

NEWS AND VIEWS

Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, Friday August 15th: This is a holyday of obligation (to be observed reverently as we do for Sundays). There will be Masses at 12noon and 7pm.

First Communion/RCIA: Registration is now open for children who will be making their First Holy Communion next year. They need to be 7 years old by the 31st of August. Adults who are yet to be baptised or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should also register for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Please register at the Parish Office. **All St. Gabriel's children at St. Joseph's school should register here in our parish. Registration will soon close as classes will start in September.**

Parish Office: 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
December: Parish Community Carol Concert

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"We all have ability. The difference is how we use it."

"Be at ease with yourself."



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19th Sunday In Ordinary Time C
10th August 2025

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

Today's Gospel reminds us further that we should be ready; we must not be like that rich fool who, in spite of all his efforts to build up his financial and material security, was far from being ready. The majority of us secure our life and future just in the same way; that is why pension schemes are very popular. Elsewhere in the Gospel where Jesus talks about the final judgment, he makes very plain that his friends are those who have gone out of such selfish securities to share themselves and what they have with the neediest of the needy – the hungry, the thirsty, the sick, those in prison. It is those that consistently make this their first priority in life that are ready because they are no strangers to Jesus who revealed that “as often as you do such to the least of my brothers, you do it to me”. The second lesson today is that while we are familiar with the two groups that will emerge on the judgment day as described by Jesus (the sheep on the right and the goats on the left, the faithful and the unfaithful), in today's Gospel, Jesus also hints on a possible third group. Talking about reward and punishment, he declares that while the slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what the Master wanted will receive ‘a severe beating’, the one who did not know but did what deserved a beating will receive ‘a light beating’. Surely, it is not the blessed in heaven that will receive ‘light beating’ neither will it be the accursed in hell for they receive severe beating. Such passages lead to the conclusion that beside heaven and hell, there is an intermediate state of remedial punishment. Catholic teaching calls it purgatory, a state of temporary, remedial punishment for believers who die in venial sin. They cannot be admitted to heaven directly because they have guilt and yet they cannot be consigned to everlasting punishment in hell because their sin is not mortal. The doctrine of purgatory satisfies God's mercy as well as God's justice. It is good news to those who struggle but never quite seems to make it to the Christian ideals we all aim at. It is a great source of hope for us to know that even if we die in this imperfect, struggling state we may receive "a light beating" but by and by we will still be admitted to the eternal happiness of heaven.

Mass Times & Intentions **10th – 16th August 2025**

Sat 9th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Muriel Roberts (RIP), Paula Zanre (INT)

Sun 10th 9:00am: Kitty Waldron (ANN) Pamele, Philip Etim-Bassey, Mfon Etim, Toju Ogbe, Paula Zanre, Amy & Laurence, Essien-Oku family (INT)
11:30am: Young People of Our Parish, Private Intentions (INT)

6:30pm: Crona O'Donnell & family (INT)

Mon 11th St Clare 12 noon: Mary Browne (RIP), Harold Chinegwundoh (ANN)

12th St Jane Frances de Chantal 12 noon: John Kennard (Birthday) (INT)

Wed 13th St Pontian 12 noon: Philip Etim-Bassey, Mfon Etim, Toju Ogbe, Paula Zanre, Jasmine, Morrison (INT)

Thurs 14th St Maximilian Mary Kolbe 12 noon: Colin Restall (posthumous birthday) (RIP)

Fri 15th The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Masses at 12 noon & 7:00pm

Sat 16th 12 noon: Gabriel Essien-Oku, Fr Emmanuel Offiong (INT)

Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikwuika, 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

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING (Wisdom 18:6-9)

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32)

R. Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;
for praise is fitting from the upright.
Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen as his heritage. **R**

Yes, the LORD’S eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD. **R**

SECOND READING (Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19)

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were

born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city. By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, ‘Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.’ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 12:32-48)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with money bags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ‘Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’ Peter said, ‘Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?’ And the Lord said, ‘Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. But if that servant says to himself, “My master is delayed in coming”, and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. And that servant who knew his master’s will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minster	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Jeanette Fayers	June G	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Paula Zanre	Innocent Teme	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	John Obligar	Mary A & Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Maureen Tayler	Michelle	

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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☐ 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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