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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: WRCDD 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)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11th December 2022

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

11th December 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Tia Fleming – Intentions Maimie Rooney R.I.P Anniv. Michael Prior R.I.P - Anniv Joseph Ward – R.I.P Anniv.
12 TH December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Martin Cooke R.I.P
6 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
7 th December Wed. St Ambrose	9:15 am Mass	Fr. Joseph Kalathara R.I.P Henry Anderson Intentions
8 th December Thursday The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:15 am Mass	Fleming Family – Intentions Vito Mele R.I.P
9 th December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	William Murray – R.I.P
10 th December Sat. Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	11:00 am – 12:00 Noon 6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Confession or by appointment Tia Fleming - Intentions
11 th December 2022 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30 am Mass 11.00 am Mass (live-streamed via zoom)	Maimie Rooney R.I.P Anniv. Joseph Ward – R.I.P Anniv.

THE ONE FOR WHOM OUR HEARTS LONG

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labour. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

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TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, 24th December Christmas Eve:

6:00pm Children's Mass

11:30pm- Carol Service

12:00 Midnight Mass

Sunday, 25th December Christmas Day

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

If you are about to go away for Christmas- Christmas envelopes are available this weekend. By tradition, the Christmas and Easter Collections are the parishioner's kind gift and provide the parish priest with a yearly salary.

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

Joseph Ward, Maimie Rooney, Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, James Brefo, 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.

Pray for the Recently Dead:

Ferdie Vasquez, 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 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

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

The children will come back to their sessions on Saturday 11th January 2023.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023

Today is the deadline to apply for the Confirmation programme. Please leave the application through the parish office's letter box. The programme will start with a parents' meeting on Thursday 12th 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.

We are delighted to inform that the RCIA programme started last Thursday and there are seven participants.

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.

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

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2022

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

We still have plenty of raffle tickets to be sold. 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 consolation prizes.

HAVE A MERRY, SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS!

WRAPPING PAPER Half of the paper America consumes each year is used to wrap and decorate consumer products! In Britain every Christmas we throw away 226,800 miles of wrapping paper. There is no need to throw it away. It can be re-used many times. And you can buy wrapping paper made from hemp, or from recycled paper. How about using attractive and re-usable cloth material instead of paper? Use ribbon instead of tape for sealing, so that the paper can be more easily re-used or re-cycled. The ribbon can be re-used as well, as can the bows.

CRIB OFFERING

Please consider making a donation at the Crib. Your donation will help the Catholic Children's Society provide mental health services, family support and emergency grants for vulnerable children in our Diocese. For more information: www.cathchild.org.uk

Help Needed – Cleaners to join others in giving the church a good 'spruce up' before Christmas. More details from Elizabeth in the office.

SACRED HEART FOOD BANK

The next food bank distribution will be on **Saturday, 17th 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.**

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%.

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.



SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT

On Thursday December 15th after the 10:00 am Mass, we have our annual children carol concert (Key Stage 2).