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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

# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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



## Third Sunday of Lent 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

### The Deep End – A question of authority

It is tough at times to figure out who has authority on certain issues. There are ‘experts’ everywhere, telling us how we should eat, exercise, manage our finances... the list goes on. Something that has struck me during the current pandemic is how hard it can be to know who to believe. We hear from doctors and virologists, politicians and economists, and their opinions don’t always align. It can take us a while to trust the voices we hear in the media.

The Temple scene in today’s gospel sparks a debate about Jesus’ authority. While he certainly cuts an authoritative figure as he drives out the stall-holders and money-changers, he is immediately questioned. The Jews demand a sign to explain his provocative words and actions, as if to say ‘Who do you think you are?’ It is interesting to note that in John’s Gospel, this scene takes place at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry (unlike the Synoptic Gospels where it comes towards the end). This would explain the disbelief of the witnesses.

In calling the Temple ‘my Father’s house’ Jesus identifies the source of his authority. But his interrogators do not understand, nor do his disciples, though we are told it later makes sense to them after the resurrection. This scene offers more than an angry Jesus and a clueless audience. It is a public revelation of Jesus’ identity and authority, as the one in whom God’s presence dwells. It also emphasises the radical new way of living that Jesus has come to bring about. As we journey through Lent, we ask ourselves where the message of Jesus has become obstructed in our lives, and how we might open our hearts again to his presence and guidance.

*‘I invite all Christians, everywhere, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them... The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realise that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.’ (Pope Francis. *Evangelii Gaudium*)*

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>7<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>  <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>Margaret Dolan R.I.P – Anniv.</b>
	<b>8:30 am Mass</b>	<b>Derek Turner – R.I.P</b>
	<b>11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)</b>	<b>Joan Neary- R.I.P – Anniv.</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> March Monday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Sean Daly R.I.P
9 <sup>th</sup> March Tuesday	No Mass	
10 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Tom Durgley & John Morrissey R.I.P
11 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday Lent feria	9:15 am Mass	Peggy O’Keffe – R.I.P
12 <sup>th</sup> March Friday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Holy Souls
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March Saturday Lent Feria</b>	<b>6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)</b>	<i>11:00-12:00 noon Confessions and by appointment</i> <b>For the Parish</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>8:30 am Mass</b>	<b>Frances Byrne R.I.P</b>
<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>11:00 am Mass (live-streamed Via ZOOM)</b>	<b>Gareth Bryan R.I.P</b>

## 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 Dolan, Joan Neary, Beryl Genovese, Margaret Deignan, Bruno Solari, Michael Toolan, Michael & Ann Roarty, Edgar Losa, Attilio Speroni.

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

Ruby Flynn, Derek Turner, Robert McMullan, James Donnelly, Gareth Bryant, Marcial sta. Maria, Willie Agustin, Rose Paeste, Tom Kelly, Erlinda Holguin, Evelyn Green,

Lea Joseph, Rosa Camacho Roque, Ervina Toson, Nancy Morris, Joseph Ward, Amelita Kimpo, Leona Gwin, James Brefo, Eileen Graham,  
*Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in*

## 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](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk)

### **BAPTISM (Child)**

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)

### **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](http://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.

### **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 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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>

### **'JOURNEYING WITH THE BIBLE'**

It is a series of evening lectures given by Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PhD & Sr. Monica Cardona STL: 9<sup>th</sup> March – Apocalypse. Times and Registration at [catadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:catadmin@rcdow.org.uk)

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT –** This website may be of help if you have concerns about your marriage: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **Readings for this Sunday**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus (20:1-17)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 1:22-25

GOSPEL: John (2:13-25)

### **Lens of the Gospel** John 2:13-25

1. In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this.
2. But we are the Body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself or others).
3. There are many ways in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this.
4. We may also think of institutions as in some way temples of God's presence. In this time when aspects of our institutions are crumbling we can perhaps identify with the Jews who were horrified at the suggestion that the Temple would be destroyed. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you find hope in such circumstances?

### **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 12th 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.

**WE WILL KEEP IT CONFIDENTIAL**