



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 WEEK OF ADVENT

(30th November, 2025) Parish Newsletter



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Parish Office opening times

Mon, Thurs, & Friday:

10:00 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: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122(121):1-2. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R.cf.1

2nd Reading: Rom 13:11-14a

Gospel: Matthew 24:37 - 44

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

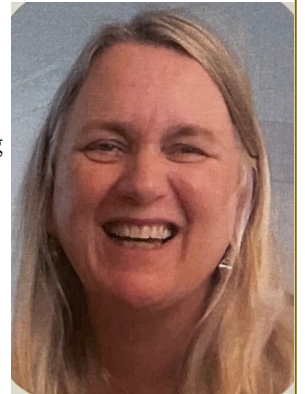
Our mission: "We are a welcoming, nourishing living parish, inspired by the Sacred Heart to serve and radiate this love to all"



'Love in Action' Volunteering Awards - Ronald Palmer Lifetime Achievement Award

This week, **Jackie Ugoala**, known to almost everybody in the Parish, was honoured for her 40+ years of volunteering by the Diocese of Westminster. At the "Love in Action" Volunteering Awards ceremony 2025, organised by Caritas, Westminster, she received the "**Ronald Palmer Lifetime Achievement Award** for demonstrating outstanding commitment to social action over an extended period of time." Her example is an inspiration to us all.

Congratulations to Jackie!



REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Isaiah had a vision of the end times in which the nations converge on Zion in peace. Saint Paul exhorts the Christians to wait for the Lord by walking in the ways of light. Jesus preaches about his glorious return and warns the people to stay awake.

Advent is a very short season, and it is probably mentally shortened even more by the commercial buzz of Christmas. As a result, we often skip straight to the second focus of Advent, which is Christ's first coming at the incarnation. However, the church calls us at the start of the new liturgical year to look forward to Christ's glorious

return and the end of time. Jesus advises his disciples to **stay awake** and be prepared for his return, so they will not be spiritually asleep, as many in Noah's day were. Our hearts should be ready to welcome Christ.

This is the purpose of Advent: to prepare for Christ's coming so that we sincerely long for Him. This welcome begins now, not only at the end of time, since Christ also comes to us silently in prayer and in the Eucharist.

On this first week of Advent, let us meditate on the phrase "**Come, Lord Jesus**" or the original Aramaic "**Maranatha.**"

Celebrate Christ's Birth at our free-to-attend Carol Concert

There will be a Carol Concert in our Church on Friday 12th December at 7:30pm. It will be free, but if you wish to donate to the upkeep of the Church and our food bank it would be most welcomed.

Events (for more info reach our webpage or email)

2nd Dec at 07:30 pm

**First Session on
Catholic Social
Teaching**

12 Dec at 07:30 pm

Carol Concert

13 Dec at 02:00 pm

**Next Baptism
Seminar**

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Our next Baptism Seminar will be held on Friday, 13th December at 2:00 PM. For more information, please contact Aileen at hollowaycat@rcdow.org.uk

NEW HOSPITALITY GROUP!!!

Our Parish is forming a Hospitality Group to help create a warm and welcoming parish community. The group will assist with:

- ◆ Supporting parish celebrations and social events and Helping organise feasts days and Parish celebrations
- ◆ Serving tea and coffee after the 11:00 am Mass.

If you are interested in joining please speak to Aileen or Joseph, or email to : hollowaycat@rcdow.org.uk or holloway@rcdow.org.uk. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Financial support

Monthly standing order: £996.50 Aug/week

Last offertory collection

Envelopes: 09 Nov £296.38	16 Nov - £280.38
Loose: 09 Nov £219.51	16 Nov - £149.28
Contactless: 09 Nov £212.36	16 Nov - £188.79
Total £728.38	£618.45

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: Helen Hambridge, Leon King, 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, , 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: Mary Wong, Rolando Valmonte, James McLaughlin, 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.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Robert Moran, James Breto, Mary Kennedy, Noel Kennedy, John Danquah, Maria Gonnella, Frank Dorrian, Anna Speroni, Irene Rounah Asang, Sean Aherne, Mary Rosina, Ykaalo Michel, Mary Morrissey, Funbi Adekunle, Patrick Toolan, Mossie O'Riordan, Geoffrey Bedingfield, Jeremiah O'Sullivan, Maria Ward, Elisa Vanin...

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)

30th November 2025 † First Sunday of Advent	Sat 6:00pm	Maria Gonnella † Intensions of Seema Kudav
	8:30 am	Frank Dorrian † Anniv Nancy Pender †
	11:00 am	Maria Louise † Augustine Brefo †
1st December, Mon. Advent Feria	9:15 am	Joyce & Trevor Linsley †
2nd December, Tues.	No Mass	
3rd December, Wed. Saint Francis Xavier	9:15 am	Intentions of Elsa Gergos
4th December, Thur. Advent Feria	9:15 am	Merlina Austria Thanksgiving Birthday
5th December, Fri. Advent Feria	9:15 am	Samuel Varela Birthday
6th December, Sat. Advent Feria (Vigil Mass)	6:00 pm	Robert Moran † Anniv
7th December 2025 † Second Sunday of Advent	8:30 am	James Brefo † Anniv
	11:00 am	Maria Louise †

PLEASE NOTE VERY IMPORTANT!

There will be a series of sessions on **Catholic Social Teachings (CST)** during the Season of Advent. We thank **Deacon Eze** for agreeing to guide us through this important and meaningful season. We sincerely encourage many of you to attend these talks. The dates are **2nd, 9th, and 16th December at 07:30pm**. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be provided.

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 £4.10 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 . Thank you so much for your support .