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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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Parish Office opening times **for Admin-**

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent 14th March 2021

The Deep End – Out into the light

Today, the 'middle' Sunday of Lent, is known as Laetare Sunday – *Laetare* means 'Rejoice!' We tend not to think of Lent as a time to rejoice, but signs of joy are central at Mass today, such as the use of flowers on the altar and rose-coloured vestments for the priest instead of the usual Lenten purple. The shadow of the cross still looms large, but we look forward with hope to Easter, when light will conquer the darkness.

We are offered an opportunity today to pause and reflect on our Lenten journey. In our gospel we hear that 'the [person] who lives by the truth comes out into the light'. On the other hand, Jesus says that those who 'prefer darkness to the light' live in fear that their actions will be exposed.

We hear a lot of talk these days about transparency. We have seen the damage caused by those whose private actions gravely contradict the message they proclaim in the public sphere. Some questions we might ask ourselves this Lent are: Am I living a truthful life 'in the light'? Am I honest in my dealings with others, trying always to choose what is right and just, or are there things I do in secret that are unkind or dishonest? Am I attentive to the needs of others or am I more inclined to think of myself? Lent offers us the opportunity to step out into the light, to allow the light of Jesus to sweep away any darkness or destructive habits and to begin again.

'We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when his light illuminates the dark moments of our existence, and we are able share it with others; when we know when to smile with those who smile, and weep with those who weep; when we accompany those who are sad and at risk of losing hope; when we recount our experience of faith to those who are searching for meaning and happiness... and there – with our attitude, with our witness, with our life – we say 'Jesus is Risen,' with our soul.' (Pope Francis).
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MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

14th March 2021	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	For the Parish
Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Mass	Frances Byrne R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Gareth Bryan R.I.P
15 th March Monday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Hugo & Parents – R.I.P
16 th March Tuesday	No Mass	
17 th March Wednesday St Patrick	9:15 am Mass	Pauric Dolan – R.I.P Anniversary
18 th March Thursday Lent feria	9:15 am Mass	Holy Souls
19 th March Friday St Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary	9:15 am Mass	Elizabeth & Family - Intentions
20th March Saturday Lent Feria	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	<i>11:00-12:00 noon Confessions and by appointment</i> Barbara - Intentions
21st March 2021	8:30 am Mass	Helen Francis – R.I.P
Fifth Sunday of Lent	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed Via ZOOM)	Ramon Fideles R.I.P Anniversary

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.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme 2021 will start after Easter Holidays. We will contact parents and carers soon with more information. Please watch this space.

BAPTISM (Child)

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.

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, Marie Dorrian, Sean Christian Elizabeth Feeley, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Esther Joseph, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Ngozi Elong, 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

Puric Dolan, Ramon Fideles, Margaret Dolan, Joan Neary, Beryl Genovese, Margaret Deignan, Bruno Solari, Michael Toolan, Michael & Ann Roarty.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Lily DeNobrega, Ruby Flynn, Derek Turner, James Donnelly, Gareth Bryant, Marcial sta. Maria, Willie Agustin, Rose Paeste, Tom Kelly, Erlinda Holguin, Robert McMullan, Evelyn Green, Lea Joseph, Rosa Camacho Roque, Ervina Toson, Nancy Morris, Joseph Ward, Amelita Kimpo, Leona Gwin.

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

PLANNED GIVING REMINDER

The new boxes of envelopes for planned giving are available at the back of the Church. Please take a few minutes to collect your box. If you are new to the parish or would like a box of envelopes, or to join the Gift Aid Scheme, or would prefer to pay by Bankers Order, please complete one of the pledge forms at the back of the Church and post it through the Presbytery's letterbox. **The new boxes start on 10th /11th April.**

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. Contact us at holloway@rcdow.org.uk

Cardinal Lenten Appeal

The Cardinal's Appeal this year will focus on providing food for children and families in our communities who are facing hunger. It is vital that we continue to strengthen our practical parish projects and to help where we can. You can find out more about the appeal and donate by following the link below.

Donations envelopes are also available at the back of the church.

<https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/cardinals-appeal>

'Year of St Joseph'

'.....as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.' - Patris Corde Online Talk by Fr John Hemer MHM on Thursday 29th April 2021 at 7pm - to register contact catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

MARRIAGE SUPPORT – This website may be of help if you have concerns about your marriage: www.retrouaille.org.uk

Readings for this Sunday

1st Reading 2 Chron. 36: 14-16, 19-23
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137
2nd Reading: Ephesians 2;4-10
GOSPEL: John (3:14-21)

Lens of the Gospel John 3:14-21

1. Jesus speaks of himself being *lifted up*, a term that can mean a physical lifting, or also exaltation. By this play on words the evangelist explains to us that Jesus' gift of himself in the passion was a glorious revelation of love, despite all its injustice and brutality. Bring to mind occasions when the love shown by Jesus in his passion was a sacrament of God's love for you.

2. It would be very cushy for us if we could be a source of life to others without cost to ourselves. True life-givers know that they need the generosity of being *lifted up* by giving their lives so that others may have life. Recall when you have had that generosity and give thanks for others who have been like that for you.

3. We receive life from God when our faith enables us to trust in God's love for us. We give life to one another when the love between us is trustworthy. Recall memories of that kind of trustworthy love. For whom have you been able to be a 'Jesus person' and give a love that another could trust? Who has shown that kind of love to you and been for you a sacrament of God's love?

Winter food bank -Sacred Heart Community Response.

We are very blessed to count on this generous community.

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 March.

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.