#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Envelopes: Weekly £401.00 Loose: £275.868 Standing Orders £1,020 (Oct/week)

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

**Text Giving-** is quick and easy way to make donation towards the upkeep and running costs at Sacred Heart. Just text "PARISH HOLLO" to this number: 70800, to donate £5 automatically. This amount will be added to your phone bill.

For online giving, please go to: <u>www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk</u> and click **support.** Thank you. PLANNED GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you very much to all those who filled in a form during our planned giving campaign.. If you missed the opportunity to do so there are forms at the back of the church on the table and in porch. As a reminder we need information from every parishioner or family even if you already contribute regularly to the Offertory Collection and/or volunteer at Sacred Heart's.

This will help us plan for the future, including support for parish ministries. And those who requested for <u>envelopes</u> can now collect them at the back of church.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK		
6 <sup>th</sup> January '19 The Epiphany of	6:00 pm Saturday <i>Vigil Mass</i> –	Michael Dolan R.I.P Anniv Mary Chiemenewski R.I.P – Anniversary
the Lord	8:30 am Mass	Sean McDermott – R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	Mary Morrissey R.I.P -
7 <sup>th</sup> January Monday Christmas Feria	10:00 a.m. Mass	Meli A Nagai Family – Ints.
		Sacred Heart School
		Beginning of Term Mass.
8 <sup>th</sup> January Tuesday Christmas Feria	_ 10:00 a.m	Lottie Capocci R.I.P
	Funeral Mass	
9 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Margaret & Paddy Cooney R.I.P
10 <sup>th</sup> January Thursday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Claudio Rigolli – R.I.P Anniversary
11 <sup>th</sup> January Friday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Sharon Langston - Intentions
<b>12<sup>th</sup> January Saturday.</b> Christmas Feria		11:00-12;00 noon Confessions
	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	Sean Dolan R.I.P – Anniv.
13 <sup>th</sup> January '19	8:30 am Mass	May McDermott
The Baptism of the Lord	11:00 am Mass	Mary Morrisey – R.I.P
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# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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# Phone: 020 7607 3594 Email: <u>holloway@rcdow.org.uk</u> <u>www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk</u> Parish Priest: Fr. Gideon Wagay Mrs. Elizabeth Ocampo- Admin Assistant Parish Office opening times <u>for Admin-</u> Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm. Catechetical Coordinator:

Nali (nalininathan@rcdow.org.uk) Our Mission: We are a welcoming, nourishing living parish, inspired by the Sacred Heart to serve and radiate this love to all.

> The Epiphany of the Lord 6<sup>th</sup> January '19

# THE DEEP END: 'We observed his star at his rising'

The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were 'seekers', looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what 'star' the Wise Men could have seen. Some have identified Jupiter, not a star, which in 6bc was following that correct trajectory across the sky over many months. One must admire the faithful and determined journey that these Wise Men set out on, a journey which involved many risks. The Wise Men represent all peoples of all cultures and faiths who make such journeys in search of God.

We often look for signs in our own lives, especially when we are looking for answers. Let us have the courage to move out of our comfort zones in search of Jesus, just as the Wise Men did. They had no idea of what awaited them, but the Gospel speaks of their delight and joy when they arrived to that place.

'We often make do with looking at the ground ... I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky? Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?'

Pope Francis - Jane Mellett@ Intercom



We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time...

#### For the sick and the housebound:

Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Eva Buchalska, Lil Travnor, Christopher Browne, Baby Michael Ellitott, Daithi Sweeney, Keith Hunt, Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, John Regan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Kathy Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Eillen Martine Rainsford. Graham. Christopher Fradley, Edwina Toson, Charlie Crane Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries: Margaret Lonergan, Sean Dolan, Claudio Rigolli, Michael Dolan, Mary Chiemenewski Margaret Keohane, Clifford Price, Helen Bradley, Michael Costin, Joaquin Pineda, Beryl & Rudie Genovese, Brian Mpunga, Gilbert Ero, John O'Roarke Michael Brobbey, Bill Devereux, Ann & Katthleen Rainsford.

#### Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Dolores Crowley, Lottie Capocci, Robert Moran, Gabriel Ehigiator Samuels, Mary Morrisey, Stephen Hogan, Jenny Bove, Zelpha Anderson, Jim Neary, Mercy Dapaah, Ollie O'Driscoll, Ann Franklin. *Eternal rest* grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.

# 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 BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, R. C. I.A.

For details on being baptised, First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion preparation (year 3 and above), youth confirmation (14-18 year olds), being confirmed as an adult or for details about becoming Catholic, please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church or speak to Nali (catechetical coordinator).

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation in our parish will take place in June 2019. The Confirmation programme will begin in January with sessions on Sunday afternoons. If you are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) and wish to join the programme, then you are invited to complete the application form. The forms are available after all the Masses this weekend.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** is usually on Thursdays @ 8:30pm at the Parish house. The day however, is movable depending on the availability of most members. Please ask Peggy for more details. Everyone welcome.

#### Would you like to be an altar server? Altar Server's Practice:

Calling all children who are in year 4 or above and who have done their First Holy Communion. If you want to serve on the altar at Mass, please come to the first practice on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 4:00pm.

# PAX CHRISTI- Peace Sunday 20th JAN.

One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of the peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations...today more than ever, our societies need 'artisans of peace' who can be messengers and authentic witnesses of God our Father, who wills the good and the happiness of the human family. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Collection. Thank you to the many card of greetings which also enclosed generous offerings and the many assurances of prayers. I am eternally grateful. With best wishes for a happy, peaceful, and a holy New Year. Fr Gideon

# **CRIB OFFERINGS**

The Crib Offerings as by tradition will go to Westminster Catholic Children's Society helping disadvantaged children and families.

## Ethics: Living the Examined Life

Why is my life stuck? What's missing? How can I grow as a person and flourish?

Philosophy can help. Answering practical, down to earth questions with insight from the greatest thinkers of the Western Tradition, The Sapiens Program will help all – of any or no faith – search for wisdom and find fulfilment. Five evenings to live a more examined life. Why not bring a different-minded friend? **On Thursday 17 January at 19:30.** St Mary Moorfields RC Church, EC2M 7LS. Organised by Brothers of Saint John. Cost Suggested donation £10/eve. (inc. hot meal)

#### Living the joy of the Gospel: St Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis

by Fr Paul Rout OFM Time 7:00pm - 8:30pm Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London

SW1P 1QN A series of 4 talks on the following Themes:

January 24th, 2019, the experience of a heart full of mercy

February 7th, 2019, 'Francis, rebuild my Church': Being Church in the 21st Century February 14th, 2019, 'Praised be you, my Lord, for all that you have made': Caring for our common home.

**February 28th, 2019**, Looking to Christ Suggested donation £5. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

# SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

# Matthew 2:1-12

1. The magi came from the east, hoping to meet Jesus and guided by a star. On your life's journey what are the hopes that inspire you, and what stars guide your steps? Name them for yourself.

2. The magi travelled together. Who have been your companions on life's journey? What has it been like when you have realized that you had companionship along the road? What made you conscious of that companionship? How was it demonstrated?

3. The magi lost sight of the star for a while. What clouds obscure the star that guides your life? Think of those to whom you have turned to get a renewed sense of direction. Perhaps some, like Herod, gave bad advice, but others were wise guides. Remember with particular gratitude those who warned you about dangers on the road and helped you set off with confidence on the right road again.

4. Eventually the magi had the joy of meeting Jesus. In the Epiphany we celebrate God made visible to all humanity. What encounters have you had in life that left you with the sense that God was in what had happened? How did these meetings help you as you, like the magi, 'returned to your own country'? John Byrneosa@Intercom

# Requiescat in Pace: Rest in Peace LOTTIE LOUISE CAPOCCI

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 10:00am Mass. (Fr. Henry Mobela, Celebrant) **GABRIEL EHIGIATOR SAMUEL** 

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 11:00am Mass (Fr. Oliver Ejiki, Celebrant)

SARAH DOLORES CROWLEY

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 11:00 AM Mass (Fr. Chris Connors, celebrant)