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Loose: 18 Dec £ 223.48

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

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 Office opening times for Admin-
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:30am- 3:00pm (but emails are checked daily)

+Solemnity Mary The Holy Mother of God 1st January 2023

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

1ST JANUARY 2023 +Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	For the Parish
	8:30 am Mass	Branford Family – Intentions.
2 nd January Monday Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Habete Semharay Salomon Benharat
	10:00 am Mass	Margaret Keohane R.I.P - Anniversary
3 rd January Tuesday	No Mass	
4 th January Wednesday. Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Waldemark Beck - Intentions
5 th January Thursday. Christmas Feria	9:15 am Mass	Lotti Family - Intentions
6 th January Friday +The Epiphany of the Lord	10:00 am Mass	Mary Krzenieniewski R.I.P Anniversary
	School Coming at Mass.	
7 th January Saturday. Christmas Feria	11:00 am – 12:00	Confession or by appointment
	6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Theresa Branford - Thanksgiving
8 th January 2023 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8.30 am Mass	Margaret & Paddy Cooney R.I.P
	11.00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Lejhtet Berih Johanis Medily Rico Ulderill

January 1, 2023
Mary, the Holy Mother of God

*The shepherds
went in haste to
Bethlehem and found
Mary and Joseph,
and the infant
lying in the manger.*

Luke 2:16

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, Mary Wong, 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

Mary Krzenieniewski, Margaret Keohane, Maria McEvoy, Beryl Genovese, Michael Costin, Joseph Ward, Maimie Rooney, Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, Ivy Ross & Pat Naughton, James Brefo, Michael Costin, Ann Martin, Anna Speroni, John Danquah, Sarah Toolan, Kunle Odonewu, Thomas Roche, Mary Morrissey.

Pray for the Recently Dead:

Patrick McGilloway, Eldridge Alexander, Carlos Castaño, Esther Joseph, Ferdie Vasquez, Martin Cooke Francis Formosa, Maria Ward, Joe Colgan, Josephine Horan, Maria Helena Colosso de Olivera, Arnulfo Autencio, Mario Celozza Genova, Kevin Doherty, John Curley, James Ryan.

Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your perpetual 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 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. The next meeting will be in February.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

We want to wish all the children and their families a blessed and prayerful Christmas.

The next parents meeting is on Wednesday 11th January at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

The children will come back to their sessions on Saturday 14th January at 9:30 am.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023

The programme will start with a parents' meeting on Thursday 12th January 2023

The Confirmation sessions will start on Thursday 19th January and the 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.

Please keep these participants in your prayers during their time of formation and discernment.

It was agreed that the sessions will be every Thursday evening at 7:00pm.

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2022

Thank you very much to all who participated and helped out selling tickets for the Christmas Raffle.

Sold tickets: £2268

Prizes and cost of tickets £780

Total money collected £1488

There were over 40 consolation prizes, many of them are still to be collected.

The list of the winners is on the notice board at the back of the church.

Contact the office if your name is in the list.

BLESSINGS

Today's readings include another account of the story of Jesus' birth. The reading from the book of Numbers reminds us that we are blessed. We are looked upon with kindness and grace. The Psalm and Galatians remind us of the blessings given through God's son. Luke tells of our ultimate blessing, that Mary, a human being like us, gave birth to a child who is God's Son. Mary, a young mother, watches all that is happening around the birth of her son. She listens as the shepherds bring messages from angels, a message she also received from an angel about her son. Yet Mary remains silent. She keeps all this news about her son to herself. She reflects on all these experiences. The only thing she shares is the name of her son, Jesus, a name given him before he was even conceived. Her silence leaves us wondering if this is how one responds to such great blessing.

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PAX CHRISTI

International Catholic Movement for Peace: "The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, we work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice."

Pax Christi relies on your support to continue their work on peace making **First Saturday Devotions at the Rosary Shrine.**

St Dominic's Priory - the Rosary Shrine, Saint Dominic's Priory, Southampton Rd, London NW5 4LB, First Saturday devotions. Every first Saturday in the Rosary Shrine, London, from 5pm. Prayer, Communion, and Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for peace and salvation of souls as requested by Our Lady of the Rosary through Sr Lucia of Fatima.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel

The story tells us that the shepherds helped Mary to realise the significance of the child born to her. She treasured their words and pondered their meaning. Who have been the people who have helped you to understand the meaning of significant events in your life? Remember them gratefully.

We are told that Mary 'pondered these things in her heart'. What part has prayerful reflection on life played for you? How has it been helpful to you in deepening your appreciation for the gift of life?

When the shepherds realized that they had been witnesses to a wonderful manifestation of God's love for his people they glorified and praised God. Recall ways in which you have been made aware of God's love for you. How have you expressed your gratitude?

SACRED HEART FOOD BANK

The next food bank distribution will be on **Saturday, 7th January 2023 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.**

CONTACTLESS GIVING-

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 on 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%.

Tea and Coffee and Biscuits after **11:00am Mass in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.**