OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes Mar 21 & 28 £791.75 Loose: Mar 7 & 14 £327.06 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.

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 <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

18 th April 2021	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Mark Joseph R.I.P – Anniv.
Third Sunday of Easter	8:30 am Mass	For the Parish
	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Joe Neary R.I.P Anniversary
19 th April Monday St Alphege	9:15 am Mass	Michael O'Sullivan R.I.P.
20 th April Tuesday Easter Feria	No Mass	
21 st April Wednesday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Renzo Benedetti—R.I.P
22 nd April Thursday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Holy Souls
23 rd April Friday St George	9:15 am Mass	Ann Xavier
24 th April Saturday Ss Erkenwald and		11:00-12;00 noon Confessions and by appointment
Mellitus Bishops	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Nuala O'Toole R.I.P
25 th April 2021	8:30 am Mass	Bernie Collins
Fourth Sunday of Easter	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed Via ZOOM)	For the Parish

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

Third Sunday of Easter 18th April 2021

The Deep End - 'You are Witnesses of these things'

Today's Gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel continues into another account of the Risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'Peace' (Shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassioned harmwing to relieve their anxiety and fear.

Jesus tells the disciples that 'you are witnesses of these things'. Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the Resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The Resurrection accounts in the Gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. So often in Luke's Gospel Jesus conveys his message through food and banquets, moments of celebration. The Risen Christ brings compassion and joy into difficult spaces. Today let us share with Jesus the situations in our lives which need an injection of compassion and Easter joy.

'Every year the dull and dead in us meets our Easter challenge: to be open to the unexpected, to believe beyond our security, to welcome God in every form, and trust in our own greening.' (Joyce Rupp) 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 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 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

Ann McKenna, Joe Neary, Mark Joseph, Frances Byrne Puric Dolan, Ramon Fideles, Margaret Dolan, Joan Neary, Beryl Genovese.

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

Tirso San Juan Austria, 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.

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. 6 for Baptisms.

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 **Saturday 8**th **May**. More information will be given on due course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

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

BAPTISM (Child)

Next Baptism preparation meeting for parents and godparents will be on Saturday 15th May. 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.

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently 42 men studying at Allen hall seminary, 18 of whom are for our own diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also for our Diocese. Last vear two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good ~Shepherd. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocation and for our priests. You can also donate online anytime

www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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

<u>Foodbank-Sacred Heart Community</u> Response.

We are very blessed to count on this generous community.

Please DO come forward for help if you need it or encourage others who might be in need and do not feel ready to ask for support. If you or someone you know cannot leave the house, we are able to deliver to your doorstep. Just contact us. A mini food bank (of basic non-perishable goods)

Next Date: Saturday 24th April.

When: the Second and last Saturday of every month, during spring.

Lens of the Gospel Luke24:35-48

- 1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?
- 2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you?
- 3. Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.
- 4. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?

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 10th //11th April.