

# NEWS AND VIEWS

## Know Your Faith

Join us via Zoom for profound spiritual reflections on our faith throughout the four Sundays of Advent. We are excited to present four dynamic speakers, each delving into unique and thought-provoking topics. This is not just a time for listening; it's also an opportunity for you to engage and ask questions about the issues that matter most to you. We are honoured to welcome Bishop Nicholas Hudson, one of the esteemed Area Bishops of the Westminster Archdiocese, as our special guest speaker this Sunday, 1st December. Don't miss this chance to deepen your faith and connect with others in our community. Everyone is warmly invited to participate—time: 7:30 pm - 9 pm. To join in, scan the QR Code. See there.



## Parish & Community Christmas Carol

**Concert.** This will take place on the 13th of Dec., participants should make themselves known. Raffle tickets will go on sale from this weekend.

**Christmas Decoration Helpers** are needed on the 9th/10TH December from 10am. please contact the Parish Office.

**1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: December** 1st, 8th, 15th.

**Confirmation Classes 6.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Dates for subsequent Confirmations Classes are the following Wednesdays **Dec.** 11th, **January** 15th, 29th, **February** 12th, 26th, **March** 12th, 26th, **Easter break.** April 23rd, **May** 7th, 21st, **June** 4th, 18th, **July** 2nd, **Saturday 5th (Rehearsal for the ceremony).** Bishop Hudson will celebrate the **Confirmation Mass on 6th July at 11.30am Mass**

**RCIA** 2025 is for adults who want to be fully received into the Catholic Church. We hold weekly faith sharing forum open to all on Saturday mornings at 10am. It is an opportunity for existing Catholics to share and grow in faith while RCIA candidates are supported in their journey. documentation.

**Death of Mary O'Connell** It is with great sadness that we inform the parish of Fr Andrew O'Connell's mum. She died peacefully on the 10th November aged 92. Her body will be brought to the chapel of St Anne's Home (77 Manor Road London N16 5BL) on Wednesday 4th Dec at 4.30pm. The requiem Mass will be in the chapel on Thursday 5th Dec at 10.30am followed by a service at Islington crematorium at 1.15pm. Please keep Fr Andrew and his brothers in our prayers.

**Fr Remy** will be returning to his home country at the end of December. We have all shared in the life and ministry of Fr Remy in the past year. We shall have a farewell socials for him on Sunday the 15th of December after the 11.30am Mass, this will be a joint annual Mass of thanksgiving for volunteers as well. Feel free to thank Fr Remy and reach out to him. May God continue to guide him in this mission.

**Parish Pilgrimage 2025: FATIMA** 27th—31st October 2025. **£960** per person, shared room. Enrolment is ongoing. Details of the itinerary has been pasted in the porch notice board.

**Food Donations:** Thank you to those who always respond. We are still taking in food items for our friends at the door, such as biscuits, soups, fizzy drinks, tea & coffee, sardines, pot noodles and any food on the go. We appreciate this donations. Thank you and God bless.

**100 Club December draw** will take place after the First Friday Service on 6th December. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by this weekend. At The Latest. New members welcome! Application forms at the back of the church.

**Help @Home:** This is a gentle reminder that we still have some funds to assist our parishioners in need. Kindly, speak to the parish priest or the parish administrator.

**Christian Stewardship:** 24th November 2024

**Envelopes:** £186.00 **Loose:** £350.50 **Contactless:** £0.00 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish. Parish account details below:

WRCDT St Gabriels Upper Holloway Sort Code: 40-05-20 Acct No: 01097024

## December Diary

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**  
 Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**  
 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**

## Important Diary Dates

- **Dec. 13th @ 6.30pm** -Parish Carol Concert
- **Dec. 15th @ 11.30am** – Volunteers annual Mass/ Fr Remy's Sendforth Mass
- **Dec. 17th @ 7pm**—Penitential service

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+ 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C  
1st December 2024



