

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 15th Dec 2019.

Envelopes: Weekly £500.40

Loose: £327.36

Standing Orders £1,137.37 (Nov./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:

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

and click **support**. Thank you.

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

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Parish Office opening times **for Admin-**

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.



+FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22ND DECEMBER 2019

The Deep – Joseph the dreamer

Pope Francis has spoken on several occasions about his devotion to St Joseph. St Joseph is his favourite saint, he says, because he shows us how God reveals his plan to us in our times of silence and rest. He keeps a statue of a sleeping St Joseph on his desk, placing prayer requests under it.

Speaking on a trip to the Philippines in 2015, he said: 'I have great love for Saint Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength ... Joseph's rest revealed God's will to him. In this moment of rest in the Lord, as we pause from our many daily obligations and activities, God is also speaking to us. But like St Joseph, once we have heard God's voice, we must rise from our slumber; we must get up and act.'

Today's Gospel recalls the central role played by St Joseph in the story of the birth of Jesus. A man of honour from the outset, the goodness of his character is further highlighted by his response to God's voice. When he wakes up after hearing God's instructions in a dream, he immediately acts on it and takes Mary into his home. His openness to God's will is a crucial element in the story that follows: his partnership with and support of Mary, the birth of Jesus, his care for the child 'who is to save his people'.

Christmas is very near now, and we are busy and preoccupied with our preparations. A good time, perhaps, to pause in silence, to rest with God, and to listen to what he might have to say to us.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

After all the masses this weekend there will be a second collection to help with the expenses of Christmas flowers. We like to see the church looking its best for the Christmas liturgies so please be generous as you can. Thank you.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

22nd December +FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6:00pm Saturday <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Adina Fleming - Intentions (Simbang Gabi –Filipino Christmas Mass) Joe Leonard R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass	
	11:00 am Mass	Brian Mpunga R.I.P –Anniv. Dr. Gilbert Ero – R.I.P Carol Trim – R.I.P Furrel Davidson R.I.P Janice Davidson R.I.P
23 December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass 6:30– 7:30 pm-	Rosa Nicolson R.I.P - Anniv CONFESSIONS
24th December Christmas Eve	6:00 pm Mass Children's Christmas Mass 12:00 Midnight Mass	Michael Costin R.I.P – Anniv Delfin Calomay R.I.P (11:30pm Carol Service and Readings) For the Parish
25th December Tuesday The Nativity of The Lord	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass	Beryl & Rudie Genovese R.I.P For the Parish.
26th December Thursday St. Stephen, 1st Martyr	10:00 am Mass	Martin McCarthy R.I.P
27th December Friday St John Apostle	9:15 am Mass	John, Margaret & Brain King R.I.P
28st December Saturday The Holy Innocents	6:00 pm-Vigil Mass	Peggy Fisher R.I.P
29th December The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8:30 am Mass	Pascal Mc Daid – R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	Habte Semharay R.I.P Anniv Salomon Semharay R.I.P

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, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time...

For the sick and the housebound:

Maria Louise, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Amor Marcelo, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Catherine Wright, Mario Marshall, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Keith Hunt, Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Bridie Prior, 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, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen, and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

Anniversaries

Habte Semharay, Michael Costin, Rosa Nicolas, Brian Mpunga, Fr. Joseph Kalathara, John O'Rourke, Bill Devereux, Luis & Jesus Silva, Robert Moran, Gabriel Samuels.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

John DeWitt, Charlie Estrada, Br Kilian Keaney, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Mossie, O'Riordan, Christine Mukasa-Musaala, Ffrench, Alfred Bearman, Anne Roche, Elizabeth Cole, Mark Joseph.

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

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 (Child)

Have you got a child for Baptism? Please call Elizabeth, the parish secretary in the parish office, on 0207 607 3594 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays between 9:30am and 3:00pm. Or email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

Baptism or Confirmation of an Adult

R.C.I.A.

Our RCIA programme is underway. We invite you to pray for all of those who are taking part on it. The next meeting with Fr. Bogdan is on Thursday 16th January at 7:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION 2020

First parents meeting will be on **Thursday 16th January 2020**. We anticipate that most sessions will be on Thursdays evenings.

Save the Date: Saturday 15th February will be a day of reflection for the Confirmation Programme. Please make sure you have this day in your diary. Attendance is mandatory.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2019-2020

First session after Christmas holidays will be on Saturday 11th January at 9:30 am.

We are looking forward to seeing you all.

Mini- Nativity Play- 6:00 Christmas Eve FAMILY MASS

All children that are staying around during the Christmas break, are invited to participate in our mini-Nativity play.

Rehearsals will be held on **Sunday 22nd after 11:00 am Mass** (snacks will be provided) and **Monday 23rd December at 10:00- 11:30 am** in the church.

The play will be in the Family Mass on Tuesday 24th December at 6:00pm

Confessions Before Christmas

It will be on Monday 23rd December at 6:30pm-7:30pm. Three priests will be available.

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to meet the New Year.

Tuesday 31st December from 11:30pm-12:30am

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - CHRISITMAS CELEBRATION & FUNDRAISING EVENT

A huge thank you to everybody who one way or another supported this event. These are the winners of the Christmas Raffle

1st Prize – Gemma L

2nd Prize – Sara Suliga

3rd Prize - Chi Ugoala

4th Prize – Elmedina

The consolation prizes' winner were: Rafael Carrera, B.Prior, E.Karikari, Jennifer Opera, Bruce Gomeze and Ana Attridge.

If you are one of the winners and have not collected your prize yet, please contact the parish office.

The total money raised for the Church Tower Project was:

Christmas Raffle: £ 2378 (After expenses)

Christmas Celebration: £736.18 (After expenses) **Total: £3114.18**

The Christmas Offering (in white envelopes)- that is made by the people at this time of the year is your gift to Fr. Gideon. It constitutes his salary and helps support and sustain him in his ministry. Thank you so much for your generosity. Christmas Offering envelopes can be found at the back of church. They can be returned over any of the Masses between now and any Sunday in the New Year.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24th December

6:00pm –Children’s Mass

11:30pm – Carol Service and Readings

12:00 – Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25th December

8:30am and 11:00AM (Choir)

Thursday 26th December

Feast of St Stephen Mass at 10:00am

Volunteers Needed 2020-

If you would be interested in helping the Parish, this is something to think about in the New Year. We are currently looking for new volunteers in the following areas. Hospitality Group or Ushers (welcoming people as they arrive in the church), Fire marshalls (health and safety) for every Mass church cleaners, handyman for small jobs with some skills in electrics and plumbing (to give advice). Give back something to God and to your community. If interested, please contact Elizabeth in the parish office.

CRIB OFFERING

Your donations will help the Catholic Children’s Society provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese.

When you go into hospital please

tell them when they are taking your details that you are a Roman Catholic and would welcome seeing a priest chaplain or the team when they comes around. If you don't, there is no way the chaplaincy team know you are there.

The God Who Speaks 2020-

has been designated as The Year of the Word. During this year we will be encouraged to delve deeply in to the Word of God, to pray the Scripture and to get to know the Bible a bit better.