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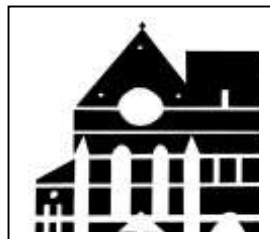
Active Membership of the Parish is determined by the following criteria: being properly registered for a sufficient period of time; faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days; use of the planned giving system (envelope or bank standing order) in regular support of the parish

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

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent.

20th December 2020

The Deep End – Keep awake

The situation into which Jesus was born was one of huge stigma with dangerous consequences. God's physical birth into this world was condemned socially; Jesus was marginalised from the moment of his conception. Imagine God choosing to be involved so intimately in this world and in such a 'shocking' way. Even the town of Galilee is problematic for this news as Galileans were considered by the religious leaders of the time to be 'second-class Jews'. It is here Jesus comes. God surprises. God stands with the marginalised. God is present in the most hidden places at times.

On the first Sunday of Advent we were invited to 'Keep Awake'. As we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, what have you noticed this advent? What has your waiting been like? How have you prepared? Where have you seen God present this Advent? Where have you seen God being born around you? In the most unexpected places? In the most marginalised? Is your heart more open to receive a new birth of God again?

'Quiet me within, clothe my body in peacefulness, that your Word once again may take flesh – this time, within me – as once it did in holy Mary; long Advent days ago.'

Edward Hays, *Prayers for a Planetary*

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CHRISTMAS MASSES: BOOK YOUR PLACE!

Because it is impossible to predict how many will want to come to the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses, therefore it is a MUST to book your place by email, telephone or website.

If you are emailing or phoning, please give your Name and Phone Number.

Number of people in your household attending Mass

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

20th December 2020	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Brian Mpunga – R.I.P
Fourth Sunday of Advent	8:30 am Mass	Nuala Doyle (intentions)
	11:00 am Mass (Via ZOOM)	Dr. Gilbert Ero R.I.P. Anniv.
21 st December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Bana Emmanuel R.I.P.
22 nd December Tuesday	No Mass	
23 rd December Wednesday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Holy Souls
24 th December Thursday CHRISTMAS EVE	4:00pm Mass 6:00pm Vigil Mass 9:00pm-Midnight Mass (on Zoom)	Mass with families and children Michael Costin R.I.P. For the Parish
25 th December Friday CHRISTMAS DAY The Nativity of our Lord	8:30 am Mass Dawn Mass 11:00am Mass on Christmas Day	Beryl & Santolo Genovese R.I.P For the Parish
26 th December Saturday St Stephen	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	<i>11:00-12:00 noon Confessions and by appointment</i> James Brefo R.I.P (Anniv)
27 th December 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass Via ZOOM	Nuala Doyle Intentions Dr. Gilbert Ero R.I.P Anniversaries

SACRAMENTS

Government Guidelines in celebrating the Sacraments:

The guidelines to date, limit number for funerals to 30 people only regardless of the size of the church, 6 for Baptisms and 15 for Weddings.

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: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

BAPTISM (Child)

Following the government announcements, Baptisms are suspended until further notice. Please watch this space. You can email us for more info holloway@rcdow.org.uk

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021

Programme starts on 13th January with a parents meeting. Children will have their first session on Saturday 16th January. Be aware that sessions are all Saturdays (Except Holidays) and attendance to all sessions is expected.

Young People's Confirmation

We are working to re-schedule the Mass of Confirmation. You will be contacted once there is a confirmed new date.

STAY SAFE

Please remember to sanitise your hands as you enter the church, use 'track and trace,' wearing a face mask is a must, observe social distancing by only sitting where you see the tick unless you are in the same household. Benches will be sterilised by the stewards so kindly leave the church immediately after Mass.

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:

Ruby Flynn, Elizabeth Feeley, Derek Turner, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Esther Joseph, 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, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Charlie Crane Eileen Ely, Barbara Baptiste, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Martin Cooke, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen *and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.*

Anniversaries

Gilbert Ero, Bana Emmauel, Anne & Cathleen Rainsford, Thomas Baker, Gabriel Samuels, John Danquah, Philomena & Louis Kalathara, Xavier & Ann Kamaranchath Sarah Toolan, Marianne Formosa.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Ervina Toson, Joe Ward, James Brefo, Eileen Graham, Paolo Paner, Tommy Doherty, Margaret Cooke, Philip Yambao, Anna McDonagh, Amor Marcelo, Nora Harkin, Thomas Moran, Hugh Robert Evans, Patrick Connolly, Ruperto Josef, Evelyn Devereux.

Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Christmas 2020 at Sacred Heart

In order to provide a COVID-safe environment in church this Christmas, entry will be by reservations only. Booking your place is a Must!

To book a place in one of the Christmas Masses, go to our website:

www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk

or email us: holloway@rcdow.org.uk

or ring 0207 6073594

You will receive a confirmation of your booking.

Please be clear which of the Masses below you are attending and for how many persons.

The times of Christmas Services are as follows;

CHRISTMAS EVE, 24th DECEMBER

4:00 pm (Mass with families and children)

6:00 pm. Vigil Mass

9:00 pm. Midnight Mass (Zoom)

CHRISTMAS DAY, 25th DECEMBER

8:30am. Dawn Mass of Christmas

11:00am. Mass on Christmas Day (Zoom)

Going Away at Christmas?

Christmas envelopes are available at the back of the church. By tradition, the Christmas and Easter envelopes are the parishioner's gift and provides each priest with a yearly salary.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Lens of the Gospel Luke 1:26-38

1. We are all favoured ones and God is with us. Sometimes we are more aware of this than others. How have you experienced being a favoured person, one blessed by God? How have you experienced God's presence? Who has been Gabriel to you ... a messenger of good news?

2. 'Do not be afraid'. Mary was perplexed by the words of the angel. Perhaps you too have sometimes been perplexed by life's path and wondered what it all meant. Perhaps at times you have doubted if God was really with you. In your troubled moments who has been an 'angel' helping to lower your anxiety?

3. Mary was taken by surprise by the invitation, but she did not tell the angel she was not ready, nor ask him to return later. She was prepared to go with the invitation even though it was not the 'right moment'. 'Here I am Lord'. What invitations have come to you at the 'wrong time' and how have you responded?

4. Mary's response serves as a model for us – as one saying 'yes' to what life offers. What is it like for you to say 'yes' to life? Perhaps at this moment in your life you are being invited to say: 'Here I am, Lord'?

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

Meditate

The angel of the Lord brought Good News to Mary as he does to us "the Lord is with you". As we finish this year, we might think that God has forgotten us or perhaps he has been busy with other things. The God who became man through Mary has committed his life to ours, never to let us go. Now we need to look for him, perhaps in a different Christmas to the ones we are used to.

Act

Prompted by the angel's words, Mary went to visit her cousin; perhaps at this Christmas time you might contact some relation, neighbour or friend, or even visit them, if it is safe to do so.