



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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(26th October, 2025) Parish Newsletter



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Parish Office opening times

Mon, Wed, Thurs, & Friday:

9:45 am - 3:00pm

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:

1st Reading: Sirach 35:15b-17,20-22b

Psalms 34(33):2-3. 17-18. 19,23. R.7a

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6 - 8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Eucharistic Adoration:

First Friday of 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"

A SHORT REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Our prayer is to be honest and God-centered.

The First Reading from Sirach teaches us the importance of humble prayer. St. Paul reflects on his faithful ministry and on eternal life. Jesus preaches the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector.

"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Eastern

Christianity makes extensive use of the phrase of the tax collector. His words are joined to those of St. Peter to become "Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." The 'Jesus Prayer' is a simple, honest prayer that acknowledges our sins but always in conjunction with a humble plea for Christ's loving mercy.

Repeated recitation of the prayer allows us to reflect on our relationship with Christ and how it needs healing. Unlike the Pharisee's prayer, which is self-congratulatory, the tax collector's prayer is sincere and God-focused, and because of that, he can recognise how he needs to change. Just as our prayer should be honest and God-centred, so too must our proclamation of the kingdom in word and deed reflect that honesty and divine focus. We are a missionary Church, and our message will be far more effective if we adopt the tax collector's humble, authentic attitude.

Fr. Francis



NOVEMBER, THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

If you would like to include people in the Holy Souls List, which will be placed near the altar during November, please use one of the envelopes available on the table in the Church and return it to the Parish Office. Any offering you wish to make towards the masses offered for the Holy Souls can be included in these envelopes or in a plain envelope marked 'Holy Souls'. During November and throughout the coming year, we will say several masses for the Holy Souls. On All Souls Day itself, which is transferred to Monday, 3rd November, there will be two Masses at 10 am and 7 pm.

MESSAGE FROM FR. FRANCIS

As we all know, November is the month of the Holy Souls during which we pray for those who have died. Each year, I

would want us to celebrate Mass for all who have died within that particular year. Therefore, there will be a special Mass on the last Friday of November, 27th at 7.30 pm. At this Mass, we will remember all those who have died since 1st November 2024 to 31st October 2025. During this Mass, the names of all who have died during this period will be called out, and a candle will be lit by a member from each family and brought to the Altar in prayer and remembrance. The Parish Administrator will contact the families of all those who are concerned about this Special Mass. However, if you know any family whose deceased was buried in this Parish during this time, please feel free to contact them on the parish's behalf.

Next weekend, I will publish the names of all those who passed away from 1st November 2024 to 31st October 2025.

Many thanks.

Events (for more info reach our webpage or email)

Today
After 11:00 am Mass

Living Rosary

Next Sunday:
Holy Day of Obligation

All Saints

3rd Nov Monday:
Mass at 10am & 7pm

All Souls' Day

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Six months notice must be given for marriage, whether here or elsewhere. Please contact the Parish Priest, Fr. Francis Antwi-Darkwah. To make an appointment email: holloway@rcdow.org.uk.

Wedding Anniversary Blessing: At the end of every month and at every Mass, the priest will invite all those whose wedding anniversary falls within that particular month for a special blessing.

Baptism - Parents must practise their faith and be registered members of the parish. In order to be invited to the preparation meeting for parents and godparents, all documents must be submitted in advance. The next parents and godparents preparation meeting will be announced soon. If you have a child to be baptised please contact Aileen at hollowaycat@rcdow.org.uk or the parish office for more details.

Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults : RCIA

The RCIA is the sacramental process established by the Church for the initiation of adults. The beautiful rituals of this process, properly celebrated in the midst of our parish communities, call everyone in the parish to conversion and renewal, not just those seeking initiation. There are diverse roles involved in the process and the whole Catholic community is asked to participate.

We have witnessed the entry of many people into the Church through Baptism, and the reception of many others into full communion with the Church.

If you would like to become a Catholic, or you are an adult already baptised and have not been confirmed, kindly speak to

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 regularly 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: £996.50 Aug/week

Last offertory collection

Envelopes: 12 Oct £283 19 Oct - £255.01

Loose: 12 Oct £429.09 19 Oct - £247.02

Contactless: 12 Oct £157.10 19 Oct - £257

Total £869.19 £759.03

Your generosity enables us to pay the parish bills.

Thank you!

1) For online giving, please go to:

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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

FOR THE SICK: Manuela Conrado, Phobe and David Ekong, Yolanda Villegas, Isaac Antwi-Darkwah, Estelita Rizado, Jill Kennedy, John Finn, Lilly & Gertrude McDermot, Madge Smith, Gerald Dorrian, Sean Christian, Mary Duungu, Mary Ryan, Maureen Frawley, Catherine Rainbow, Samantha Johnston, Roisin Duffy, Fr. John La Rocca, Ann Walsh, Joyce Fleming, Kathleen Wallace, Eric Ebo Essuman, Elizabeth Feeley, Michael Bradley, Angeles Wong, Tony Reilly, Mary Egan, Colman Connelly, Christopher, Brian Conway Crystal Green, Patrick Dolan, Margaret Toolan, Rosa Santos, Mary Wong, Carmel McComarck, Michael Bailey, Christopher Fradley, Stephanie Enepi, Chris Eisen and all who are sick and housebound in the parish (**and those who care for them**).

RECENTLY DEAD: Cathy Oconnor, Evelyn Quinn, Maria Benavides, William Salomon, Mowunmi Fadipe, Bishop Edemekong S Ekong, Loan Cheung, Eunice Ebuzoaju Cletus, Peter Sabryan, Maria Porto Gonnella, Jerry Ponce, Maria Louise, Nancy Curran.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Ykaalo Michel, Mary Morrissey, Funbi Adekunle, Patrick Toolan, Mossie O'Riordan, Geoffrey Bedingfield, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Maria Ward, Elisa Vanin, Michael Brobbey, James Neary, Gean Moran, Bridget Burns, Thomas Moran, Maria Speroni..

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)

26th October 2025	Sat 6:00 pm	All deceased members of the Rainsford Family †
+ THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8:30 am	For the Parish
	11:00 am	Maria Benavides † Ykaalo Michel † Anniv
27th October, Mon. Feria	9:15 am	Seamus Maughan Intentions
28th October, Tues.	No Mass	
29th October, Wed. Blessed Martyrs of Douai	9:15 am	Seamus & Britney Family Intentions
30th October, Thur. Feria	9:15 am	Private Intentions
31st October, Friday. Feria	9:15 am	Liam Lenihan †
1st November, Sat. (Vigil Mass)	6:00 pm	Nadia Tekie Birthday
2nd November 2025	8:30 am	Holy Souls
+ ALL SAINTS	11:00 am	Maria Louise † Mary Morrissey † 21st Anniv