

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Envelopes 20<sup>th</sup> Nov £662.30**

**Loose: 20<sup>th</sup> Nov £ 300.19**

**Standing Orders £1056 Sept/week**

**Contactless 12/13 Nov £129**

**Your generosity enables us to pay the parish bills. Thank you! For online giving, please go to:**

[www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk](http://www.sacredheartchurchholloway.org.uk)

and click **Support**.

**Weekly envelopes can be mailed in or you can drop them in the parish house's letterbox (front door)**

Parish Bank Account Details.

**Account name:** WRCDT Holloway

**Sorting Code:** 40-05-20

**Account Number:** 71308319

Address: HSBC, 69 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5EY

**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 Tues., Thurs, Fri, **02076073594**.

# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

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**Parish Priest: Fr. Gideon Wagay**

**Mrs. Elizabeth Ocampo – Lead Catechist and Administrator**

*Parish Office opening times for Admin-*

*Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm (but emails are checked daily)*

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Seeing Your Life Through the Lens of The Gospel** John Byrne OSA

1. The 'coming of the Son of Man' can be applied to the end of the world, to the moment of death, or to any moment of grace. We are not given advance notice as to when any of these will happen, so the message is to be alert and ready. When have you found that your alertness meant that you were able to receive an unexpected grace (e.g. take an opportunity which presented itself, or respond to a hint from another person that you might easily have missed, etc.)
2. One of the enemies of alert living is constant busyness. Have you ever found that being caught up in your own agenda makes you less sensitive to what is happening around you? Recall times when you paused in your relentless busyness and were rewarded by a significant interchange with another person, a moment of grace.
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4. You probably know the difference between being ready for a visitor and the unannounced caller who catches you unprepared. Let the memory of the discomfort of being caught off guard spur you on to a constant readiness for the coming of the Lord.

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2022**

The annual Parish Christmas Draw will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December after the 11:00 am Mass. All proceeds of the Draw will go towards the parish church's maintenance especially our leaking roofs.

Please sell as many books of raffle tickets as possible and return the counterfoils and cash in an envelope to the Presbytery letter box. Cheques must be payable to Sacred Heart Church Holloway Account.

We welcome donations of unwanted new gifts, wine bottles, to have as

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

<b>27<sup>th</sup> November 2022</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>Holy Souls Eusebio Fernandez R.I.P</b>
	<b>8:30 am Mass</b>	<b>Sheila Alessi R.I.P</b>
	<b>11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)</b>	<b>John Danquah R.I.P Anniv.</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> November Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	John Neal
29 <sup>th</sup> November Tuesday	No Mass	
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Wednesday St Andrew	9:15 am Mass	Bruno Solari R.I.P
1 <sup>st</sup> December Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	For the Parish Years 3 & 4 From school at Mass.
2 <sup>nd</sup> December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Emma Villegas - Intentions
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Saturday</b> <b>St Francis Xavier</b>	11:00 am – 12:00 Noon <b>6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)</b>	<i>Confession or by appointment</i> <b>Ann Martin – R.I.P Anniversary</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> December 2022</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>8.30 am Mass</b>  <b>11.00 am Mass (live-streamed via zoom)</b>	<b>James Vrefo R.I.P – Anniv.</b>  <b>Ann &amp; Kathleen Rainsford R.I.P - Anniversary</b>

## 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:**

Emma Pacana, Ann Walsh, Dino Grande, Nelia De Los Reyes Espejo, Freddie Hamdy, Marilyn Edwards, Joyce Fleming, Ludvinia King, Kathleen Wallace, Eric Ebo Essuman, Elizabeth Feeley, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Mary Ryan, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Ngozi Elong, Christopher, Brian Conway Crystal Green, Patrick Dolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Bridie Prior, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Ada Bacarini, Martine Rainsford, Christopher Fradley, Charlie Crane, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen *and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.*

### **Anniversaries**

Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, James Vrefo, Ann Martin, Anna Speroni, John Danquah, Sarah Toolan, Kunle Odonewu, Thomas Roche, Mary Morrissey, Georgina Myra Houlihan, Maria Rosina Moran, Denis & Michael Lonergan, Jeremiah Kennely, Conrado Espejo, Maggie Cooke, Patsy Toolan, Pierre Imbert.

### **Pray for the Recently Dead:**

Martin Cooke Francis Formosa, Maria Ward, Joe Colgan, Fr Christopher Hamilton-Gray, Josephine Horan, Maria Helena Colosso de Olivera, Arnulfo Autencio, Mario Celozza Genovia, Kevin Doherty, John Curley, James Ryan.

