

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes 28 Nov & 5th Dec £ 572.48

Loose: £ 665.20 Envelopes.

Standing Orders £1,055 Sept/week

Contactless 20 & 21 Nov £ 100

Your generosity enables us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!

For online giving, please go to:

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

and click **Support**.

Parish Bank Account Details.

Account name: WRCDT Holloway

Sorting Code: 40-05-20

Account Number: 71308319

Address: HSBC, 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY

Weekly envelopes can be mailed in or you can drop them in the parish house.

Mailbox outside the parish door.

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

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 (but emails are checked daily)

12th December 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY)

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel (Luke 3:10-18)

- 1). 'What should we do?' The common thread in John's answers was to encourage his questioners to be other-centred rather than self-centred, each in the context of their own circumstances. In your experience what difference has it made for you when you changed your attitude in this way?
- 2). John told the people in a direct and honest way what they should do. Perhaps you have had friends who did not beat about the bush but have told you honestly what they thought about your behavior when you asked them? In gratitude recall such friends.
- 3). The humility of John comes out in this passage, happy to acknowledge that he only had a minor role to play in relation to the Messiah. At the same time, he was enthused by his mission to 'proclaim the good news to the people'. What difference has it made for you when you were able to see the good in yourself, and use your gifts without having to score by portraying yourself as greater than someone else? J.Byrne@intercom

CHRISTMAS PARISH RAFFLE

We are still recovering from the financial hit that the Pandemic inflicted on us. If you want to make a Christmas donation to Sacred Heart Church, this will be the time. One of the ways you can help is to buy or help to sell Christmas Raffle tickets. They are now available for collection in the foyer. This year, the envelopes are not labelled. Please collect a set of tickets and help us by selling them to your friends and colleagues. Fantastic prizes which include 2 tickets to the stage musical "FROZEN", courtesy of its leading actor and parishioner, OBI Ugoala.

Times of Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve – 6:00 pm Family with Children & 11:30 pm- Lessons and Carols followed by Mass at midnight.

Christmas Day – 8:30 am & 11:00 am

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

12 TH 5December 2021	6:00 (Sat. Vigil)	Alan Barker R.I.P.
THIRD Sunday of Advent (GAUDETE SUNDAY)	8:30 am Mass	Ann and Kathleen Rainsford (Anniversaries)
	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Joe Ward R.I.P. (Anniversary)
13 th December Monday St Lucy	9:15 am Mass	Lynda Hills – R.I.P Claire Hallmark R.I.P. (Anniv.)
14 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
15 th December Wed. Advent feria	9:15 am Mass	Alan Barker R.I.P.
16 th December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Michael Prior R.I.P Anniversary Fr. Joseph Kalathara R.I.P.
17 th December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Ana Speroni R.I.P.
18 th December Sat.	11:00 -12:00 Noon 6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Confessions or by appointment Pat Costin (Intentions)
19 th December 2021 FOURTH Sunday of Advent (Christmas Raffles after the 11:00am Mass)	8.30 am Mass	Joyce Callum (Intentions)
	11.00 am Mass (live streamed via ZOOM)	Dr. Gilbert Ero (Anniversary) Ivy Ross R.I.P. & Patricia Naughton R.I.P

SACRAMENTS

Some of the following catechetical programmes have been delayed, or the meetings suspended due to pandemic precautions. We are now slowly starting with most of the sacraments.

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 Due to a change in the law we are no longer able to issue civil marriage certificates for Marriages that took place in our church. These can now be obtained directly from the local Registrar in the Town Hall.

BAPTISM

Babies are usually baptised in the first 6 months after birth. To book a baptism for your child, please contact the parish office. Parents of the child must practice their faith and registered members of the parish. At least one parent of the child and the godparent must supply us with their Catholic baptismal certificate and the child's birth certificate. Parents and godparents must attend a baptismal preparation meeting beforehand. Please contact the parish office for further details.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021-2022

Please pray for the children and their families who started The First Communion Programme this weekend.

The last session before Christmas holidays for the Children is on **Saturday 11th December at 9:30 a.m.** This will be an online session via Zoom.

CONFIRMATION 2022

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are eligible to join the Confirmation Programme 2022. Applications forms are available from the back of the church and from our website.

The deadline to submit the Confirmation form has been extended until **Sunday 12th December.**

We anticipate that the course will begin early in January 2022.

