

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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Parish Bank Account Details.

Account name: WRCDT Holloway

Sorting Code: 40-05-20

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

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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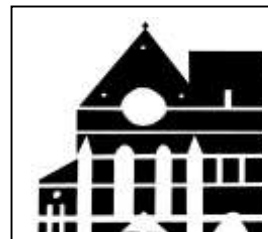
Mrs. Elizabeth Ocampo - Admin Assistant

Parish Office opening times for Admin-

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

Second Sunday after the Nativity

3rd January 2021



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

3rd January 2021	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Agustin & Marie Louise R.I.P
Second Sunday after the Nativity	8:30 am Mass	Michael Dolan R.I.P – Anniv
	11:00 am Mass (Also via ZOOM)	Elizabeth Feeley - Intentions
4 th January Monday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Margaret Cooke R.I.P
5 th January Tuesday	No Mass	
6 th January Wednesday +THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	10:00 am. Mass	Gabrielle Byrne –R.I.P
7 th January Thursday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Judy Chetcuti – R.I.P
8 th January Friday Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Ann Nolan R.I.P
9 th January Saturday Christmas Feria	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	<i>11:00-12:00 noon Confessions and by appointment</i> For the Parish
10TH January 2021	8:30 am Mass	Sean Dolan – R.I.P Anniv
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	11:00 am Mass (Also Via ZOOM)	Derek Turner (sick) Amelita Kimpo R.I.P.

The Deep End – Taking root

We talk about having 'roots' as a way of describing our connection to a place or people. Being rooted somewhere means we are part of that place. When we are ready to settle down, to become part of a community, maybe to buy a house or start a family, we talk about 'putting down roots'. It means we are making this place our home. It is a rich metaphor from the plant world. The roots of a tree or plant represent its relationship with the soil it is planted in and the elements around it. The deeper the roots, the more connected a plant is to its environment. It becomes part of the place where it's planted. We use this expression in everyday language too – when an idea 'takes root' in us, it is something that becomes a part of us, inseparable from our very selves.

Today's first reading speaks of the wisdom of God 'taking root in a privileged people'. It describes it another way as 'pitching a tent'. These images offer us a way into understanding the complex language of today's gospel, which talks about God's relationship with us by sending Jesus: 'The Word was made flesh, he lived among us'.

By becoming human, God put down roots not just in our physical world, but in humanity itself. God pitched a tent among us and became one of us. It is a connection that cannot be broken – the roots go too deep. We are in God, and God is in us. This is the mystery we celebrate in this season of Christmas – that in Jesus, God became part of the very world that God created, and part of us: 'He was in the world that had its being through him.' We are indeed a privileged people!

'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

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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:

Derek Turner, Ruby Flynn, Elizabeth Feeley, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Esther Joseph, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Ngozi Elong, Lily de Nobrega, Lil Traynor, Christopher Browne, Brian Conway Crystal Green, Ludvinia King, 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, Brian Mpunga, 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, Nancy Morris, Joe Ward, Amelita Kimpo, Leona Gwin, James Brefo, Eileen Graham, Paolo Paner, Tommy Doherty, Margaret Cooke, Philip Yambao, Anna McDonagh, Amor Marcelo, Nora Harkin, Thomas Moran, Hugh Robert

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 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.

Courses, Retreats and Events 2021

JOURNEYING WITH THE BIBLE

Now online, the series of talks presented by Fr. Javier-Ruis-Ortiz and Sr. Monica Cardona will look at the story of Jesus according to Mark, Matthew and Luke on 12th January from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Register at: Catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

RETRouvaille

The Retrouvaille programme is offering a virtual weekend for couples from 25th to 28th February 2021. The programme is designed to help heal and renew marriages, and offers couples the chance to rediscover a loving relationship in your marriage. Find out more by visiting <https://www.retrouvaille.org.uk> or email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

MARRIAGE CARE- Now entering its 75th year, Marriage Care provides relationship counselling services to ensure that the poorest and most vulnerable families and couples are not excluded from receiving support. More information is available at: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/how-we-help/relationship-counselling/>

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 John 1:1-18

1. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation, and the beauty and wonder of the world: *'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'*
2. We often listen to a reading from the gospels. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like *a light that shines in the darkness*. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life giving for you and for others
3. Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world – speaking the truth for the world to hear, like *as a witness to testify to the light*. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.
4. *'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him know.'* Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God, and to believe in a God who is a God of love. Who, or what, has helped you along this journey?

PRAYING THE ROSARY TOGETHER ON WEDNESDAY.

We continue praying the Holy Rosary every Wednesday at 8:30 pm via Zoom.

Meeting ID 744 445 9425
Meeting Passcode 597446