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

## SACRAMENTS

**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](mailto:holloway@rcdow.org.uk) Due to a change in the law we are no longer able to issue civil marriage certificates for Marriages that took place in our church. These can now be obtained directly from the local Registrar in the Town Hall.

### **BAPTISM**

Babies are usually baptised in the first 6 months after birth. To book a baptism for your child, please contact the parish office. Parents of the child must practice their faith and registered members of the parish. At least one parent of the child and the godparent must supply us with their Catholic baptismal certificate and the child's birth certificate. Parents and godparents must attend a baptismal preparation meeting beforehand.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

The next session is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9:30 am in the parish hall. It is very important to arrive on time.

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023**

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are eligible to join the Confirmation Programme 2023.

They can apply now. Application form is available at the back of the church or in the parish office.

The deadline to submit the application is on

### **Sunday 11th December 2023**

The programme will start in early January 2023. The Confirmation sessions will be on Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.

**RCIA A JOURNEY IN FAITH** -The RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a programme that we run in the Parish every year. It is an invitation to people who might want to explore the possibility of becoming a Roman Catholic as well as a refresher course for those who are already baptised but did not complete the Sacraments of Initiation, i.e. Eucharist and Confirmation.

**The First Meeting is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7:00 pm in the Parish classroom.**

**Tea and Coffee** and Biscuits after 11:00am Mass in the Parish Hall. The main purpose of this is to bring parishioners together and welcome new parishioners. All welcome

### **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY- 6:00pm**

#### **Christmas Eve (FAMILY VIGIL MASS)**

All the children are invited to participate in our Christmas play.

Rehearsals date are:

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec and 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 11:00 to 12:00 Noon. The final rehearsal will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 5:30 pm.

The children will need to be in the church at 4:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

The play will be performed at the children and family Mass on **Saturday 24 December at 6:00pm**

Please contact Elizabeth in your child would like to participate in the play.

### **CONTACTLESS DONATIONS:**

We have **two machines**, at the entrance and by the baptismal font near St Peter's statue. This donation method has proved to be easy and safe, and it is practical, as we don't normally carry cash nowadays. If you give your Sunday offering using the contactless machine at the entrance of the church, please gift aid your offering if you're a taxpayer. You can take a photo of the QR code displayed in the machine – you can then fill in the online form at home. At no extra cost to yourself, this will increase your donation by 25%.

### **Catholic Christmas Cards**

Christmas is fast approaching. You can now buy your Christmas cards on Sundays in the Parish Hall after 11:00 am Mass. Or in the parish office during the week at office hours.

### **Caritas - Advent Giving Calendar**

Caritas'2022 Advent Giving Calendar is available at the back of the Church. As always it is a way for people to remember people in their communities who need a little help as Christmas approaches, and to give an item each day to our food bank or other food project.

You can also download it here.

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/carit-as-food-collective-918.php#AGC>

**Help Needed – Cleaners for the church to join the weekly rota. We also need a volunteer to organise in Decorating the Christmas Crib.**

## The Passage Big Give 2022

On Tuesday 29 November The Passage will launch our Big Give Christmas

Challenge: [Urgent support for the cost of living crisis.](#)

[The campaign](#) will be open until Tuesday 6 December at noon. This is an important opportunity for us to raise £500,000 through matched funding to ensure we can continue to support those most at risk of experiencing homelessness this Christmas and into next year. With housing costs becoming harder to manage, we have already seen an increase of 16% in the number of people coming to our door for help - that's too many people being forced into homelessness with nowhere to turn.

The Passage will be doing all we can to prevent people spending even one night on the streets, and for those that do, to help them move into stable accommodation as quickly as possible. The pressure is rising for many of us, but for some more than others. If you would like to support our work this Christmas, please keep reading for all the ways you can get involved in the campaign.

### **CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas**

In Advent, let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue in church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

### **SACRED HEART FOOD BANK**

The next food bank distribution will be on **Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 11:00am-1:00pm.** Please leave your donations in kind at the back of the church, or contact the parish office.

Donate non-perishable goods such as: Rice, Pasta, Flour, tinned goods, tuna, tinned tomatoes, porridge oats, long life milk, etc. Toiletries: shower gel, toothpaste, deodorant, washing up liquid.

You can donate cash on an envelope, just write 'foodbank'. **Donations can also be done via bank transfer, please specify 'Food bank' in the reference field.**