If you are about to go away for Christmas- Christmas Envelopes are available this weekend. By tradition, the Christmas and Easter envelopes are the parishioners' kind gift and provide each priest with a yearly salary.

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 and those who care for them:

Joyce Fleming, Madeline, Ludvinia King, Kathleen Wallace, Eric Ebo Essuman, Rachel Kennelly, Sean Christian Elizabeth Feeley, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Ngozi Elong, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Brian Conway Crystal Green, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Bridie Prior, Mary Wong, Michael & Cathy Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Charlie Crane, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin Cooke, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen *and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.*

Anniversaries

Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, Joe Ward, James Brefo, Noel Kennedy, Philip Yambao, Peter Zolero, John Danquah, Eusebio Fernandez, Conrado Espejo, Sarah Toolan, Marianne Formosa, Mary Morrissey, Myra Richards Houlihan, Mary Moran.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Emil Virary, John Finbow, Ann Treanor Anna Speroni, Edward Bates, Alan Barker, Dennis Mendoza, Patsy Toolan, Seamus Costello, Jean Moran, Roslyn Lashley, Catherine Acholonu, Eliseo Delfin, Bridie Friel, Eileen Ely, Sherlito de la Cruz, Cesar Tabuzo, Giuseppe, Michael Reardon, Claire Hallmark, John Sweeney.

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

Westminster Cathedral Annual

Christmas Concert – on Wednesday 15th December and Thursday 16th Dec at 7:30 pm. Tickets available:

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/westminster-cathedral-tickets-london/venue/254582>

THE PASSAGE

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme from 12.00 noon. Every £1 donated online between 12.00 noon on Tuesday 30 November and 12.00 noon on Tuesday 7 December makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. At a time when The Passage's finances are stretched and they are helping more homeless people please consider supporting this charity through the link <https://bit.ly/PassageBG2021>

Advent Bible studies

'Mauro Ianicelli will walk you through the forthcoming Sunday Gospel with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions & transform your Advent journey' Delivered by Mauro Ianicelli over five Wednesday evenings, 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time)

<https://www.comeandsee.org/advent>

Ask your MP to end 'DIY' abortion

The abortion lobby are now running a large campaign in the media to put pressure on the Government to make temporary 'DIY' abortion schemes permanent before the end of the year. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible write to the Health Secretary, Sajid Javid, asking the Government to end these dangerous 'DIY' abortion schemes.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website today which makes it easy for you to send an email to your MP asking them to write to Sajid Javid. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/endDIY to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

Westminster Year Book (cost £4.50) is now on sale. They are on the table at the back of the church. Put your payment in any box marked offerings.

Virgin Giving- We have ceased this week to use Virgin Money giving as a way of online donating. An online alternative is being provided but more information will come in the next couple of weeks. Meanwhile, you can donate by transfers using our website or by standing order. You can Gift Aid your donation if you are a tax payer. Please contact the parish office for more information.

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:

This donation method has proved to be easy and safe, and it is practical, as we don't normally carry cash nowadays. If you give your Sunday offering using the contactless machine at the entrance of the church, please gift aid your offering if you're a taxpayer. You can take a photo on the QR code displayed in the machine – you can then fill in the online form at home. At no extra cost to yourself, this will increase your donation by 25%.

Food-bank- Sacred Heart Community COVID Response.

The products most needed are:

Rice, Pasta, Flour, tinned goods, tuna, tinned tomatoes, tea, sweetcorn, porridge oats, long life milk, etc. **Toiletries:** Hand wash, shower gel, toothpaste, deodorant, washing up liquid, laundry detergent, nappies etc.

If you would like to donate these items, please leave them at the back of the church and they will be taken by volunteers to the food bank room.

Catholic Listeners Telephone Helpline

- Are you a good listener? Do you enjoy helping others with their queries? Can you assist with finding basic information about a service or an organisation? Catholic Listeners Helpline Service is staffed by volunteers who are trained and operate with the ethos of compassionate listening. All calls and the caller's needs are dealt with sensitivity and due diligence. Catholic Listeners is funded by the Cardinal's Appeal and operates in the Diocese of Westminster. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, email Ade for details at catholiclisteners@gmail.com

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

There is a second collection this weekend after all our Masses for Christmas flowers and poinsettias.