

NEWS AND VIEWS

Fatima Pilgrimage 27th-31st October: We have one space left for the pilgrimage and it will go on a first come first serve. Please speak to the parish office.

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.**

The Diocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on the 20th of September. Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham 20th September. Meeting time: 7:30 am Return time: Approx. 8:00 pm
Cost: £37 per adult / £30 Children under 12. (includes coach and Pilgrims' Levy Fee). Payment can be done in cash in the parish office or via bank transfer . Ref: Name—Pilgrimage. Proof of payment MUST be sent via email to Holloway@rcdow.org.uk or to What's App 07484354098. Bank account details
Acc name: WRCDT Holloway, Sort Code: 40-05-20
Acc Number: 71308319
Payment MUST be received by Friday 29th August.
Thanks you

August 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 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**

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DAUGHTER



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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20th Sunday In Ordinary Time C

17th 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

What is the 'fire' that Jesus has come to bring? What 'baptism' is he to receive? After the flood God made the rainbow appear in the sky and swore that He would never again send flood waters to ravage the earth (Gen 9: 11). The Jews then began to think that God would destroy iniquity no longer with water but with fire (2 Pet 3:12). Even John the Baptist was convinced that God would be intervening with fire and he announced the coming of the Messiah with these words: 'He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire...the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out' (Mt 3: 11-12). What kind of fire is he talking about? My brothers and sisters! This was what John the Baptist might have thought, but not what Jesus thought, for certain! Anyway, if Jesus had come to bring the fire of condemnation for sinners, then I cannot see how his message could be called the 'message of salvation,' 'Gospel,' 'Good News'. Let us then try to understand. In East Africa towards the end of the dry season, during the months of January and February, we have the great bush fires: big fires that burn the lower vegetation of large areas of the Savannah. The fires are normally started purposely in order to clear away weeds, stubble, thorny shrubs and all the undergrowth. The fire seems to destroy everything, sparing only the tallest and strongest trees. But when the rain comes, then the whole area fills up with life again: green leaves, wild fruits, tender grass, so cherished by the wild animals. Since the world seemed full of injustice, violence, tyranny, people living at the time of Jesus thought that it was necessary to have one such purifying 'fire' to clear the world of all evil. People expected a kind of 'flood fire' to clear away the old world and to prepare the birth of a new one. Some prophets had even announced the coming of the day of 'fire', not a fire that wipes out the sinners, but one that destroys evil. Let us leave the punishing fire to other people. The fire announced by the prophets and brought by Jesus only purifies and saves: it is the fire of his word, it is his message of salvation, it is his Spirit, the Spirit that on the day of Pentecost came on the disciples in the form of flame (Acts 2:3-11) and began to propagate into the whole world like a bush fire. Will this irresistible fire be able to penetrate the human heart and purify it of all traces of sin, and to renew it so that it can love and perform deeds of love? It is difficult to think otherwise. The second image, the 'baptism,' is linked with the previous one. Jesus says that to light this fire he must first be baptised. To baptise means to immerse, and here Jesus is certainly thinking of constraint: he knows that to begin the new world he must first give his life.

Mass Times & Intentions 17th – 23rd August 2025
Sat 16th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Patricia Corbett (ANN)
Sun 17th 9:00am: Davnet Barker (RIP), Deceased members of the Connell family (ANN), Essien-Oku family (INT)
11:30am: Spiritan Communities (Archway & Tollington Park)
6:30pm: Parish Office and Admin Team
Mon 18th 12 noon: Kathleen Lynchehan, Davnet Barker (RIP)
Tue 19th 12 noon: Lawrence Etim-Bassey family (INT)
Wed 20th St Bernard 12 noon: Lina Piroli, Davnet Barker (RIP), Manny Ekong (birthday) (INT)
Thurs 21st St Pius X 12 noon: Volunteers of the parish
Fri 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12 noon: Young People of the Parish
Sat 23rd St Rose of Lima 12 noon: People of the Parish



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 Ikuku, 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

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 38:4-6,8-10)

In those days: The officials said to the king, ‘Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.’ King Zedekiah said, ‘Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.’ So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king’s son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud. Ebed-melech went from the king’s house and said to the king, ‘My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.’ Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, ‘Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 40(39))

R. LORD, *make haste to help me!*

I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me.
He heard my cry.
R.

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock,

made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the LORD. **R.**

Wretched and poor though I am,
the Lord is mindful of me.
You are my rescuer, my help;
O my God, do not delay. **R.**

SECOND READING (Hebrews 12:1-4)

Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 12:49-53)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, ‘I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may not merit to receive your very self. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, con-

formed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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	Joanna Hemingway	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	Mary A & Joyce McD	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Bridget O’Dea	Roxanne	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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☐ 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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