

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday 1st Dec 2019.

Envelopes: Weekly £483.90

Loose: £347.22

Standing Orders £1,177.81 (Jul/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](http://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

# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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Parish Office opening times for Admin-

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



## +SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2019

### The Deep – Change of heart

'Once again, we come to the Holiday Season, a deeply religious time that each of us observes, in his own way, by going to the mall of his choice'(Dave Barry)

We might recognise ourselves in the above statement! We are so used to the commercial side of Christmas-the frenzy of ads and gift-buying, the extravagant decorations and parties- that it is easy to forget what we are really celebrating.

That's where John the Baptist comes in. We first meet John in Luke's Gospel, before he is even born: Elizabeth's pregnancy is announced at the same time as Mary's, though John will be born first. The next we hear from John, he appears as God's messenger (as we hear in today's Gospel), preparing the way of the Lord. His job is to set the stage for Jesus to begin his ministry, and his central message is repentance. The Greek word for repentance was *metanoia*, which literally means a change of heart, or turning one's life around. So John is inviting his audience to make a break with the past, turn to God, and go in a different direction. When Jesus begins his own ministry, his first message is the very same: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

This is a fitting message as we enter the second week of Advent. As we prepare to welcome Jesus, we are invited to *metanoia*, or change of heart. As we ponder the mysteries of Christmas, we are nudged onwards in a new direction. This week, 6666we could make a conscious effort to move away from the noise and lights of 'the mall', to still our minds, and to pen our hearts to God's call.

'Christmas is a season for kindling the fire for hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart' (*Washington Irving*)

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## MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

8 <sup>th</sup> December <b>+SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	6:00pm Saturday <i>Vigil Mass</i>	Robert Moran R.I.P – Anniv
	8:30 am Mass	Mosie O'Riordan R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass	Gabriel Samuels R.I.P – Anniv.
9 <sup>th</sup> December Monday <b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9:15 am Mass	Jesus Silva – R.I.P - Anniv
10 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday	No Mass	
11 <sup>th</sup> December Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Peter O'Toole R.I.P Michael O'Donaglu R.I.P
12 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday Our Lady of Guadalupe	9:15 am Mass	Luis Alfredo Silva R.I.P- Anniv
13 <sup>th</sup> December Friday St Lucy.	9:15 am Mass	Rosie Cafferkey R.I.P
14 <sup>th</sup> December Saturday <b>St John of the Cross</b>		11:00-12:00 noon Confessions
	6:00 pm Vigil Mass	Bill Devereux R.I.P - Anniv
15 <sup>th</sup> December <b>+THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	8:30 am Mass	John O'Rourke R.I.P –Anniv.
	11:00 am Mass	Patricia Naughton & Ivy Ross 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**

John O'Rourke, Bill Devereux, Luis & Jesus Silva, Robert Moran, Gabriel Samuels, Kevin Finnegan, John Danquah, Ykaalo-Michael, Nzha-tesfu, Denis Lonergan.

**Please Pray for the Recently Dead:**

John DeWitt, Br Kilian Keaney, Ben & Margaret Deignan, Denis O'Riordan, Christine Mukasa-Musaala, Fr. Barry Ffrench, Afred 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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**

Congratulations to our Children who sang beautifully last Sunday. We are looking forward to hearing them again.

If you are not going away this Christmas, please bring your children to take part in the Mini-Nativity Play on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December at the 6:00pm Family Mass

**CHRISTMAS PLAY- 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 22<sup>nd</sup> after 11:00 am Mass and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10:00am in the church.

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

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION & FUNSRAISING EVENT 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Next week is the Christmas celebration. It is not too late, you still can bring your donations and join our team of helpers.

**SIGN UP** to help on the day on the board that you find at the porch.

You can leave any donations in the parish office.

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE Sacred Heart Primary School**

School would like to invite you to their On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00 am (after the 9:15am Mass) in the Church.

Please join us afterwards in the Community Centre for Tea and mince pies. **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.**

**Light of God. Shine in the Darkness: Advent Mission**

13 -15 Dec - Time:7:00pm - 11:00am  
Venue: St Patrick's Catholic Church, 21A Soho Square, Soho, London  
Prayer and worship, talks in the parish centre, street evangelisation and carol singing in Soho, Adoration with music along with many opportunities to chat with Dominican friars and sisters. Please join us for all or part of the weekend. For any queries, please contact us via email ([evangelisation@stpatricksoho.org](mailto:evangelisation@stpatricksoho.org)).

**The Passage**

The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 12 noon Tues 10<sup>th</sup> December to support its work Helping Homeless People this winter. Double your Donation, Double your impact. This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921856 [andrew.h@passage.org.uk](mailto:andrew.h@passage.org.uk)

**If you are about to go for Christmas –**

Christmas envelopes are available this weekend. Quite a number of families travel home for Christmas in the first half of December so apologies for this notice appearing early.

**Volunteers Needed-** 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 the parish office.

**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.

**SAVE THESE DATES!!!**

**Please book in your diary the following events.**

**14th Dec** Christmas Celebration. Time 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Children's activities.

7:00 p.m Onwards – Christmas Raffle, Carolling, bring and share, music and dancing.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> – 11:30pm -12:30 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

**An ancient prayer for a national election:** *Almighty God, who givest wisdom and rulest the hearts of us all: guide and direct, we beseech thee, the minds of all those who are called to exercise the responsibility of electing fit persons to serve in the parliament of this nation: grant that the issue of their choice may promote thy glory and the welfare of this people; and to those who shall be elected give the spirit of understanding, courage and true godliness; through Christ our Lord Amen.*