of God's people. What is it like for you to see yourself trusted in this way by God? What has it been like for you when you have been shown trust in this way by another person?

4. Jesus says that what he is saying to his disciples he is saying to all. Have there been times when you have been a messenger of hope to others, encouraging them to wait for a moment of grace. Who have been the ones to encourage you?

**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.

### The Catholic Union with Catholic Voices

are organising a webinar on "how the government should engage with faith groups" on Wednesday 2 December at 7pm. Colin Bloom, the Faith Engagement Adviser at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, will present and promote the government consultation on the issue. Link and registration:

<https://www.catholicvoices.org.uk/events/independent-faith-review>