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# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY



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 checked daily)

## 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and  
 protect what your right hand has planted. - Psalm 80:15-16*

### AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and  
 threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant  
 Israel will raise up a leader from the backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will  
 bring justice to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized  
 women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of  
 God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of  
 Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the  
 exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the  
 ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to  
 trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's  
 peace and justice. (St. Raymond's)

*Only a few more days until we celebrate the greatest birth in the world – the  
 Son of God, Jesus, into our hearts and home.*

### Times of Christmas Masses

**24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve – 6:00 pm Family with Children,  
 and 11:30 pm- Lessons and Carols followed by Mass at Midnight.**  
**25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day – 8:30 am & 11:00 am**

**JOY TO THE WORLD ...** Priest and Staff and the parish team of the Sacred  
 Heart Church wish you all a very joyful Christmas, as we celebrate the arrival of Our  
 Lord. May the Christmas season fill you with faith, hope and love.

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

19 <sup>TH</sup> 5December 2021  <b>FOURTH Sunday of Advent</b>	6:00 (Sat. Vigil	Pat Costin (intentions)
	8:30 am Mass	Joyce Callam (intentions)
	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Dr. Gilbert Ero R.I.P., Patricia Naughton and Ivy Ross R.I.P.
20 <sup>th</sup> December Monday	9:15 am Mass	Priscilla & Family Intentions
21 <sup>ST</sup> December Tuesday	No Mass	
22 <sup>nd</sup> December Wed. Advent FERIA	9:15 am Mass	Seamus and Family Intentions
23 <sup>rd</sup> December Thursday Advent FERIA	9:15 am Mass	Holy Souls
24 <sup>th</sup> December Friday <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	6:00pm Mass	Michael Costin R.I.P. Anniversary.
	11:30-Christmas Carols 12:00- Midnight Mass	Pro Populo (For the Parish)
25 <sup>th</sup> December Sat. <b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>	8:30 Mass	Santolo & Beryl Genovese
	11:00 Mass	For The Parish
26 <sup>th</sup> December 2021  <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>	8.30 am Mass	Philip Kamaranchath
	11.00 am Mass (live streamed via ZOOM)	Berhan Haile 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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:**

James Gray, Kathleen Sisman, 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.*

## **CAFO AFGHANISTAN APPEAL**

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister CARITAS and other agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website:

[cafod.org.uk/afghanistanAppeal](http://cafod.org.uk/afghanistanAppeal)  
And, please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

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

**A Huge Thank You** – to everyone who is working hard to help us celebrate Christmas at Sacred Heart, especially at this difficult times. You know who you are and the parish would be lost without you.

### **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](mailto:catholiclisteners@gmail.com)

### **FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS**

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