

NEWS AND VIEWS

Rehearsal Dates for Children's/Mothering Sunday Mass:
Saturday 8th, 15th and 29th March @ 10am.
Sunday 23rd March after 11.30am Mass

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection: Friday 14th March is the Lent Family Fast Day - see the posters at the back of the church. You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or by collecting an envelope on your way out of church today and returning it next weekend. Many thanks for your support.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2025

This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. Your contributions will help fund vital projects across our Diocese, including Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education Initiatives. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, extends his heartfelt thanks to all who give what they can to this meaningful cause. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Confirmation Classes 6.30pm: Sessions are as follows on Wednesdays, **March 12th, 26th, April 23rd, May 7th, 21st, June 4th, 18th, July 2nd, Sat. 5th (Rehearsals).** Bishop Hudson will celebrate the **Confirmation Mass on 6th July at 11.30am Mass**

First Holy Communion Lesson Dates in Mar. 9th, 16th, Sat. 22nd @ 10am **Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sun.** 30th **(Children's Mass/Mothering Sunday) April 27th.** All meetings are in the Meeting Room.

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.

R.I.P Lina Piroli - Funeral Mass is taking place on **Thursday 20th March at 1:15pm at St Peter Italian Church**, 136 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5EN. The family have kindly offered free transportation from St Gabriels Church and return for those who would like to attend. If you would like to book seat(s), please contact **Patricia** at the Church office by Wednesday 12th March. The link below is a justgiving funding in honour of Lina Piroli to raise funds for the charities list. Please no flowers.
https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/linapirolineesolari?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=socpledgemobile&utm_content=linapirolineesolari&utm_campaign=post-pledge-mobile&utm_term=7bNxm9pV6

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 forebears

Christian Stewardship: 2nd March 2025

Envelopes: £181 **Loose:** £425.43 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. **Parish account** details below: **WRCDT St Gabriels Upper Holloway**
Sort Code: 40-05-20 **Account No:** 01097024

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent at 11.30am before noon mass and 6.30pm before 7pm mass.



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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

As with each First Sunday of Lent the Gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness; as we begin the journey of Lent, during which we will consider our lives as members of the Church, we look to the example of Jesus when it comes to dealing with temptation. Choosing to follow God's path is the first characteristic of the Christian: this is underlined in the two other readings, which outline the two "creeds" or statements of belief one of Israel and one of the Christian. Both of them emphasise "believing in the heart and confessing with the lips": both creeds underline the Salvation that God has achieved for Israel it was freedom from Egypt, for the Christian freedom from death in Jesus.

Mass Times & Intentions 9th – 15th March 2025
Sat 8th 6:30pm: Muriel & George Roberts, Laurence Whitehead (RIP), Sharon Gaudio (14th) (ANN)
Sun 9th 9:00am: Fr Kevin McDevitt, Kevin Clancy, Willie Ferry, Neil Boyle (RIP), Ann McCarthy, George Rego (INT)
11:30am May Kelly, Patrick Kelly, Rose Kearney, Maureen Miller (RIP), Brendan Nelson (3rd), Sharon Gaudio (14th), Sr. Estella Flynn (2nd), Kathleen Moore (42nd) (ANN)
6:30pm: Ann McCarthy, Margaret Togher (INT)
Mon 10th 12 noon: Louise McGowan, Michael Nolan, Sean O'Mara (RIP), Fr. Gerrard & family, Sr. Patricia (Birthday) (INT)
Tue 11th 12 noon: Willie Powell (RIP),
Wed 12th 12 noon: Augusto Mota (RIP), Pat & Patrick Reaney, Una Rainsford (ANN), Kathleen Nyland (Speedy recovery) (INT)
Thurs 13th 12 noon: Patricia Etim-Bassey (Posthumous birthday), Jimmy Sheehan (RIP)
Fri 14th 11:30am: Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
6:30pm: Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat 15th 12 noon: John Foley, Mary Duffy (RIP), Kitty Carol (19th) (ANN)

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 Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, aureen 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, Innocent Teme, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura O'Leary, Artoro Davila, Margaret Nelson, Mary Brady, Anne-Marie Lydon, Teresa McDonagh, Dee-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Patricia & Christopher Howe, Mary Mullee, Ann McCarthy

Parish Projects
 1. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by National Lottery Fund
 2. 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 Enehizena CSSp, Fr Augustine Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba 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 ...

MARCH DIARY											DIARY DATES
Weekend 15th/16th: CAFOD Family Fast Day collection											March 30th: Children's Mass /Mothering Sunday celebration @ 11.30am
Monday 17th Feast of St. Patrick: Masses at 12 noon & 7pm.											
Sunday 23rd First Scrutiny of RCIA candidates at the 11.30am mass											
Sunday 30th Children's Mass/Mothering Sunday / Second Scrutiny of RCIA candidates at the 11.30am mass											
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 .											

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WILDERNESS TEMPTED DEVIL FORTY STONE BREAD ALONE GLORY WORSHIP PARAPET ANGELS EXHAUSTED

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

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Nothing can dim the lights which shine from within."

"If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you."

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory. I will grant him length of days

Opening Prayer

Grant almighty God, through the yearly observance of Holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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 Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people: "The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. And you shall make response before the LORD your God, "A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and so-journed there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me." And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.'

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 79)

R. Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.
S.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!'

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach your tent. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.

Since he clings to me in love, I will free him, protect him, for he knows my name. When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him, and give him glory. **R.**

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

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Gospel Luke 4:1-13

At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone." And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, 'To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' And Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve." And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." And Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test." And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time. **R.**

Prayer over the gifts

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Prayer after communion

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for

Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. 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

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am
Sun. 6.30pm

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Paula Zanre
Tracey Mullett
Maureen Tayler

Eucharist Minister

Debra
Olga Monpeke
Mary A & Roxanne C
Michelle C

Stewards

Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Joseph Ogbonna

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 NICENE CREED

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, (*all bon*) 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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