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

For online giving, please go to: www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk and click support Or <u>VIRGIN Money</u> <u>Giving.</u> Thank you. Parish Bank Account Details. <u>Account name:</u> WRCDT Holloway Sorting Code : 40-05-02 <u>Account Number</u>: 71308319 Address: HSBC, 69 Pall Mall, London

Weekly envelopes can be mailed in or you can drop them in the mail box outside the parish door.

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<u>Active Membership of the Parish</u> 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

6:00 (Sat. Vigil	
Mass)	Dorothy Sollom R.I.P
8:30 am Mass	For the Parish
11:00 am Mass	Oyibo Njoku R.I.P Evelyn Devereux R.I.P
9:15am Mass	Emmanuel Family - Ints
No Mass	
9:15 am Mass	Colette Frazer R.I.P
9:15am Mass	Ruperto and Esther Josef
9:15 am Mass	For the Prish
12:00 Noon Funeral Mass	Thomas Philip Doherty R.I.P
	11:00-12;00 noon by appointment
6:00pm (VigilMass)	For the Parish
8:30 am Mass	Una McPartlin R.I.P
11:00 am Mass	Eileen Cush R.I.P
	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass 9:15am Mass 9:15 am Mass 9:15 am Mass 9:15 am Mass 12:00 Noon Funeral Mass 6:00pm (VigilMass) 8:30 am Mass

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# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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Twenty – First Sunday in Ordinary Time 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

The Deep End • 'But you ...'

'Christ asks for a home in your soul, where he can be at rest with you, where he can talk easily to you, where you and he, alone together, can laugh and be silent and be delighted with one another.' CARYLL HOUSELANDER

There is something very exciting about really getting to know someone. Whether it's talking to a like-minded new friend, or the first flush of romantic love, there is nothing like the thrill of getting close to someone and enjoying their company, discovering who they are and being truly ourselves with them.

Today, Jesus asks an important question: Who do you say I am? He sets up the question by first asking the disciples: 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' He gets answers based on the gossip and chatter about him: 'John the Baptist, Elijah, one of the prophets.' But then Jesus gets to the heart of the matter with the burning question: 'But you, who do you say I am?' He knows that his disciples know him better than anyone, and so it proves to be, when Peter immediately answers: 'You are the Christ.' There is an intimacy and a confidence in this response, based on the time they have spent together and the close and loving relationship between them.

Jesus asks us that same question today: 'But you, who do you say I am?' The 'but you' is crucial. He is not asking what we have heard about him. Of course, we learn about Jesus from the Scriptures. Most of us have been learning about Jesus ever since we were children, listening to stories and parables in school or at home. But do we know him? Do we pray and talk and spend time with him? Perhaps we could reflect in the coming days on this question: Who is Jesus, to you? Tríona Doherty@Intercome

#### 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

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:

Ruperto and Esther Joseph, 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

Sir Harold Hood, Michael Lonergan, Pierre & Myriam Imbert, Edgar Ocampo, Blanca Castaño, Delfin Calomay, John Rainsford, Joe Neary, Stanley Richards, Salomon Reed, Julian Reed and Sylvestre Bandola, Patrick Dolan, Joan Neary, Bruno Solari.

#### Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Evelyn Devereux, Thomas Doherty Luke Dowd, Margaret Hennessey Ricardo Balingit, Anthony Lavin, Edgar Losa, 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 Government Guidelines in celebrating

#### the Sacraments:

The guidelines to date, limit number for <u>baptisms</u>, <u>weddings and funerals</u> to 30 people only regardless of the size of the church.

In the current situation in the case of funeral Masses, we request you not to attend unless specifically invited by the family of the deceased.

**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: <u>holloway@rcdow.org.uk</u>

#### BAPTISM (Child)

<u>Have you got a child for Baptism?</u> All activities related to baptisms have been postponed due to COVID-19. You can email for more info holloway@rcdow.org.uk

#### <u>R.C.I.A.</u>

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

#### CONFIRMATION 2020 and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2019-2020

Our plan is to arrange First Holy Communion and Confirmations in the autumn within the guidelines that we will be receiving at the time. Please be assured that this will be our priority but we are waiting for more guidelines which frequently changes. Thank you for your patience.

**<u>Confessions</u>:** This is available every Saturday 11:00-12:00noon by appointment for now. Please phone the parish office and leave a message.

#### OFFERTORY:

There is no offertory collection in the Mass. However, this is our main source of income. Please drop your **Offering** to the boxes provided (entrance and exit). Thank you to everyone who has continued with or switch to, standing orders during these tough times.

#### Virgin Money Giving- VMG

We have installed the VMG link on our website and it is the most efficient way of giving to your parish church.

When you go to our website, http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway .org.uk/, click on the Donate Now button, it will take you to the Virgin Money Giving page.

You can then make a single or monthly donation and you will be able to gift aid your donation as well.

#### <u>Compulsory wearing of facial</u> covering.

The wearing of facial covering or marks will be compulsory when entering a place of worship. This means when you attend Mass, you must be wearing a mask.

Children under the age of 11 and those with medical conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask safely are exempt.

Kindly bring your own masks. Under the under the current situation the parish cannot afford to provide a mask every time you attend to church.

Help us to keep everybody safe!

#### **CONTACT TRACING**

We are now moving on to the next phase of managing the risk of Covid 19 re-emerging. We are asking parishioners to fill out a Contact Tracing form every time you come to Mass. One form per household is sufficient. It can also be downloaded from our website and there are hard copies available in church. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

## Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

1. This marks a turning point in the life of Jesus and of the disciples. It is the first time that his disciples recognise him as the Messiah.

Recall turning points in your own life when you came to some deeper understanding of who Jesus is.

2. 'Who do you say that I am?' This is possibly the most important question that Jesus puts to us. In your heart of hearts, how do you answer this question?

3. Jesus praises Peter for his faith, and comments that this was not his own doing but a gift of God. Perhaps there have been times when you have been more than usually conscious that faith is a gift. Be thankful for the gift you have received.

4. These are troubled times for the Church, and the promise of Jesus that 'the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it' is an encouragement. What helps you to draw strength from this promise of Jesus? What signs of hope do you see in the Church today?

<u>Holy Water:</u>- during this time we are not permitted to have open Holy Water in the font but if you would like Holy Water for your home, kindly bring a bottle of water and let the priest bless it.

#### 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 <u>holloway@rcdow.org.uk</u>.