OFFERTORY COLLECTION Envelopes Mar 7 & 14 £885.50 Loose: Mar 7 & 14 £439.10 Standing Orders £1,058 Dec/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 VIRGIN Money Giving. Thank you. 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 parish house. mailbox 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                    |  |                              |
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| 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2021                          | 6:00 (Sat. Vigil                             | Ana Gutierrez R.I.P          |
|  | Mass)  | Jose Arcanjo de Campos R.I.P |
| Palm Sunday of the<br>Passion of the Lord            | 8:30 am Mass<br>11:00 am Mass                | Frances Byrne -R.I.P – Anniv |
|  | (live-streamed via<br>ZOOM)                  | For the Parish               |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> March Monday<br>Monday of Holy Week | 9:15 am Mass                                 | Maria Louise - Thanksgiving  |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> March Tuesday                       | No Mass                                      |                              |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March Wednesday                     | 9:15 am Mass                                 | Morris and Family            |
| Wed. of Holy Week                                    |  | Xavier Komaranchath          |
| THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM                                  |  |                              |
| (all will be live-streamed via Zoom)                 |  |                              |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April - MAUNDY THURSDAY     |  |                              |
| 7:00pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Vigil    |  |                              |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April - GOOD FRIDAY           |  |                              |
| 3:00pm: The Passion of the Lord                      |  |                              |
| (The collection is for Holy Places)                  |  |                              |
| Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - HOLY SATURDAY       |  |                              |
| 7:00pm : Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter         |  |                              |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2021                           | 8:30 am Mass                                 | Frances Byrne R.I.P – Anniv  |
| Easter Sunday the<br>Resurrection of the<br>Lord     | 11:00 am Mass<br>(live-streamed Via<br>ZOOM) | For the Parish               |

# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### The Deep End - The journey of discipleship

Our opening reading from Mark's Gospel captures the elation of the crowds who welcome Jesus in Jerusalem. They spread greenery on the road in front of him, they lift their voices in praise, singing 'Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!' But their hope and loyalty is short-lived, as we discover in our reading of the Passion. Jesus is left almost alone to face humiliation and death. His followers have heard his radical message of reversal and upheaval, but when it comes down to it, the challenge is too much. We are told 'they all deserted him and ran away'. While Peter follows Jesus at a distance, he is soon denying he even knows him. Soon, the crowds are shouting for Jesus to be crucified.

We are very familiar with the Passion Gospel and it can be tempting to allow ourselves to tune out, particularly when it comes to the unpleasant parts. We do not like to think of ourselves as part of the mob shouting 'Crucify him!' Yet if we enter fully into the experience, we can see ourselves in the story. When things are going well, it is easy to praise God and shout 'Hosanna!', and promise we will not lose faith. There are other times we fall asleep, become complacent. And then there are days when we struggle, when we are confused or do not know what God expects of us or whether we are able to handle the difficult times. We pull away from God. The different disciples display this range of human reactions and emotions. This week, Holy Week, we are the disciples walking with Jesus on a journey that leads to the cross. And yet here at the cross, we find Mary Magdalene and the other female disciples, and Joseph of Arimathaea. We know the story is not over for these disciples, or for Peter and the others. The journey of discipleship is just beginning.

'We don't have to be able to articulate all the logic of what is happening now. But Christians walk on with the conviction that there is One who does make sense of the apparent madness of shattered human dreams.' (Bishop Donal McKeown)

CLOCKS WILL GO FORWARD ONE HOUR TO B.S.T. THIS WEEKEND

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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 at home and in hospitals, the recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time...

# For the sick and the housebound and those who care for them:

Joyce Fleming, Rachel Kennelly, Marie Dorrian. Sean Christian Elizabeth Feeley, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Esther Joseph, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Ngozi Elong, 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 Martine Bacarini. 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

Mark Joseph, Frances Byrne Puric Dolan, Ramon Fideles, Margaret Dolan, Joan Neary, Beryl Genovese, Margaret Deignan.

#### Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Jose Arcanjo de Campos, Claire Elizabeth Hallmark, Lily DeNobrega, Ruby Flynn, Derek Turner, James Donnelly, Gareth Bryant, Marcial Sta. Maria, Willie Agustin, Rose Paeste, Tom Kelly, Erlinda Holguin, Robert McMullan, Evelyn Green, Lea Joseph, Rosa Camacho Roque, Ervina Toson, Nancy Morris, Joseph Ward, Amelita Kimpo, Leona Gwin.

