



# 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  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (3rd December 2023)**  
Parish Newsletter

## Parish Team:

**Fr. Gideon Wagay (Parish Priest)**  
Fr. Spencer Nyendwa (Zambian  
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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 63:16-  
17, 64:1.3-8  
Psalms 79:2-3.15-16.18-19.R.v4  
Second Reading - St Paul to the Co-  
rinthians 1:3-9  
**Gospel - Mark 13:33-37**


## 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"*



## Christmas Raffle

Christmas Raffle tickets are now available at the back of the church. Please take one envelope and help us sell out the tickets.

We welcome any donations that can be used as consolation prizes for the Christmas Raffle. Please bring them to the parish office.

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

All the children are invited to participate in our Christmas play.

Rehearsals date are: Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd December from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon. 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 Aileen or Elizabeth in your child would like to participate in the play.

**Vinnie Packs** The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £4.20 per pack? Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237 .

**CAFOD** .We invite all parishioners to join us in [calling for a lasting peace](#) by writing to the Foreign Secretary. Thank you to the over 6,500 supporters and volunteers who already have. We join with the Bishops Conference in praying that 'as we approach the Holy Season of Advent...Christ the Prince of Peace will guide all devastated by this conflict into the ways of truth, reconciliation, and respectful co-existence.'

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

### Reconciliation Service & Adoration

Prepare for Christmas

Friday  
15 December 7:pm.

### Christmas Raffle & School Choir performance

Sunday 17 Dec  
After 11:00 am  
Mass

### 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

Next Session is on Saturday 9 Dec 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Please be prompt.

### Confirmation Programme 2024

Young people who are 14 years old and above (Year 9 or above) are eligible to join the Confirmation Programme 2024. Applications forms are available from the back of the church.

The deadline to submit the Confirmation form has been extended until next Sunday 9 December 2023.

We anticipate that sessions are on Thursday evenings and the course will begin early in January 2024

### RCIA - A journey in faith - RCIA means Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

We are looking forward to welcoming you and assisting your journey to learn more and come into full communion with the Holy Catholic Church in the RCIA program!

Sessions are held in the parish classroom at 7pm. The following sessions are:

29 Nov, 14 Dec, 20 Dec 2023 at 7pm.

## 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) £426.20

Loose (5/11) £300.60

Contactless (5/11) £272

**Total £998.80**

**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:** , 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, Siobhan Horan, Thiago Gonzalez, Michael Dolan, James Curran, Celina Egathor.

**Death Anniversaries:** James Brenfo, Robert Moran Pete & Nora Ginty, Margaret & John O'Meara, Sarah Toolan, Conrado M. Espejo, Jeremiah Kennelly, Thomas & Anne Roche, Annie Formosa, Mary Morrissey, Mary R. Moran, Michael and Denis Lonergan, Martin Cooke. ***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)

<b>2 Dec - Saturday Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Geoffrey Bedingfield †</b>
<b>3 Dec - Sunday FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>8:30 am 11:00 am</b>	<b>Anna Cagalova † Mary Rainsford † James Brefo †</b>
4 Dec - Monday Advent Feria	9:15 am	Bruno Solari †
6 Dec - Wednesday St Nicholas	9:15 am	Mary Watford †
7 Dec - Thursday St Ambrose	9:15 am	Fr. Joseph Calathara †
8 Dec - Friday <b>The Immaculate Con- ception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	9:15 am	Samantha Louise Intentions
<b>9 Dec - Saturday Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Robert Moran † Anniv</b>
<b>10 Dec -Sunday SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	<b>8:30 am 11:00 am</b>	<b>Jerry Shield &amp; Una Gordon † Joseph Ward †</b>