

NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Office will close at 1pm in the month of August. Thanks for your cooperation.

Enjoy your holiday: We heartily welcome our school boys and girls as they break up for the summer. You have worked hard during the term so do enjoy a deserving break. Remember that the Church is our second home so don't forget to come to church while you enjoy your holiday. We also wish all our parishioners who will be going on holiday this summer a happy holiday. Do have a refreshing experience and come back to us safe and sound. **During the month of August, all the parish social activities will be off to resume in September. Parish office will close after the 12noon daily Masses.**

The Diocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on the 20th of September. A coach will be leaving from Sacred Heart Eden Grove. If anyone is interested please let the parish office know.

Parish Hall 2 @ 722 Holloway road is available for hiring at £60 an hour between 10am and 10pm. Please contact Ann Waldron and Joseph Baffoe on 07449110910 & 07961128416 respectively.

August Diary

Friday 15th **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation).** Masses at 12noon & 7pm.
Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**
Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**
Every Saturday evening after Mass: **Bingo in the meeting room from 6th September**
Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room from 2nd September**
Every 1st Friday 12 noon: **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room 7.45pm. Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room. from 5th September**

DIARY DATES

20th September:
Diocesan Jubilee Year to Walsingham.
25th October: Parish Auction

100 Club Draw: The next draw is on **Friday 5th September after the First Friday Service.** Subscriptions due in by the weekend of 30th/31st August. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME! Application forms at the back of the church.

Legacy: A gift in your will, left to a registered charity such as the Church, is exempt from inheritance tax and reduces your overall residual tax rate. Legacies may be left either for general purposes or for a specific use. Please remember to include your parish in your will, to continue the good works of our forerunners

Christian Stewardship: 27th July 2025

Envelopes: £147 **Loose:** £327.43. We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish. **Contactless Machine Update:** In the meantime, anyone who wants to make a donation can pay into the parish account with the details provided below.
WRCDT St Gabriels Upper Holloway
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible."

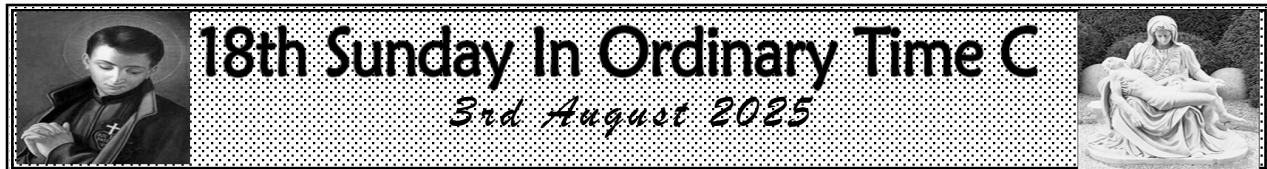
"Everyday is another chance."

We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



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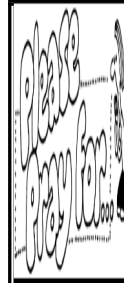
We welcome all to today's mass especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

In today's gospel a man asks Jesus to help make his brother give him his share of the family inheritance. Jesus is not against justice being done between him and his brother. Jesus is rather disappointed that after listening to his preaching, the man's first concern still remained his share of inheritance. He therefore cautions his listeners "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" At first, it may seem that the man was only after justice but Jesus recognises that greed comes in different guises, even in the guise of justice. That's what happens when some respectable people oppose plans to improve conditions for those on benefits. They sound as though they argue for justice and fairness but it could indeed be greed in disguise. That's why Jesus cautions with emphasis "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed" Greed can be upfront or subtle, conscious or unconscious. What we are of far greater importance than what we have. When one is so consumed with the things that one could have, so much so that one no longer hears the urgent call of God, then one has indeed got one's priorities all mixed up. That is the lesson from the rich fool in today's Gospel. There is a belief, that once we have material and financial security, all our problems will be solved. Yet, we see this approach contradicted every single day. Today's readings ask us to consider another approach altogether. Jesus is not saying that you must give up all these things and lead a life of bleak misery for his sake. On the contrary, against the greed that obsesses many people he offers a much more secure way to happiness - sharing. For the rich fool, it was all about himself and the enjoyment that awaits him following his rich harvest. It is worth observing that no other people are mentioned in the story. The world and all its goods were there purely and simply for him to take hold of and keep for himself. But that very night he got a fatal lesson on the vanity of material security. Jesus teaches that we do not need the security of an inheritance or winning the lottery. Our security comes from being part of a loving and caring community, taking care of each member's needs. The old divisions that brought so much distress must fall away. Real security is not in the future. Genuine security is in the here and now, in having the sense of our common humanity.

Mass Times & Intentions 3rd – 9th August 2025

Sat 2nd Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Kevin Herron, Irene Ginty, Michael Shannon, Betty Healy, Annie Swift (RIP), Nora, Jim & Kevin Hunt, Bridgie & Paddy Ginty, Bernie Meeney (ANN)
Sun 3rd 9:00am: Joseph Kakra Blay (RIP), Kitty Waldron (ANN), Essien-Oku family, Chiara Tekle (birthday) (INT)
11:30am: Senan Walshe, Jane Amooty (posthumous birthday), Johnny Henson (RIP), J.J McGrath, Sean Connheny, John D'Arcy (ANN)
6:30pm: Priests and Parishioners
Mon 4th St John Vianney 12 noon: Tom O'Leary (RIP), Tom & Kitty Waldron, Martin & Sarah McAndrew (ANN), Shanta Govindsamy, Geraldine Reidy (INT)
Tue 5th The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major 12 noon: Kitty Waldron (ANN)
Wed 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord 12 noon: Kitty Waldron (ANN), Peter Albans (INT)
Thurs 7th St Sixtus & Companions 12 noon: Kitty Waldron (ANN)
Fri 8th St Dominic 12 noon: Kitty Waldron (ANN)
Sat 9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross 12 noon: Priests and Parishioners



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikukwa, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Eddy Renwick, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Prince Henshaw, John Alan, Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis, Padra Williams, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura O'Leary, Artoro Davila, Margaret Nelson, Mary Brady, Teresa McDonagh, Dee-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega, Gomes family, Private Intentions, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr Augustine Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp, Jerrico Luna CSSp

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Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, before Masses **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary:** Sun. 10.30am

Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays 12noon **Prayer/Faith Group:** Sat. 10am

Mission Statement: To animate a loving multicultural Christian community

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY’S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer; my help; O Lord, do not delay.

OPENING PRAYER

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

FIRST READING (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23)

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL (Psalm 90 (89))

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

You turn man back to dust, and say, ‘Return, O children of Adam.’ To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away like a dream, like grass which is fresh in the morning. In the morning it sprouts and is fresh; by evening it withers and fades.

Then teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Turn back, O LORD! How long? Show pity to your servants.

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us;

give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands. **R**

SECOND READING (Colossians 3:1-5.9-11)

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. everything.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 12:13-21)

At that time: Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of one’s possessions.’ And he told them a parable, saying, ‘The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, “What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?” And he said, “I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” But God said to him, “Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So is the one who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich towards God.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us and eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (For Online Mass)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minster	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Ann Waldron	Olga M	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Mark Renner	June G & Joyce McD	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle	Joseph Ogbonna

THE GLORIA	THE NICENE CREED
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You, We bless You, We adore you, We glorify You, We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, the almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.	I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (<i>all bow</i>) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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☐ Minors **MUST not** go to the toilets, rooms, or outside the church during services unaccompanied.

☐ There **MUST be** at least 2 adults present at any ministry to minors e.g. Children’s Liturgy & Catechism

☐ Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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