

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady Of Sorrows:** This year our feast day (27th February) will be celebrated with the only Mass on that day **being at 6pm**. We will also launch our Pilgrim's Year of Hope (Jubilee Year). Followed by refreshments and entertainment at our 722 Holloway road, parish centre 2. Keep this date in your diary.

**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:** 19th January 2025  
**Envelopes:** £140 **Loose:** £315 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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**REPUTATION  
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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**"The comeback is always stronger than the setback."**

**"Enjoy being yourself and you'll feel no need to copy others."**



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**3rd Sunday in Ord. time / Year C**  
*26th 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

Today's Gospel, Luke writes to his friend Theophilus (beloved of God) to tell us the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection for our personal lives and why we should accept and follow Jesus as our King and Lord. Here, we see the solemn inauguration of Jesus' public life and mission. His public life will be a single, direct journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem. It is in Jerusalem, the city of peace, that Jesus will suffer and die. It is here that he will rise to life and become our Lord and Saviour. And it is from here too that his disciples will go forth to every corner of the world with the Good News. In Nazareth, as Jesus stood up to read in the synagogue, a passage from the prophet Isaiah about the coming Messiah was given to him. He applies the words of the prophet to himself and there immediately follows a proclamation of his 'mission statement'. They are addressed directly to the materially poor, those in prison, the physically blind, the oppressed and exploited of the world. The message for them is one of hope, of healing and of liberation. This will come about not by some miracle but by the transformation of those who, aligning themselves with Jesus, can put an end to these things. Thus, the words of Jesus in today's Gospel become living realities in the shared life promoted in the second reading where St. Paul sees the multiplicity of Christians as living members of one Body. Each member interacts in a constant giving and receiving. And each member gets the same respect. In fact, it is the "weakest" and "least honourable" parts which receive greater attention. For it is in mutual giving and receiving as one Body that we enable each other to experience the enrichment (overcoming our poverty), the vision (banishing our blindness), and the freedom (removing the oppressions and addictions) which Jesus wishes us to have.

### Mass Times & Intentions 26th January – 1st February 2025

**Sat 25th 6:30pm:** Deceased members of the Portero family, John Byrne (RIP), Tess & Jim McNaney, Catherine Meegan (ANN), Eileen Maker, Anna Marie Lydon (Get Well) (INT)  
**Sun 26th 9:00am:** Anne Collins (RIP), Maura O'Leary, Eyoeyo Okoneyo, Rachel McGonigal & family (INT)  
**11:30am:** Brendan Nelson, Martin Flanagan, Tracy Larkin, Kudsuan Hailemariam, Renée Coelho & parents (RIP), Marcus Agyemang (ANN), Declan Etukudoh, Denita & Vic Agyemang & family, Anna Marie Lydon, Huw Evans & family (INT)  
**6:30pm:** Spiritan Community  
**Mon 27th 12 noon:** Patrick McDonagh, May Fahey (INT)  
**Tue 28th St Thomas Aquinas 12 noon:** Patricia O'Shaughnessy (RIP), Chisom Anakor (B'day), Breedge Needham (Birthday), Patrick & Ellen McDonagh and family, Anna Marie Lydon, Margaret Togher (INT)  
**Wed 29th 12 noon:** Martin & Winnie/David McDonagh (RIP), Queeneth & Ekpo (INT)  
**Thurs 30th 12 noon:** People of the Parish  
**Fri 31st 12 noon:** Volunteers of the Parish  
**Sat 1st St John Bosco 12 noon:** Essien-Oku family, Kanny Inyang (INT)



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 Esshan, 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, John Alan, Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis, Innocent Teme, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura Eivers, Artoro Davila, Margaret Nelson, Mary Brady, Anne-Marie Lydon, Teresa McDonagh, Dee-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah

### 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 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

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place

## Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in your good works. 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 Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

## Responsorial Psalm (Ps 18)

**R. Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect; it revives the soul. The decrees of the LORD are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple.

R.

The precepts of the LORD are right; they gladden the heart. The command of the LORD is clear; it gives light to the eyes.

R.

The fear of the LORD is pure, abiding for ever. The judgments of the LORD are true; they are, all of them, just.

R.

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer!

R.

## Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Brothers and Sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honourable we bestow the greater honour, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first Apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord has sent me bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!**

## Gospel Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

In as much as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding

country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

## Prayer over the gifts

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant. Let your faces not be abashed.

## Prayer after communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that receiving the grace in which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

## Mass

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

## Readers

Ann Heekin  
Paula Zanre  
Joseph Baffoe  
Eugenia Ackah

## Eucharist Minister

June Gray  
Olga Monpeke  
June G & Mary A  
Michelle C

## Stewards

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