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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

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



First Sunday of Lent 21st February 2021

The Deep End – Wilderness

On this first Sunday of Lent, we are invited to embrace the wilderness. The past year has given us experience of wilderness as our world battled a pandemic. Many people were afraid, isolated, alone, and uncertain of what the future would bring. Humanity was adrift in what seemed like a desert moment. However, wilderness can bring opportunity. It can be a time for deep reflection, where we take stock of what is most important to us, a chance to let go of things that are really not important and focus on where we are being called to be. During this past year, what opportunity did this wilderness offer you?

Lent is also a time where people give up something, focus on weight loss or getting fit, take on a course, try to better themselves in some way. And these can be good things, but Lent is so much more than that. It is a retreat time, a time to make room for something deeper. It is a spring-cleaning sort of time, an opportunity to ask, 'what needs clearing out in my life so that I can make more room for God?' 'What changes am I being called to embrace?' Without change we cannot grow, and things fast become stale in our lives. God is always urging us on because God knows just what possibilities there are for each of us. Lent offers us the opportunity to make space for something new, to let go of that which is keeping us from living life to the full.

The Gospel today is short, Jesus is sent into the wilderness, into the desert, and we too are invited into a desert time. Deserts are interesting places which can allow us to reflect, give ourselves space. It is true that we might encounter our demons there, but we should not be afraid because as the Gospel tells us clearly today, this is a Spirit-led desert. God is with us. Let us try to embrace this wilderness. How we make use of this time determines what will be.

'You have to leave the city of your comfort and go into the wilderness of your intuition. What you'll discover will be wonderful. What you'll discover will be yourself.' (Alan Alda)

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| 21st February 2021 First Sunday of Lent | 6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass) | Helen Francis R.I.P |
| | 8:30 am Mass | For the Parish |
| | 11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM) | Tom Kelly – R.I.P Margaret Deignan R.I.P Anniv. |
| 22 nd February Monday The Chair of St Peter | 9:15 am Mass 11:00 AM Cremation Service | Donna Barnbrook – Intentions Marcial Sta, Maria R.I.P. |
| 23 rd February Tuesday | No Mass | |
| 24 th February Wednesday Lent Feria | 9:15 am Mass | Joe and Hugo Roarty – R.I.P |
| 25 th February Thursday Lent Feria | 9:15 am Mass 12:30 pm Funeral Mass | Edna Decon – R.I.P James Patrick Donnelly R.I.P |
| 26 th February Friday Lent Feria | 9:15 am Mass 11:00 AM: Cremation Service | Holy Souls Gareth Bryant R.I.P. |
| 27th February Saturday Lent Feria | 6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass) | <i>11:00-12:00 noon Confessions and by appointment</i> Seamus and Family - Ints |
| 28th February 2021 Second Sunday of Lent | 8:30 am Mass | For the Parish |
| | 11:00 am Mass (live-streamed Via ZOOM) | Erlinda Holguin R.I.P |

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 at home and in hospitals, the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time...

For the sick and the housebound:

Luana Zuluaga, Rachel Kennelly, Ruby Flynn, Marie Dorrian, Sean Christian Elizabeth Feeley, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Esther Joseph, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Brian Conway Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, 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

Margaret Deignan, Bruno Solari, Michael Toolan, Michael & Ann Roarty, Edgar Losa, Attilio Speroni, Helena Bolotna, Sean Dolan, Gilbert Ero.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Robert McMullan, James Donnelly, Gareth Bryant, Tom Kelly, Erlinda Holguin, Evelyn Green, Derek Turner, Lea Joseph, Rosa Camacho Roque, Marcial Sta Maria, Ervina Toson, Nancy Morris, Joseph Ward, Amelita Kimpo, Leona Gwin, James Brefo, Eileen Graham, Paolo Paner, Tommy Doherty, Margaret Cooke.

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

SACRAMENTS

Some of the following catechetical programmes have been delayed, or the meetings suspended due to pandemic precautions. Hopefully we will begin to offer all these ministries soon.

Government Guidelines during lockdown 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

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

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are delighted to invite your children (and you, if you like) to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word.

In these times we all need Jesus and we hope and believe that in these Liturgies, your children will feel his loving, comforting and strengthening presence.

When: Every Saturday

Time: 10:30 am, for about 30 min.

Where: Online via Zoom (please go to our website for the link: www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

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. Benches will be sterilised by the stewards so kindly leave the church immediately after Mass.

WE PRAY THE ROSARY TOGETHER ON WEDNESDAYS.

We continue praying the Holy Rosary every Wednesday at 8:30 pm via Zoom. Meeting ID 744 445 Meeting Pass code: 597446

CAFOD Lent Appeal

Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. Please give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Please donate online at www.cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of our envelopes, which you find at the back of the church.

Winter food bank -Sacred Heart Community Response.

We are very blessed to count on this generous community. It is fundamental to recognise that we are all God's children and we are here to help each other.

Please DO come forward for help if you need it or encourage others who might be in need and do not feel ready to ask for support.

If you or someone you know cannot leave the house, we are able to deliver to your doorstep. Just contact us.

A mini food bank (of basic non-perishable goods)

Next Date: Saturday 27th February.

When: the Second and last Saturday of every month, during winter.

Place: In the parish courtyard.

Time: From 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Please bring your own carrier bag. No questions will be asked and only one of the team member of will be present.

WE WILL KEEP IT CONFIDENTIAL

Lens of the Gospel

1. Jesus he is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his God-given mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them.

2. Such periods of anxiety may seem like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight, we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested and after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life.

3. Repent and believe the good news was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life?

4. There is immediacy about the call of Jesus: 'the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near'. Recall when you had a realisation that NOW was the moment of opportunity – for a change in your life, for a spiritual renewal, or a time to give a wholehearted yes to life. At this moment to what do you believe you are invited to say 'yes'?

GIFT AID

Are you a gift aider to this parish? Are you still a taxpayer?

If your circumstances changed during last year, and you stopped being a taxpayer, kindly inform us via email.

Are you a taxpayer and your donations to the parish are not gift-aided yet? Contact us, the Gift Aid makes a difference to us.