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. Thank you. Parish Bank Account Details. <u>Account name:</u> WRCDT Holloway Sorting Code : 40-05-02 Account Number: 71308319 Address: HSBC, 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY

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

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK	
6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Joe and Pat Malone R.I.P - Anniversary
8:30 am Mass	Paul McLaughin R.I.P
11:00 am Mass	Tayo Ero R.I.P Anniv
9:15am Mass	Laura Pereira Intentions
No Mass	
9:15 am Mass	Patrick Jordan R.I.P
9:15am Mass	John Mazzoni R.I.P.
9:15 am Mass	Catalina Toro - Intentions
	11:00-12;00 noon by appointment
6:00pm (VigilMass)	For the Parish
8:30 am Mass	Gonnella Family - Thanksgiving
11:00 am Mass	Edgar Ocampo R.I.P
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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th August 2020

The Deep End - That sinking feeling

Have you ever used the expression 'My heart sank'? It is usually used to describe an experience of extreme disappointment or anxiety; a moment when our courage or hope fails and we feel that things are about to turn out very badly indeed. We might be going along just fine, confidently navigating life's twists and turns, when something knocks us off balance. It could be an illness, a financial blow, falling out with a family member or friend, worry about a son or daughter.

Especially when we lose someone close to us, grief can make us feel as though we are sinking.

What strikes me about today's gospel is that Peter doesn't hesitate about taking that first step out of the boat.

Once he sees who is calling him, out he gets and begins to walk towards Jesus. But then, as soon as he feels the force of the wind, as soon as he realises that the conditions around him are challenging

and frightening, he loses courage and starts to sink.

Wind and storm are metaphors for situations we face. Sometimes it is a single thing that knocks us back.

Sometimes it is a build-up. A few months ago, at the early stages of 'lockdown,' we thought it wouldn't be so bad to take a break and stay at home for a few weeks. But as the weeks turned into months, many people were overwhelmed by increasing feelings of loneliness, fears for health and anxiety about the future. It can feel like sinking.

The good news of today's gospel centres around the line, 'Jesus put out his hand at once and held him.' As soon as Peter starts to falter and sink, Jesus reaches out to steady him and pull him to himself. When we are in trouble, sometimes all we can do is trust in God. When our faith and hope are shaken, and we are sinking, he will reach out and hold us close. 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

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:

Luke Dowd, Margaret Hennessey, Jenny Sablayan, Ricardo Balingit, Anthony Lavin, Edgar Losa, Jose Pauco, Catherine Bello, Eliseo de los 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 Government Guidelines in celebrating the Sacraments:

The guidelines to date, limit number for baptisms, weddings and funerals 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 <u>holloway@rcdow.org.uk</u>

<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.

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

Compulsory wearing of facial covering.

From this coming weekend, 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.

Volunteers in church during Pandemic:

Stewards- you are needed to welcome people, to give information regarding the contact tracing form and to direct them to their seats. Kindly arrive at least 30 minutes before Mass begins. **Cleaners** - Benches have to be disinfected/sanitised after each Mass. The more volunteers, the quicker it will be done.

RUNNING OUT!

Donations ARE WELCOME for more disinfectants, sanitisers, disposable masks and gloves. You can bring them to church or to the parish office. Thank you very much.

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 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>Contactless Giving-</u>This has been on trial in bigger parishes and it will be installed in our church sometime in the autumn.

<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>.