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

The word of God which will accompany us for the coming Sundays tell us that Jesus has not come just once, he keeps coming. He comes and is present at all cheerful or sad events of our life; he comes and is present in all that happens in the world and in the Church; especially in those who spread new ideas, utter words of love, peace and reconciliation, in those who strive to build a new world. The readings throughout Advent invite us to be vigilant, to keep our eyes wide open in order to discover and prepare the ways that Jesus has chosen to come and free us from the evil with which we seek happiness, but which, instead, provokes a lot of sorrow. This Advent the Lord God invites us to be ready because He is sending for us the Saviour from the family of David. He will establish peace and justice in the world. The gospel prepares our hearts to wait with trust for the fulfilment of the new world. He demands a radical change in our hearts. Despite difficulties in our world we are required to be vigilant for the coming of the Son of God who comes to bring peace and joy. The last part of the gospel invites us to stay awake and pray. Some people might take this warning lightly, which puts them off from the many commitments of the daily life of reconstructing a better world to live in. Let our activities bring us closer to God and the people God has made us to stay with. By telling us to stay awake Jesus is inviting us to keep our eyes well open so that we may immediately see the needs and hear the requests for help from our brothers and sisters. However, we are not able to listen to the cries of our brothers and sisters if we do not pray ourselves. Prayers keep us vigilant and makes us able to see the suffering in the world which needs help. Lord, your word puts me in a mood of expectation and alertness for your coming. Your coming as a baby at Bethlehem means a lot because our world is surrounded with evil which needs your power to overcome it. May I recognise you in all the moments of my life, to change the things which are obstacles for your coming in my life.

## Mass Times & Intentions

1st – 7th December 2024

**Sat 30th 6:30pm:** John Prendergast, Celia Mullee (RIP), Joe McLaughlin (ANN)

**Sun 1st 9:00am:** Michael Hogan (RIP), Maria Monteiro, Hanora Lavelli (1st), Philip Thompson (ANN), Rita Avanzi & family, Piroli family, Joshua Aikins (Birthday) (INT)

**11:30am:** Celia Mullee, Anna Berzina (RIP), Akberet & Bilen (birthday) (INT)

**6:30pm:** Essien-Oku family, Tunu & Philip, Amy & Laurence, Manny Ekong family (INT)

**Mon 2nd:** Joan Fitzgerald (INT)

**Tue 3rd St Francis Xavier 12 noon:** Catherine Goba (RIP), Patricia Etim-Bassey (ANN)

**Wed 4th 12 noon:** Maureen Gleason, Jack MacDonald (RIP), Patricia Etim-Bassey (4th) (ANN)

**Thurs 5th 12 noon:** Ahano Aroko-Ekhaton, Diane Senior (INT)

**Fri 6th: St Nicholas 12 noon:** First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction

**Sat 7th St Ambrose 12 noon:** Margaret Mary Glynn (RIP), Frank Wharton (ANN)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikwuaka, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, 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, Emo Essang, 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, Maureen Esspay, John Alan, Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis, Innocent Teme, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Susie Burrows, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura Eivers, Artoro Davila

## Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £17,900 + VAT – bal. £9,900. **Trinity Fund £8,000 granted**
2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by **National Lottery Fund**
3. New Security Gate around Parish Carpark/ Exit on Holloway Road (Harling Security Solutions) £25,522 + VAT

Donations towards the projects would be highly appreciated. Donations so far received **£40,201.83** Thanks.  
**WRCDT St Gabriels Parish, Upper Holloway Sort Code– 40-05-20 ACCT: 91099450 (Church Development Fund Acct)**

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

**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enechizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp

**Parish Office Team:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald, Jerrico Luna CSSp

**Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri. -(9am – 3pm). Tue, Thur. - (9am-1pm)

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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

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



## Food For Thought

"There is no traffic jam on the extra mile."

"Everyone needs help sometimes."

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

# TODAY'S READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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 Jeremiah 33:14-16

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: The Lord is our righteousness.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24)

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

O Lord, make me know your ways.  
Teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

Good and upright is the Lord;  
Therefore he shows the way to sinners.  
He guides the humble in the right judgement;  
To the humble he teaches his way. **R.**

All the Lord's paths are mercy and faithfulness  
for those who keep his covenant and commands.  
The Lord's secret is for those who fear him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

## SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians

May the Lord may you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you. so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Show us, O Lord, your mercy**  
**and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and its waves; people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	June G	Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald
Sun. 9.00am	Maureen Tayler	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	June G & Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	Michelle C	Joseph Ogbonna

## The Spiritual Communion Prayer (For Online Mass) ONLY

**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.**

### THE GLORIA

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.

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of Saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. 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 and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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