



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

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

(21st December, 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 7:10-14

Psalms 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6.R.cf.7c, 10b


2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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"*

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Joseph and Mary faced a difficult start to their marriage. He naturally suspected her of betrayal, which caused him great sorrow. She, on her part, must have been hurt that he did not trust her. Then came a strenuous journey to Bethlehem and the remarkable events there. It was likely a time of genuine growth in their love for each other. Both had to trust one another. Only as true partners could they nurture and protect their son. All relationships experience tough times, but God can help us turn those challenges into opportunities for deeper understanding and love.

Joseph's obedience was immediate. He took Mary as his wife, embracing social ridicule and accepting a life he did not plan. This required tremendous courage. What costly obedience may God be asking of me? Where am I being called to do God's will despite the potential for misunderstanding or personal cost?

"God is with us." This is the ultimate truth that should help us in all circumstances. How does the reality of **"God is with us"** impact my current situation - my fears, my relationships, my future? Do I live as if God is truly present in the midst of my ordinary and sometimes messy life? *Fr. Francis*

MESSAGE FROM THE CLERGY

On behalf of the clergy and myself, we would like to thank you for all your support, kindness, and generosity shown through your charitable deeds, such as Christmas cards, donations, and gifts. We thank you all for your full participation in our Christmas services and for making it a profoundly spiritual and social experience for the parish.

We know that some of you will be travelling outside the parish this Christmas to celebrate with your loved ones, and so we pray that the Spirit of Christmas will guide and protect you wherever you may be. We also pray that you will return safely to join us again in all the church celebrations.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year ahead.

Remember that you are all in our humble prayers. Thank you.

MESSAGE FROM THE CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS.

Pope Leo XIV has appointed a new Archbishop to replace him, as he has retired. He is Bishop Richard Moth, the Bishop of the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton. His installation as our new **ARCHBISHOP** will occur on Saturday, 14 February 2026. It is, of course, St. Valentine's Day and also the feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, and it coincides with another important event in our parish, the wedding of Deacon Eze and Jackie's son.

Please, I urge you to pray for these people.

SYMPATHY & CONDOLENCES

We regret to inform you of the passing of Elizabeth's mother, Yolanda Villegas, which occurred on Tuesday. Fortunately, she was able to be with her before her departure. Please pray for Yolanda Villegas soul and keep Elizabeth and her family in your thoughts. May Yolanda Villegas rest in the glory of God, Amen.

24th Dec Wednesday

**Vigil Mass at 6 pm,
Carol service at
11:25 pm followed
by Mass at 12 am**

25th Dec Thursday

**Mass at 8:30am &
11:00am**

26th Dec Friday

Mass at 10:00 am

Financial support

Monthly standing order: £996.50 Aug/week

Last offertory collection

Envelopes: 07 Dec £ 312.51	14 Dec £ 193.79
Loose: 07 Dec £ 252.58	14 Dec £ 237.43
Contactless: 07 Dec £ 281.45	14 Dec £ 179.93
Total	£ 846.54 £ 611.15

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: Michal Eisen, Lucy Dick, 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 Healy, Marcos Ochai, James McLaughlin, Mary Wong, Rolando Valmonte, 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: Michael Costin, Gilbert Ero, Reginald Stanley Freeman, Guiseppa Ballo, Joseph Ward, Robert Moran, James Brefo, Mary Kennedy, Noel Kennedy, John Danquah, Maria Gonnella, Frank Dorrian, Anna Speroni, Irene Rounah Asang, Sean Aherne, Mary Rosina, Ykaalo Michel, ...

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)

FILIPINO MASS	Sat 6:00pm	Florencio Fusin Sr † Holy Souls † Ints of Family members of Jackie Tamihey
21st December 2025	8:30 am	
† Fourth Sunday of Advent	11:00 am	Gilbert Ero † Anniv Reginald Stanley Freeman † Anniv
22nd December, Mon. Advent FERIA	9:15 am	Chris & Elizabeth O'Reilly †
23rd December, Tues.	No Mass	
24th December, Wed. The Nativity of the Lord- CHRISTMAS EVE	6:00 pm 12:00 am	Michael Costin † Anniv James & Nancy Curran † For the Parish
25th December, Thur. The Nativity of the Lord- CHRISTMAS DAY	8:30 am 11:00 am	Beryl & Santolo Genovese † Ints of Sandra Dixon
26th December, Fri. Saint Stephen	10:00 am	Laurette Lagin † Nicola Passeri †
27th December, Sat. Saint John (Vigil Mass)	6:00 pm	Martin McCarthy † Bridget James & Michael Keady †
28th December 2025	8:30 am 11:00 am	Ints of Family members of Marie & Jimmy Dorrian Maria Louise †
† THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH		

PLEASE NOTE VERY IMPORTANT!

Our Carol Service was a wonderful success this year!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us and made the celebration so special. Together, we raised £186.45, which, as always, will be shared between the Parish House and our Foodbank.

Your generosity and support mean so much to our community.

Wishing you all a joyful and blessed Christmas!

TO THOSE GOING AWAY FROM THE PARISH TO CELEBRATE THIS HOLY SEASON

We, the clergy, wish all those travelling away from the parish to celebrate this Christmas with their loved ones a very Merry Christmas. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. May the Light of the Infant Christ shine upon you and guide you through-out this joyful season. We also wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR until we meet again in 2026.

PLEASE NOTE! AN INVITATION TO MASS & BENEDICTION

We invite you to join us on New Year's Eve to celebrate the Mass, the last of 2025.

This Mass will commence at 11:00 pm and conclude at 11:45pm, immediately followed by a short Adoration and Benediction. I will use the Blessed Sacrament to bless the congregation precisely at midnight, guiding us into the year 2026. Please come and thank God for 2025 as we bid it farewell, and ask Him to guide us into the unknown. Many thanks! *Fr. Francis*.

Congratulations to our Raffle Draw Winners!

We are delighted to announce the winners of our recent raffle. Please collect your prizes from the Parish Office during office hours. **Top Winners:** 1. £300 – Angela O'Reilly-Ripley; £200 – Luke Campbell; £50 – Malgorzata Gonnella; 4. £50 – Jason Winsor. Winning Ticket Numbers: 05803; 05006; 03193; 04578; 03374; 02040; 00187; 02517; 02434; 01319; 02515; 00610; 01987; 05596; 00196. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our parish!