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

## SACRAMENTS

Some of the following catechetical programmes have been delayed, or the meetings suspended due to pandemic precautions. Hopefully we will begin to offer all these ministries soon.

# Government Guidelines during lockdown in celebrating the Sacraments:

The guidelines to date, limit number for <u>funerals to 30 people</u> only regardless of the size of the church. <u>6 for Baptisms.</u>

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

#### Young People's Confirmation

We are delighted to confirm that young people confirmation will take place at Westminster Cathedral on the <u>Saturday</u> <u>8<sup>th</sup> May</u>. More information will be given on due course.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion programme 2021 will start on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April with a parents meeting. First children's session will be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### BAPTISM (Child)

Baptisms are suspended until further notice. Please watch this space.

You can email us for more info holloway@rcdow.org.uk

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL - NURSERY

We are now taking Nursery applications for September 2021. If your child was born between 01/09/2017 and 31/08/2018 then they are due to start Nursery this September. Please contact the school office on 0207 607 3407 if you would like an application form or have any questions.

#### PLANNED GIVING REMINDER

The new boxes of envelopes for planned giving are available at the back of the Church. Please take a few minutes to collect your box. If you are new to the parish or would like a box of envelopes, or to join the Gift Aid Scheme, or would prefer to pay by Bankers Order, please complete one of the pledge forms at the back of the Church and post it through the Presbytery's letterbox. **The new boxes start on 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> April.** 

## GIFT AID

Are you a gift aider to this parish? Are you still a taxpayer?

If your circumstances changed during last year, and you stopped being a taxpayer, kindly inform us via email.

Are you a taxpayer and your donations to the parish are not gift-aided yet? Contact us, the Gift Aid makes a difference to us. Contact us at holloway@rcdow.org.uk

#### Cardinal Lenten Appeal

The Cardinal's Appeal this year will go to the work of CARITAS and other social outreach projects in the diocese such as food banks. The collection after Mass will be for this fund.

#### https://rcdow.org.uk/donations/cardinalsappeal

<u>MARRIAGE SUPPORT –</u> This website may be of help if you have concerns about your marriage: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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#### GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION- the

collection after each Good Friday service will be towards the upkeep of the Christian places in Palestine. **Donations for Easter Flowers –** There will be a collection for Easter Flowers this weekend.

**EASTER ENVELOPES-** As you are aware the Easter offering you make goes towards support of the parish priest. These envelopes are available at the back of church. I am aware that this is a difficult time and I am very grateful.

#### Lens of the Gospel John 12:20-30

1. The injustice and brutality of the Passion of Jesus make it a difficult story to read as good news. Yet in the midst of that cruelty the courageous, faithful and self-sacrificing love that Jesus showed for us shines through. Recall moments when the account of the Passion has moved you in a special way. How have you experienced blessing through it?

2. Human love can also be painful. When have you experienced the courage, fidelity and selfsacrifice of others in their love of you? When have you shown that kind of love to others, as a parent, a spouse, or a friend, or in some other relationship?

3. We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. Perhaps with hindsight you can look back on something in your own life that seemed like a tragedy at the time but out of that tragedy new life and new possibilities followed for you.

4. For each of us there arise situations in which we feel things are outside our control and we are utterly helpless and powerless. We are not alone in this experience. In his Passion Jesus is one with us in this human helplessness. When have you found that the presence of another with you helped you through a crisis? When have you been able to help another with your presence?

# Holy Week Services (The Triduum) at Sacred Heart, Eden Grove

We are thankful, we can celebrate the Holy Week Services in Church this year. However, we have to remember that we are still under COVID-19 guidelines and our liturgies will be considerably simpler and shorter, and that some elements will not be present like:

Holy Thursday Mass –there will be no Washing of the Feet or Altar of Repose.

<u>Good Friday</u> there will be no Veneration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday Evening, Easter Vigil and Sunday Easter Masses - brief set of readings, no service of the light, or reception of new Catholics or sprinkling of holy water.

But at least we can gather in Church, however limiter our number will be. All services will be livestreamed on Zoom.

Those who have booked their places. Please come early.