OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes Apr 4 & 11 £865.60 Loose: Apr 4 & 11 £ 490.29 Standing Orders £1,078 Mar/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?

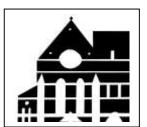
It is *important* to **gift aid** your offering to the church (whether Sunday envelopes or through standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by **25p for every £1** at no extra cost to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call Elizabeth in the office

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

25 th April 2021	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Nuala O'Toole R.I.P
Fourth Sunday of Easter	8:30 am Mass	Bernie Collins
Of Easter	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	For the Parish
26 th April Monday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Holy Souls
27 th April Tuesday Easter Feria	No Mass	
28 th April Wednesday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Hugo Lorty - R.I.P
29 th April Thursday St Catherine of Siena	9:15 am Mass	Varela Family - Intentions
30 th April Friday Easter Feria	9:15 am Mass	Xavier Komaranchata R.I.P
1 st May Saturday St Joseph the Worker		11:00-12;00 noon Confessions and by appointment
	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Pierre & Myriam Imbert R.I.P
2 nd May 2021	8:30 am Mass	Sophia Darr – R.I.P
Fifth Sunday of Easter	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed Via ZOOM)	For the Parish

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Parish Office opening times for AdminTuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm.

Fourth Sunday of Easter (25th April 2021) GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

The Deep End - 'The Good Shepherd

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate, so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday the Gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'Follow Him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a *genuine* relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told '*I know my own and my own know me*'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then especially that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.

'We think we are feeling from God, but in fact we are running into his arms'. (Meister Eckhart)

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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

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

Please Pray for the Recently Dead:

John Sweeney, Rose Otoo, Tirso San Juan Austria, Jose Arcanjo de Campos, Claire Elizabeth Hallmark, Sophia Darr, 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. *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 funerals to 30 people 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 <u>Saturday</u> <u>8th May</u>. More information will be given on due course.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The First Communion sessions are now online, ever Saturday 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Please contact the parish office for further information.

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.

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

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday and our second collection will support the Priest Training Fund. 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 year two men who studied at Allen Hall and one who studied in Rome ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. The fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your gift ensures we can provide training for these men responding to Christ's call to dedicate their lives to serve God's people. Please be as generous as you can. Please also pray for vocations and for all our priests. If you do not have a donation leaflet, plenty are still available at the back of the church. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations

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 started on 10th /11th April.

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

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.

Next Date: Saturday 8th May from 11:00am -1;00pm

Lens of the Gospel John 10:11-18

- 1. Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference this made for you as a child, and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life.
- 2. The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When you have known another to do this for you?
- 3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. What difference did it make when you **chose** to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?
- 4. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?

REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

From 4th May 2021 the law regarding the registration of marriages is changing in England. Parishes will no longer hold registers and will not be able to issue marriage certificates.

A couple must obtain a "Marriage Schedule" from the Register Office and give it to the priest, (who is usually one of the authorized persons), in advance of the wedding. This will replace the "blue or green forms" which are currently used.

The marriage schedule is a single form that will need to be signed by the couple, the authorized person and the two witnesses at the time of the wedding. The authorized person then returns the signed form to the Local Register Office within 21 days. Once received the Local Register Office will issue the couple with their Marriage Certificate.