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Parish Bank Account Details.

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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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Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm (but emails are checked daily)

5th December 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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1. The manner in which Luke identifies in detail the time when John the Baptist started his preaching shows that Luke regarded this as a historic moment. Perhaps you can recall in detail the time and the circumstances of particularly significant moments in your life?
2. John called people to give expression to their desire for a change of heart by a symbolic baptism in the Jordan. When have you found it helpful to symbolise your desire to change for the better by some symbolic gesture, e.g., burning a packet of cigarettes, sending a card, making a phone call, etc.
3. 'A voice crying in the wilderness' is sometimes taken to refer to a voice that is ignored. Pope Francis has issued a call to all of us to take part in the consultation process preparing for the Synod in 2023. What can you, and your faith community, do to make sure his call is answered.

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

5th December 2021 Second Sunday of Advent	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass) Permanent Diaconate-Candidature Mass. 8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	James Brefo R.I.P Anniv. Main Celebrant: Bishop Paul Mc Aleenan. Patrick and Maureen Finnegan R.I.P John Finbow R.I.P Gabriel Samuels R.I.P Anniv Alan Barker R.I.P
6 th December Monday St Nicholas	9:15 am Mass	Patsy Toolan – R.I.P
7 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
8 th December Wed. The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:15 am Mass	Theresa Brandford Thanksgiving
9 th December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Patsy Maguire R.I.P
10 th December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Joe Ward R.I.P - Anniv
11th December Sat. St Damasus	11:00 -12:00 Noon 6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	<i>Confessions or by appointment</i> Alan Barker R.I.P
12th December 2021 Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)	8.30 am Mass 11.00 am Mass (live streamed via ZOOM)	Ann and Kathleen Rainsford R.I.P - Anniversary Joe Ward – R.I.P Anniversary

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** in the parish hall.

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, Ludvina 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:

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.

Congratulations to Eze Ugoala who will be admitted to Candidacy for Ordination as Deacon at the 6:00 Vigil Mass. The Mass will be officiated by Bishop Paul McAleenan.

Congratulations to Luis and Isabel Bastos who were married here last Friday and to the Baptisms of their children Luis and Luisa Bastos.

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 will walk you through the forthcoming Sunday Gospel with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions & transform your Advent journey' Delivered by Mauro Iannicelli over five Wednesday evenings 24 Nov | 1 Dec | 8 Dec | 15 Dec | 22 Dec (7-8pm UK Time) <https://www.comeandsee.org/>

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.

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.

The donation which will be linked to your payment and will gift aid all future donations made using the same method. Please refrain from using this system if you are already in planned giving via Standing Order or Weekly envelopes except for one-off donations. If you ever need help using this terminal, contact one of our volunteers.

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.