

NEWS AND VIEWS

First Friday Healing Mass, Holy Hour & Benediction: Friday 5th at 12noon.

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 Pick up and drop off from Sacred Heart Parish, Eden Grove.

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.

Parish Social Forum Resumes Fully: It will be back in the Meeting Room on Tuesday 2nd Sept. after the 12 noon Mass and Saturday 6th Sept. after the 6.30pm Mass. The PARISH centre will resume giving out meals as usual from Monday 1st September, all volunteers should please take note.

Parish Quiz: resumes on Friday 5th September at 7.45pm. Invite your friends and family to join in.

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.

Youth Mass at St Mellitus on 7th September @3pm: There will be games, food and presentations on the trip to Rome. Please encourage more young people to join in.

Spiritans Youth Concert: This will take place on the 25th October and doors will open at 9am. It will be refreshing to worship God through praise and worship. Kindly scan the QR code on the poster in the porch for your free tickets.

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 forbearers

Christian Stewardship: 24th August 2025

Envelopes: £175 Loose: £350.09. 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.

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September 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

DIARY DATES

20th September: Diocesan Jubilee Year to Walsingham.  
25th October: Parish Auction  
December: Parish Community Carol Concert

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PARABLE  
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RELATIONS  
POOR



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The comeback is always stronger than the set back."

"Don't waste your beautiful mind on ugly thoughts."

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



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22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time C

31st 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

The Kingdom of God which the Gospel promotes is often pictured as a banquet for everyone and an occasion of sharing and joyfulness in contrast to the sinister atmosphere at the dinner to which Jesus was invited in today's Gospel where the people watched him closely to 'catch him out'. Jesus shared two parables; in response to the way the guests pick the places of honour and on who is deserving of invitation. As Jesus spoke, perhaps some of the guests begin to feel uncomfortable. Perhaps some are dissatisfied because others had a higher place than they. But where was Jesus sitting? Do you think he cared very much? If you were there, would you have cared? Do you feel your worth as a person depends on how you are treated on such occasions? The point Jesus makes is that in the Kingdom of God such things have absolutely no importance. The only status that counts is one's relationship with God and with other people, irrespective of their classification by race, religion, profession or class. Those who find their security in their bonds of love with other people know that no status is lost by having to sit near the kitchen. In fact, it rather gives them an opportunity to talk to the cook and the staff who are often forgotten. In the second parable, Jesus advocates that we invite those people in particular who are unable to give us something in return; who will be able to do absolutely nothing to further our aspirations. Life can be seen as a ladder or a circle. Many of us live on a ladder, desperately trying to climb to the top. In so doing we often find ourselves climbing on the backs of others and even kicking them to the bottom so that we can reach the top. We are by and large a ladder society. To be in the first place is the norm today. The Gospel is proposing that we rather try to work towards creating a circle society where there is no top or bottom. All are equal. All are facing each other. All are in a better position to know and respect each other for how can you respect the person you are climbing over to get to the top of the ladder? In a circle society, all are in a better position to share what they have with those who have less. And, as the story goes, provide each person with a chopstick too long to be used by oneself but just the right length to offer food to the person opposite and you have the Kingdom in the making.

Mass Times & Intentions 31st August – 6th September 2025

Sat 30th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Edemanwan, Amy, Lawrence (INT)  
Sun 31st 9:00am: Bobby, Gary & Debby Cooney, Essien-Oku family's private intentions (INT)  
11:30am: Seán Flynn, Kathleen Reilly (RIP), Heather Allen, Babs Kavanagh (ANN), Christy & Maria Christopher (Wedding Anniversary), Bernie Carr (INT)  
6:30pm: Mary Shaughnessy (RIP), Bernie Carr (INT)  
Mon 1st 12 noon: Paddy Reaney (posthumous birthday), Bert Reaney (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Mary Reaney (ANN), Maureen Tayler (INT)  
Tue 2nd 12 noon: Jerry Keane, Ann Fitzgerald (posthumous birthday), Berty Costello (RIP), Maureen Currie, Bingo Club members (INT)  
Wed 3rd St Gregory the Great 12 noon: Priests and People of the Parish  
Thurs 4th St Cuthbert 12 noon: Muriel Roberts (RIP), Andie Ekeng, Charis Etim-Bassey (INT)  
Fri 5th 12 noon: First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction  
Sat 6th 12 noon: Tommy McGowan, Tony Doyle, Delia McGrath, Michael Sullivan (RIP), John Fahey, Mary & Tom Doyle, Annie McDonagh (9th) (ANN)



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 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

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

## OPENING PRAYER

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 Sirach 3:17-18, 20.28-29

My son, perform your tasks in meekness; then you will be loved by those whom God accepts. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself; so you will find favour in the sight of the Lord. For great is the might of the Lord; he is glorified by the humble. The affliction of the proud has no healing, for a plant of wickedness has taken root in him. The mind of the intelligent man will ponder a parable, and an attentive ear is the wise man’s desire.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 67:4-7.10-11)

**R. In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.**

The upright shall rejoice at the presence of God; they shall exult with glad rejoicing.  
O sing to God; make music to his name.  
The LORD is his name.

Father of orphans, defender of widows:  
such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the desolate a home to dwell in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into prosperity.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain;  
when your heritage languished, you restored it.  
It was there that your flock began to dwell.  
In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor.

## SECOND READING (Hebrews 12:18-19.22-24)

Brothers and Sisters: You have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. But you have come to Mount Sion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,**  
**and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.**

## Alleluia! GOSPEL (Luke 14:1.7-14)

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honour, saying to them, ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honour, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, “Give your place to this person”, and then you, with shame, will take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher.” Then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.’ He said also to the man who had invited him, ‘When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends, or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.’

<b>PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS</b>  May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>  <b>COMMUNION ANTIPHON</b>  How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.  <b>PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION</b>  Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbourhood. Through Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b>	<b>SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER</b> <b>(For Online Mass)</b>  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.
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<b>Mass</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Eucharist Minster</b>	<b>Stewards</b>
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Ann Waldron	Olga M	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June G & Joyce McD	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle C	Joseph Ogbonna

<b>THE GLORIA</b>  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.	<b>THE NICENE CREED</b>  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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