#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. Envelopes: Weekly 435.24 Loose: £380.91

**Standing Orders £1,252 (Jan**/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		
10th March '19	6:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass –	Michele Larotonda R.I.P
First Sunday of Lent	8:30 am Mass	Mariah Gallagher – R.I.P Francis Byrne – R.I.P- Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	Margaret Deignan – R.I.P
11 <sup>th</sup> March Monday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Private Intentions
12 <sup>th</sup> March Tuesday	No Mass	
13 <sup>th</sup> March Wednesday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Phyliss Byrne – R.I.P Years 1C, 1M, 2SK, 2SP from school at Mass
14 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Margaret Deignan R.I.P
15 <sup>th</sup> March Friday Lent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Tom Toolan - Intentions
16 <sup>th</sup> March Saturday. Lent Feria		11:00-12;00 noon Confessions
	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	Pat Costin - Intentions
17 <sup>th</sup> March '19	8:30 am Mass	Pauric Dolan – R.I.P
Second Sunday of Lent	11:00 am Mass	Lilian Guerrero - Intentions

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# The Deep End - Into the Wilderness

Lent is a great season where we are called to fasting, almsgiving and prayer. While our motivations may vary from weight loss to genuine spiritual journeying, this is a season where we take time to stop and take stock of our lives. What's there? What's there that shouldn't be there? Are there things in my life that I need to change, to move around, to let go of? Are there obstacles in the way of my relationship with Jesus and with the world around me?

Given the extent of the climate crisis that the world now finds itself in, and Ireland's dismal record on climate action, Lent would be an excellent time for each of us to examine our relationship with the earth in the hope that we might recognise the interconnectedness of all things. We might fast from our cars when we can, or look at how much food, clothes and energy we consume. How are our recycling habits? You might pledge to read Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, during Lent, and perhaps to ask a few friends to join you.

Whatever you decide to do, embrace this very special time. In the Gospel we are given encouragement as we read that Jesus is being led by the Spirit into the wilderness. The wilderness is not a place to be feared: it can be a place of transformation; a place where God is ultimately in control. We might encounter our demons and temptations there, but that is part of the journey. As with all things, we will get out of Lent what we put in. The more we put in, the greater the celebration on Easter Sunday morning.

#### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

The new boxes of envelopes for planned giving are available from today 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 **6**<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> April.



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:

Tony Reilly, Colman Connelly, Catherine Wright, Mario Marshall, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, 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 Graham, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Edwina Toson, Charlie Crane Nora Harkin, Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Ben Deignan, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

**Anniversaries**: Francis Byrne, Margaret Dolan, Joan Neary, Mgr Chuka Egbe, Klemens Chimienewski, Brian Harrigan, Bruno Solari, Michael Toolan, Bridget Gill.

#### Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Mark Joseph, Rowel Tabuzo, Regina Salazar Clara Lwembe, Margaret Deignan, Eva Buchalska, Edward Power, Dolores Hawley, Dolores Crowley, Lottie Capocci, Robert Moran, Gabriel Ehigiator Samuels, Mary Morrisey.

*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).

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS- is a wonderful Lenten Devotion. It takes place every Friday throughout Lent at 7:00pm in church.

#### Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church – Lenten Talks

Join us every Sunday during Lent from 12:30 -1:30 pm in the parish classroom. Each week we will have a different speaker, talking about different aspect of our faith. Topics include: Forgiveness & healing, the Eucharist, faith and miracles in today's world...and much more.

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE PARISH

We are currently looking for a volunteer to support the parish on health and safety matters.

Are you passionate about health and safety? Could you spare a couple of hours a month to carry health and safety checks? Please contact Fr.Gideon or Elizabeth on 020 7607 3594 or in the parish office. Thank you.

## The Pope's Intention for March:

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, may feel that they are close to Christ and may have their rights respected.

### CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 15 March

CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world.

Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son.

On Friday 15 March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur?

Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give whatever you can.

#### POST-SYNOD REFLECTIONS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The next meeting of young adults at Archbishop's House will take place on Tuesday 2nd April, 6.30pm. These meetings are an opportunity for young adults to come together following the Synod of Bishops meeting on youth last October, pray, have input from one of our diocesan bishops, reflect and discuss the place of faith in the life of young people. Bishop John Sherrington will be leading our reflections this time. All young adults are invited to attend. Please let us know by emailing youth@rcdow.org.uk. For more details, go to www.dowym.com/events

#### **Beginning Experience**

There is a healing weekend for men and woman who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 12th to 14th April 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk

#### Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Luke 4:1-13

1. The temptations were a step for Jesus in his growing understanding of his mission and of his relationship with his Father. Can you look back at some painful experiences and acknowledge that you have grown through them, both in your knowledge of yourself, and in your relationships with others and with God? Give thanks for the guidance of the Spirit of God in these times.

2. Behind each of the specific temptations is a basic temptation to lose trust in God. Jesus resisted this because he recognised his complete dependence on his Father. How have you come to recognise your life and the whole world as gifts from God?

3. One can enter into each of the temptations singly. There may be ones that you have experienced:

• the temptation to give priority to bodily needs and satisfactions

the temptation to power

• the temptation to seek to be the centre of attention.

How have you grown through wrestling with these temptations? John Byrne OSA @ Intercom

#### EU Citizens' Rights Information Session

Caritas Westminster is hosting two events to provide information about EU citizens' rights in the UK during Brexit, about the 'settled status' scheme, and to offer a Q&A session. The information will be delivered by a lawyer, made available through the EU Citizens' Rights Project. The lawyer is offered for free by the European Commission Representation in the UK, through the Law Centres Network, to provide impartial and politically neutral information.

The following events are being held by Caritas: Tuesday 19th March, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Caritas St Joseph's, The Burroughs, Hendon, London, NW4 4TY.

Thursday 21st March, 6:30-8:30 p.m. SEIDs Hub, Empire Way, Wembley, HA9 0RJ.