

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Car Park Management:** The new system as provided by the company is already working, but it will go live from the 1st of February for our parishioners. For those parishioners who park in the car park outside the Mass times. Please kindly go into the parish office to validate your cars each time you park briefly. For any further clarifications, please speak with the parish priest or the office.

**Confirmation Classes 6.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Confirmations Classes are as follows on Wednesdays, **Jan.** 29th, **Feb.** 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**

**First Holy Communion Lesson Dates** in **Jan.** 26th, **Feb.** 9th, 16th, **Mar.** 9th, **Sat.** 22nd @ 10am **Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sun.** 23rd, 30th, **April** 27th. All meetings are in the Meeting Room. **Attendance and punctuality is being emphasized.**

**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.

**Christian Stewardship:** 12th January 2025  
**Envelopes:** £194 **Loose:** £411.62 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

**Contactless Machine Update:** We are still awaiting our new contactless machines, 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

## JANUARY 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 .

**DIARY DATES**  
February 27th—**Feast of St Gabriel's Mass @ 6pm**

March 16th:  
**Children's Mass @ 11.30am**

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**WEDDING CANA MOTHER**  
**WINE SIX STONE**  
**JARS THIRTY GALLONS**  
**BEST STEWARD BRIDEGROOM**



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**"Tomorrow you will be unstoppable."**

**"Believe in yourself and you will be unstoppable."**



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



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## 2nd Sunday in Ord. time / Year C

19th January 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

We have seen God reveal himself through Jesus in several ways. Born as a refugee and homeless, God is revealing himself in his solidarity with the poor of the world. With epiphany, God is revealing himself to the foreigners, strangers, believers in other religions and no religion. God also reveals himself when Jesus is baptised in the river Jordan and is filled with the Spirit of God. Today, God reveals himself when Jesus performs his first 'sign' of God acting among his people. This revelation shows God not only identifying actively with but facilitating the social life of His people. One clear message of today's readings is that our Christian religion is a religion of joy. So many Christians have such a gloomy outlook on life and an even more gloomy attitude towards their religion. When you go into an average church on a Sunday morning, do you get the impression that this is really a happy bunch of people who have come to celebrate? The theme of today's Gospel is that Jesus is the source of life. In John 10 he says: "I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness." To be a Christian is to experience a real sense of liberation – to experience a new life, a new sense of happiness, a new peace, a new relationship with people. Through the intervention of Jesus, the water in the jars is transformed into wine and a first-class wine at that. This new wine represents the Christian Testament, the new life, the new Way of Jesus. It takes the place of the ritual water of the old Covenant. In other words, the new vision of life that Jesus brings can only be understood by leaving behind traditional ways of thinking and doing. This wedding today reminds us of the meal we celebrate every Sunday, the Eucharist, when we gather to eat and drink around the table of the Lord. There is something sadly missing therefore if we find it a boring experience. Finally, it was through Mary's sensitive awareness that Jesus came to know about the bridegroom's predicament. Here, she is not only the mother of Jesus; she also represents the Church (the Christian community) through which Jesus comes to us.

### Mass Times & Intentions 19th – 25th January 2025

**Sat 18th 6:30pm:** Thelma Monisse (RIP)

**Sun 19th 9:00am:** Ella Humphreys, Margaret Nelson, Mary Mullee, Tiffany Essien-Oku, Mary Brady (INT)

**11:30am:** Terri Benn, Martin Flanagan, Trevor Gilroy, Geraldine Harris (née Cummins) (RIP), Ella Humphreys (birthday), Margaret Nelson, Joyce McDaid, KC Maduako & family, Miriam Madaki (INT)

**6:30pm:** Ella Humphreys (INT)

**Mon 20th 12 noon:** Fr John Slinger (Month's Mind), Anastasia Olowu (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Kathleen Cawley (4th) (ANN), Ella Humphreys (birthday)(INT)

**Tue 21st St Agnes 12 noon:** Richard Tayler (ANN), Maureen Tayler (INT)

**Wed 22nd 12 noon:** Jerrico Luna (INT)

**Thurs 23rd 12 noon:** Tiffany Essien-Oku (birthday), Declan Etukudoh (birthday) (INT)

**Fri 24th St Francis de Sales 12 noon:** Hon. Justice FGC Uyanna (ANN)

**Sat 25th The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle 12 noon:** People of the Parish



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 Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikwuka, 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, Margaret Nelson, Mary Brady, Anne-Marie Lydon

### 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 Enechizena CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp

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

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, who governs all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace in our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

For Sion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

## Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95)

### R. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the LORD;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.  
O sing to the LORD; bless his name.

Proclaim his salvation day by day.  
Tell among the nations his glory,  
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;  
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.  
O tremble before him, all the earth.  
Say to the nations, "The LORD is king."  
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!**

## Gospel John 2:1-11

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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## Prayer over the gifts

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

## Prayer after communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread on in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	Debra	Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	Joyce McD & Roxanne C	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	Michelle C	Maria Okereafor

## 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 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 and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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