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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: 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)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 18th December 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS

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

1. It took some time for Joseph to accept the fact that, in Mary, there truly was Emmanuel – God with us. God is with us now, but at times we struggle to perceive God's presence. Where have you unexpectedly discovered the presence of 'God with you'? Recall those experiences and give thanks.

2. Joseph was confused and uncertain about what he should do. It took time, and outside help, for him to discern what his next step should be. Perhaps you have also had difficulties along the way to some decisions or commitments. Recall that journey and the moments when it became clear to you what was being asked of you. Give thanks for the angels who helped you along the way.

3. Mary bore Jesus within her, unseen to all, and unacknowledged by most. In Joseph she found one who believed in the treasure that she bore. We can be bearers of Jesus to others, and they to us. When have you been that kind of a bearer of Jesus to another? Who has been that to you?

TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, 24th December Christmas Eve:

6:00pm - Children's Mass (Children are invited to Mass as a shepherd, angel, sheep or other character from Christmas story).

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 at the back of the church.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

18th December 2022 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass)	Lina McSharoy & Deceased members of Keaney Family. Esther Josef R.I.P.
	8:30 am Mass	Patrick Thuohy R.I.P Christopher Carroll R.I.P
	11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Gilbert Ero R.I.P Anniv Ivy Ross & Pat Naughton R.I.P Anniversary
19 th December Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Michael Prior R.I.P
20 th December Tuesday	No Mass	
21 st December Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Hugh Robert Henry - Intentions
22 nd December Thurs. Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Maria Louis - Intention
23 rd December Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass	Maria McEvoy R.I.P - Anniv
24 th December Sat. Advent Feria	11:00 am – 12:00 6:00pm Christmas Family Mass 11:30 pm 12:00 Christmas Midnight Mass	Confession or by appointment Michael Costin R.I.P - Anniv. Carol Service For the Parish
25 th December 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS	8.30 am Mass 11.00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Beryl & Santolo Genevese R.I.P Philomena Nkwotcha – Ints For the Parish

SACRAMENTS

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

Maria McEvoy, Beryl Genovese, Michael Costin, Joseph Ward, Maimie Rooney, Ann & Kathleen Rainsford, Ivy Ross & Pat Naughton, Michael Costin, 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.

Pray for the Recently Dead:

Esther Joseph, Ferdie Vasquez, Martin Cooke Francis Formosa, Maria Ward, Joe Colgan, 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.

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

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.

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

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

GOD WANTS TO BE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's First Reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation- God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to the story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known. *Copyright Palluch co.Inc.*

PARISH CHRISTMAS DRAW 2022

The annual Parish Christmas Draw is today, 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.

CRIB OFFERING

Please consider donating 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

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%.

HAVE A MERRY, SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS!

CHRISTMAS TREES Millions of Christmas trees both real and artificial are discarded every year in the UK. To cut down on plastic dependence and to offset carbon emissions, buy a living tree, and keep it in the pot in the house or garden when not being used. They can be used year after year. Norfolk pines are suitable, as they don't grow large. Many Local Councils will collect and compost your tree when you've finished with it. Or you can take it to the local recycling centre, or compost it yourself in your garden. Decorations can be home-made or home baked. Use LED lights, as they use up to 95% less energy than traditional bulbs.