OFFERTORY COLLECTION Standing Orders £1,073 (March./week) Your generosity enables us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!

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SW1Y 5EY Weekly envelopes can be mailed in or you can drop them in the mail box 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 <u>gift aid</u> 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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK		
11-12 th July 2020	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Ferelith Hood R.I.P. Anniversary
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Mass	For the Parish
	11:00 am Mass	Monica Hughes R.I.P.
13 th July Monday St Henry	9:15am Mass	Finola Dean Intentions
14 th July Tuesday	No Mass	
15 th July Wednesday St Bonaventure	9:15 am Mass 8:30pm- Holy Rosary	Maria Louis Intentions Via Zoom
16 th July Thursday Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9:15am Mass 11:00am school	Noreen Potter R.I.P. Year 6 (Leaver's Mass)
17 th July May Friday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Bruno Solari R.I.P.
18 th July May Saturday Feria	11:00 a.m Children's Liturgy	via Zoom 11:00-12;00 noon Confessions
	6:00pm (VigilMass)	Kazimierz Sniezek R.I.P.
19 th July 2020	8:30 am Mass	Noreen Potter R.I.P.
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:00 am Mass	Roberto Varela R.I.P (Anniv).

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_Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th July 2020

The Deep End

Todays' Gospel is in three parts: the parable Jesus taught, an explanation on how to listen, and an explanation of the parable Jesus taught. The parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land, and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our own hearts as the soil: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? What condition is our 'soil' in? Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil needs to be weathered, broken down; it can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs organic matter such as compost or manure. It needs lots of air and water; it needs to be tended and prepared. We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives, and at times have manure thrown at us. This can either close us down and harden our hearts, or it can open us up help us to grow, ready to receive the seeds that are scattered. Like the soil, we must take care of our bodies, hearts, and minds, adopt a holistic approach to our well-being. The lesson on 'hearing' in the Gospel today is also important. How do we listen? Do we listen or read God's word while being distracted by many things, or are we fully attentive, even for a few minutes each day? How do we listen to one another? Fully attentive or with one eye on our phone? There is a great richness in the text today, spend time with it. Perhaps think about how you might prepare better the soil for planting. 'The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and restorer and resurrector, by which disease passes into health, age into youth, death into life. Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life.' (Wendell Berry). Jane Mellett@Intercom

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:

Arthur Calderon, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Catherine Wright, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne ,Brian Conway Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, Maria Louise Patrick Doolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Tom Kelly, Bridie Prior, Mary Wong, Michael & Cathy 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 Mazzoni, Edgar Ocampo, Blanca Castaño, Delfin Calomay, John Rainsford, Fe Baluyut, Joe Neary, Stanley Richards, Salomon Reed, Julian Reed and Sylvestre Bandola, Patrick Dolan, Joan Neary, Bruno Solari.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Luke Dowd, Margaret Hennessey, Jenny Sablayan, Ricardo Balingit, Anthony Lavin, Edgar Losa, Jose Pauco, Catherine Bello, Eliseo de Ios Santos, Olive Barron, Raymond Whitaker, Maria Salerno, John Behm, Sean Reid.,

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?

All activities related to baptisms have been postponed due to COVID-19. You can email for more info holloway@rcdow.org.uk

R.C.I.A.

Please continue to pray for our Catechumens and Candidates. Meetings have been postponed.

CONFIRMATION 2020

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates We hope that we can continue with the

programme next term.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2019-2020

We have had several enquiries regarding First Holy Communion dates. Unfortunately, we do not have any news about it yet. We pray that your child can receive the Lord this year. We will keep you informed.

Help us to make our community safe We are back to our regular Mass times but this time with restrictions.

Please be aware that for now, we are not returning to the pattern of worship that we are used to before lockdown. We are asked to keep the celebration of the Mass brief, but dignified. Thank you for taking the option to attend Mass on week days or attending the less crowded Masses (Sat 6:00 pm and Sun 8:30 am).

Do not forget that it is a first come first served system, Social distancing has reduced the capacity of the church, so please arrive early, at least 15 minutes before Mass

to avoid disappointments.

Please follow all the instructions given, this will keep everyone safe.

RE-OPENING OF THE CHURCH FOR PUBLIC LITURGY

It is vitally important that we all remember that we are not returning to how things were before lockdown. The COVID-19 virus is very much still around. We are still living with the pandemic. Needless to say, if you are sick or if you have an underlying condition, please do not come to church yet. While Catholics have an obligation to attend Sunday Mass every week, this obligation <u>remains</u> <u>suspended</u> by the Bishops during this pandemic.

There are a few things to do for those who will be attending Mass:

- You must wear face mask.
- There will be one entrance and one exit. Please follow the ushers instructions at all times.
- Please gel your hands at the entrance. The usher will direct you to your seat, probably not the usual one that you sit in. Please do not give them grief over this! Be understanding.
- Holy Communion will be under one kind only and in the hand. Approach the priest for Communion still with your mask on.
- You must keep social distancing at all times, on entry, at Communion time and at the end of Mass.
- There will be a Collection. We still have not figure out how to do this, but maybe as you come in by putting your donation in a box by the foot of the altar or at the back of church.
- Please do not congregate outside of the church after Mass.

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

1. Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognise that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that?

2. Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another – the child, pupil or listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped?

3. 'We are wasting our time here' may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?

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Are you receiving e-mails from Sacred Heart Parish?

During Pandemic times, we have tried to keep fluid communication with our parishioners via email.

Have you received e-mails from this parish at least once a week during lock-down?

If you have not received them, it might be that we do not have your email address or we do not have your expressed consent to include your email address in our mails distribution list. According to data protection, we can only email you if have given us permission to contact you.

To be updated regularly about what is happening in Holloway parish at these awkward times, please let us have your email address. You can send it to holloway@rcdow.org.uk.