OFFERTORY COLLECTION Envelopes: Weekly £382 Loose: £255.02 Standing Orders £1,089 (Aug/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: 40-05-20 <u>Account Number</u>: 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 tered 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		
25 th October 2020	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Jeremiah O'Sullivan R.I.P Anniversary
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 am Mass	Theresa Branford Intentions
•••••• • ••••	11:00 am Mass	For the Parish
26 th October Monday Feria	9:15 am Mass	Edmond Garcia R.I.P
27 th October Tuesday	No Mass	
28 th October Wednesday Ss Simon and Jude	9:15 am Mass	Amor Marcelo – R.I.P
29 th October Thursday Blessed Martyrs of Douai College	9:15am Mass	Tommy Doherty- Thanksgiving
30 th Öctober Friday Fria	9:15 am Mass	Anna McDonagh – R.I.P Hugh Robert Evans –R.I.P
31 st October Saturday Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	11:00 -12:00 Noon 6:00pm (Vigil	Confessions or by appointment Sheila Connolly- R.I.P Anniv. Detricts Connolly- R.I.P
1 st November 2020	Mass) 8:30 am Mass	Patrick Connolly- R.I.P Nora Harkin – R.I.P
All Saints	11:00 am Mass	Mary Morrissey R.I.P - Anniv

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th October 2020

The Deep End • Love

The Pharisees continue their harassment of Jesus in today's Gospel by asking him which commandment is the greatest. What follows is the most famous verses of the New Testament: '*You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul ... And ... You shall love your neighbour as yourself.*' We probably can't hear this enough. Love is the greatest commandment and this is a radical statement. Because this love is *agape* love, i.e. a love of those we don't even know or even like! It is a love that binds all of humanity.

We cannot separate love of God and neighbour; they are like two sides of a coin; they only work together. If we do not treat others with compassion, then how can we say we love God? Jesus often spoke about approaching the altar whilst holding a grudge against someone (Mt 5:24) and continuously challenged those who were hypocrites. Those critical of social justice movements in the church often say we should not be involved in doing 'social work'. But this is exactly what we must do because this is *how* we love God, by loving our neighbour who is suffering, who is oppressed, who is in pain. We can love God and love people, there does not have to be a dichotomy.

There is a beautiful practice in India of using the mystical phrase '*Namaste'* in greetings, which means: 'the Divine in me greets the Divine in you'. Usually this is accompanied by a deep bow towards the person. How wonderful it would be to really see God present in each other and, more importantly, in those that society would rather cast aside. In this way we are being true to the greatest commandment.

'May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.' St Therese of Lisieux JaneMellett@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:

Michael Bradley, Philip Yambao, Margaret Collins, Tommy Doherty, 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 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

Mary Morrissey, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, David Creane, Zelda Anderson, Ben Deignan, Michael Brobbey, Maria Speroni, Maureen Finnegan.

<u>Please Pray for the Recently Dead:</u> Anna McDonagh, Amor Marcelo, Nora Harkin, Thomas Moran, Hugh Robert Evans, Patrick Connolly, Ruperto Josef, Evelyn Devereux, Thomas Philip Doherty. Luke Dowd, Margaret Hennessey Ricardo Balingit, Anthony Lavin.

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</u> and <u>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)

Although things are not back to normal, we have received guidelines to celebrate baptisms.

We are still trying to see how we can plan the next baptismal preparation meeting for parents and godparents. Please watch this space. You can email for more info holloway@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

If your child is in Year 3 or above, 8 years old or older then, your child is illegible to join the First Holy Communion Programme. Parents must apply for their children. The deadline to submit your application is Sunday 15th November 2020. You can download the form from our <u>website</u> or collect it during parish office opening hours, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am-3:00pm.

The programme will start on early January 2020.

Young People's Confirmation

Next confirmation session will be on Thursday 5th November at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

We pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon all young people.

God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy. @Pope Francis

COVID-19 Safety Protocols

London is under **Tier 2 Covid** measures, it is more important than ever to follow the safety protocols.

Please help us to stay safe and keep you safe:

- Please make an effort to arrive in church at least 15 minutes before Mass begins to avoid disappointments, remember that church capacity is limited.
- Gel your hands at the entrance and exit. The usher will direct you to your seat.
- Wear face covering at all time while you are in the church.
- You must keep social distancing at all times, on entry, at Communion time and at the end of Mass.
- Please do not congregate outside of the church after Mass.

NO OFFERTORY COLLECTION

We are very aware that this is a time of great uncertainty. The impact of COVID-19 has been immense and our parish finances have been affected. So we are asking for your help. The offertory collection at Mass has been stopped. Drop your offerings at the boxes provided by the glass door (entrance and exit).

Having a regular income, assured by means of <u>Standing Order</u>, rather than a weekly envelope or cash donations would ensure financial stability for the parish.

If this is not possible, you can also make a one-off or regular donations to the parish by using the Virgin Money Giving –VMG.

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

Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel Mathew 22:34-40

1. You may feel some sympathy with the Jews struggling to cope with 613 laws and wondering which were the important ones. Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the rules and regulations of your own tradition? And have you ever been blessed by meeting someone, or reading something, that was able to cut through all the layers and point out to you what is essential in life? Who was that person? What did s/he say or do? Is there some phrase or text that encapsulates such wisdom for you?

2. If you were asked what is most important in life, what would your answer be? Recall the experiences and relationships you have had. Which are the ones that you treasure most? What has particularly enriched your life? How would you encourage another person who asked you how s/he could live a full life? John Byrne@Intercome

<u>November – Month of the Holy Souls</u> IN MEMORY OF YOUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES

All Souls Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please write the names of your deceased relatives and friends on a piece of paper and place the envelope in the baskets after Mass when you collect your newsletter. Mass will be offered for them during the month of November.

The Bible Timeline Course *Live Streamed* - Free of charge for all parishes

We are pleased to bring to your attention a fantastic opportunity in this Year of the Word. Mauro lannicelli will deliver via livestreaming The Bible Timeline Course, starting on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 7.00pm, over 7 weekly sessions. Course info: www.comeandsee.org To Register for the Course: https://comeandsee.org/registration.html