



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

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

(7th 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 11:1-10

Psalms 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17.R.cf.7

2nd Reading: Rom 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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"*

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES TIMETABLE

Date & Time	Activities
12th Dec Friday 07:30 pm	CAROL CONCERT IN THE CHURCH
14th Dec Sunday after 11:00 am Mass	CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAW
17th Dec Wednesday 07:00 pm	PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION
CHRISTMAS EVE 24th Dec Wednesday	No Morning Mass Vigil mass with children at 06:00 pm Midnight Mass at 12:00 am
CHRISTMAS DAY 25th Dec Thursday	Mass at 08:30am and 11:00 am
BOXING DAY 26th Dec Friday	Mass at 10:00 am

REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPELCHANGE

YOUR WAYS, FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR.

The Pharisees believe that outward appearances and their connection to their ancestors will be enough to secure them a place in heaven. Their idea was that if they were children of Abraham, they would be as holy as he was. But don't assume it automatically follows. It would be a bit like saying, "I met the Pope once," to share in his fame and gain respect or admiration from others. However, who we know or who we are related to does not determine our true character or morality.

John said that Pharisees and Sadducees couldn't rely on the reputations of others. They needed to show God that they genuinely wanted to change their lives for the better. They had to demonstrate, through their good works, that they

truly desired to be part of the Kingdom.

We often miss the importance of Advent. Why? These weeks are filled with parties and busy consumerism as we prepare for Christmas. In today's Gospel, John the Baptist reminds us to prepare a way, and this is the commitment we are called to make: to create space for God in our lives. God is present in many ways, trying to catch our attention amidst our hectic days. The Gospel today invites us to set aside a few minutes—5, 8, 10 minutes—to pause, be still, ask God for what we need, and listen. Today, ask for grace to make space for the Lord in your heart, in your family, in the parish, and in the wider human community.

Again, the image of the winnowing fork is one of ultimate separation and accountability. It reminds us that our choices have consequences. Does the reality of final judgment influence my daily decisions to live a life of faithfulness and integrity? *Fr. Francis*

Events (for more info reach our webpage or email)

9th Dec at 07:30 pm
Second Session
on Catholic Social
Teaching

12 Dec Friday
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: 23 Nov £658.70	30 Nov - £223
Loose: 23 Nov £207.72	30 Nov - £332.55
Contactless: 23 Nov £76.55	30 Nov - £139.44
Total	£942.97 £694.99

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: 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: 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: 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, Mary Morrissey, Funbi Adekunle, ...

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)

7th December 2025 † Second Sunday of Advent	Sat 6:00pm	Robert Moran † Anniv
	8:30 am	Holy Souls †
	11:00 am	James Brefo † Anniv Maria Louise † Marcos Ochai †
8th December, Mon. Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary	9:15 am	Guiseppa Ballo † Anniv
9th December, Tues.	No Mass	
10th December, Wed. Advent Feria	9:15 am	Intentions of the Parish
11th December, Thur. Advent Feria	9:15 am	Holy Souls †
12th December, Fri. Advent Feria	9:15 am	Intentions of our Church Cleaners
13th December, Sat. Advent Feria (Vigil Mass)	6:00 pm	James McLaughlin †
14th December 2025 † Third Sunday of Advent	8:30 am	For the Parish
	11:00 am	Florence Haswell † Pat Naughtan † Ivy Ross †
		Joseph Ward †

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.

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 up keep of the Church and our food bank it would be most welcomed.