

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Envelopes 20th Nov £662.30

Loose: 20th Nov £ 300.19

Standing Orders £1056 Sept/week

Contactless 26/27Nov £161

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: 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 Priest: Fr. Gideon Wagay

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Parish Office opening times for Admin-

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 4th December 2022

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

4 th December 2022 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6:00 (Sat. Vigil Mass) 8:30 am Mass 11:00 am Mass (live-streamed via ZOOM)	Ann Martin – R.I.P Anniversary James Brefo R.I.P – Anniv. Ann & Kathleen Rainsford R.I.P - Anniversary
5 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 Ints
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
10th December Sat. Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday	11:00 am – 12:00 Noon 6:00pm (Sat. Vigil Mass)	<i>Confession or by appointment</i> Tia Fleming - Intentions
11th December 2022 SECOND 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.

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

1. John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to us of the good news of the gospel that God loves us – a friend, a parent, a teacher, etc.? To whom have we borne that witness?
2. John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of opposition. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been content to be yourself, without pretending to be more than you are? What was it like to have that freedom, even in the face of criticism from others?
3. John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness' – announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness?

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.

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

The last session before Christmas is on Saturday 10th December at 9:30 am in the parish hall.

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

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 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

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 3rd Dec, and 17th Dec 11:00 to 12:00 Noon. The final rehearsal will be on Friday 23rd 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.

HAVE A MERRY, SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS!

PRESENTS Don't buy unnecessary presents. Each year the UK spends about £700 million on unwanted presents. Find out what people need before you buy.

Offer home-baked treats. Arrange a spending limit with family and friends. Check that the items you buy are green and ethical –workers properly paid, not tested on animals, sustainably sourced, local if possible. Lists of ethical companies can be found by looking online. Best of all, make reciprocal arrangements with family and friends to not buy each other presents. They may be relieved!

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%.

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

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

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 will 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.

SACRED HEART FOOD BANK

The next food bank distribution will be on **Saturday, 10th 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.**

