



# CHURCH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, HOLLOWAY

A parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster

62 Eden Grove, Holloway, London N7 8EN

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)**

**(17th December 2023) Parish Newsletter**

### Parish Team:

**Fr. Gideon Wagay (Parish Priest)**

Fr. Samuel Tabi Amponsah  
(Assisting Priest)

Fr. Spencer Nyendwa (Zambian  
Chaplain/Priest in residence)

Elizabeth Ocampo (Administrator)  
Aileen Austria (Catechetical Coord)

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

Registered Charity 233699

### Mass times:

Monday 9:15 am

Wednesday 9:15 am

Thursday 9:15 am

Friday 9:15 am

Saturdays at 6.00pm (vigil Mass)

Sundays at 8.30am and 11.00am

Bank holidays and Holy days of  
obligation 10:00 am

### Sunday Mass Readings:

First Reading - Prophet Isaiah  
61:1-2, 10-11

Psalms Lk 1:46-50.53-54.R. Is 61:10  
Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians  
5:16-24

**Gospel - John 1:6-8, 19-28**

### Eucharistic Adoration:

First Friday every month 7pm



### Confessions:

Saturdays 11am-12(noon)  
Or by appointment



### Holy Rosary:

Wednesday 8.30pm  
(via Zoom)

Meeting ID:744 4459425

Passcode: 597446



*Our mission: "We are a welcoming, nourishing living parish, inspired by the Sacred Heart to serve and radiate this love to all"*



### TIMES OF CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Sunday, 24th December**

**Four Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve**

8:30 am and 11: am Mass

**Christmas Eve**

6:00pm - Children's Mass

11:30pm- Carol Service

12:00 Midnight Mass

**Monday 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.

### Simbang Gabi

On Saturday 23rd December 6:00 pm (Vigil Mass) The Filipino community will be having , a devotional Christmas Mass tradition which is celebrated in anticipation for the coming of Jesus. Following the Mass, there will be a bring-and-share gathering in the hall, accompanied by festive Christmas activities. All are Welcome.

### Christmas Nativity Play - 6:00pm Christmas Eve (FAMILY VIGIL MASS)

All the children are invited to participate in our Christmas play. Rehearsals dates are: Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd December from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. The play will be performed at the children and family Mass on Saturday 24 December at 6:00pm. Please contact Aileen or Elizabeth if your child would like to participate in the play.

### Events (for more info reach our webpage or email)

#### School Christmas Carol

Thursday 21 December 10:00 am  
In the Parish.

**All Welcome**

#### Simbang Gabi (Filipino Christmas Mass)

Saturday 22 December 6:00pm Vigil Mass.  
**All are welcome**

#### Tea/coffee and biscuits

Every Sunday after 11am mass

## Sacraments

**Baptism** - Usually happens in the first 6 months after birth. Parents must practice their faith and be registered members of the parish. The next parents and godparents preparation meeting will be in the winter. Date TBC, Please contact the parish office for more details.

**First Holy Communion – Programme - 2023-2024** The children are now on Christmas break, and we extend our warm wishes to all families for a joyful and prayerful Advent and Christmas time. Please note that the next children's session will take place on Saturday, January 13th. We look forward to seeing everyone then.

**Confirmation Programme 2024** Confirmation sessions will start on Thursday 18th January 2024.

**RCIA - A journey in faith - RCIA means Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.** Please keep praying for those who are on this journey. Sessions are held in the parish classroom at 7pm. The last session of 2023 is on Tuesday 19 Dec 2023 at 7pm.

**Mass live-streamed via ZOOM on Sundays at 11:00 am** Please be aware that from the first Sunday of January 2024, 7th January, Mass will not be live-streamed via ZOOM.

### Be a registered member of our parish!!!

Have faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days? Then fill up our registration form at the parish office. And regular support your parish with the planned giving system (bank standing order).

If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim back from the Inland Revenue 25p of every £1 you give, at no cost or inconvenience to you. Setting up a Gift Aid arrangement helps our parish to increase its income (contact the parish office).

### Financial support

**Monthly standing order: £978.75 Oct/week**

#### Last offertory collection

Envelopes (5/11)	£282.40
Loose (3/12)	£311.82
Contactless (3/12)	£395.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>£989.72</b>

**Your generosity enables us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!**

1) For online giving, please go to:

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

and click **Support**.

Or Scan this QR and Give.



2) For standing orders or regular donations,

#### Parish Bank Account Details

**Account name: WRCDT Holloway**

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

**Account Number: 71308319**

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

3) For contactless giving, it's pretty easy!, there are 2 machines at the entrance and baptismal font, please gift aid your offering if you're a taxpayer.

You can also scan the QR that you find on each bench.

### Prayers intentions

**We ask for your charitable prayers for those sick at home, in hospitals, recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries are at this time.**

**For the sick:** , Sean Christian, Mary Ddungo, , Louisa Gosling, Mary Ryan, Maureen Frawley, Giuliana Faticoni, Samantha Johnston, Annette Goulding, Nathan Froud, Roisin Duffy, Fr. John La Rocca, Ann Walsh, Dino Grande, Freddie Hamdy, Marilyn Edwards, Joyce Fleming, Ludvinia King, Kathleen Wallace, Eric Ebo Essuman, Elizabeth Feeley, Michael Bradley, Margaret Collins, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Ngozi Elong, Christopher, Brian Conway Crystal Green, Patrick Dolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Mary Wong, Michael Bailey, Catherine Wright, Christopher Fradley, Charlie Crane, Margaret Mulroy, Alison McGoff, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish (and those who care for them).

**Recently dead:** Frank Dorrian, Jane Nestor, Mary Kennedy, Sean Brennan, Mary Rainsford, Geoffrey Bedingfield, Bridie Prior, Margaret Collins, Henry Laron, Siohghan Horan, Thiago Gonzalez, Michael Dolan, James Curran, Celina Egathor.

**Death Anniversaries:** Waldemar Beck, Josephine Sacco Gilbert Ero, Christopher & Elizabeth O'Really, James Brenfo, Robert Moran Pete & Nora Ginty, Margaret & John O'Meara, Sarah Toolan, Conrado M. Espejo, Jeremiah Kennelly. *Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### Mass intentions for the forthcoming week

(Please contact the office to book your Mass intentions)

16 Dec - Saturday Advent Feria	6:00 pm	Christopher & Elizabeth O'Really † Anniv
17 December	8:30 am	Stephen Family—Ints Dr. Gilbert Ero †
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	11:00 am	Patricia Naughton & Ivy Ross †
18 Dec - Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am	Maria & Sergio Zulian
20 Dec - Wednesday Advent Feria	9:15 am	Dr. Gilbert Ero † Anniv
21 Dec - Thursday Advent Feria	9:15 am	Fr. Pat Fitzgerald Ints
22 Dec - Friday Advent Feria	9:15 am	Waldemar Beck and Josephine Sacco † Anniv
23 Dec - Saturday Advent Feria	6:00 pm	Michael & Bernadette Mc Loughan Intentions
24 December <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	8:30 am 11:00 am	For the Parish Ludvinia Kings—Ints
24 December 2023 <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	6:00 pm  12:00 Midnight	Michael Costin †  For the Parish