

NEWS AND VIEWS

Know Your Faith Join us via Zoom for profound spiritual reflections on our faith throughout the four Sundays of Advent. We are excited to present four dynamic speakers, each delving into unique and thought provoking topics. This is not just a time for listening; it's also an opportunity for you to engage and ask questions about the issues that matter most to you. Don't miss this chance to deepen your faith and connect with others in our community. Everyone is warmly invited to participate—time: 7:30 pm - 9 pm. To join in, scan the QR Code. See there.



Fr Remy sendforth Mass/ Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass will take place at the 11.30am Mass this weekend.

Parish & Community Christmas Carol Concert: We thank all who worked hard towards the success of this concert. Kudos to the choirs, the solo/duet performers. Bravo to all who helped with the logistics. We are grateful to all who graced the day with their presence.

Children's Nativity Rehearsals Dates: Saturday 14th December @ 10am Saturday 21st December @ 10am Sunday 22nd December @ 10am Monday 23rd December @ 10am Tuesday 24th December @ 10.30am Dress rehearsals @ 5pm. Mass @ 6.30pm

Confirmation Classes 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Dates for subsequent Confirmations Classes are the following Wednesdays **January 15th, 29th, February 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**

December Diary

Tuesday 17th 7pm: **Christmas Penitential Service/Confessions.** There would be guest priests.
 Tuesday 24th 3pm: **Parish Office closes** to reopen Friday 3rd Jan.
 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**

Important Diary Dates

- **Dec. 15th @ 11.30am** – Volunteers annual Mass/ Fr Remy's Sendforth Mass
- **Dec. 17th @ 7pm**—Penitential service
- **Dec 24th @ 6.30pm**—Nativity Mass (children)
- **@11.30pm**— Carol Midnight Mass

Parish Office closes from Tuesday 24th at 3pm to reopen on Friday 3rd Jan. The priests will be available for essential services and Masses during the period would be held as usual. We want to thank our Parish Office Team (POT)/PAT for their gracious and selfless service through the year.

Mass Intentions For The Bulletin: All entries for Mass intentions for the bulletin till **4th January 2025 @ 12 noon** should be entered in the parish office by **Monday 23rd December.** The next publication will be when the parish office resumes. **Any other intentions within this period could be handed over to the priest in the presbytery.** Please take note of these dates.

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.

100 Club December draw: The 1st prize of £197 went to no. 97. 2nd prize of £79 to no. 99. 3 prizes of £37 to nos. 14, 36 & 30. £394 was raised for parish funds. The **January draw will take place after the First Friday Service on 3rd January.** Subscriptions should be handed in at church by the weekend of **28th/29th Dec** at the latest. New members welcome, especially as a number of members are not carrying on into the new year. Application forms at the back of the church.

Christian Stewardship: 8th December 2024

Envelopes: £196.00 **Loose:** £411.71 **Contactless:** £0.00 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish. Parish account details below:

WRCDT St Gabriels Upper Holloway Sort Code: 40-05-20 Acct No: 01097024

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+ 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year C
15th December 2024

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

It is important for all the Christians to keep in mind that the Gospel is not a heavy burden to add to the many problems we already have in life. It is, instead, proclamation of happiness in our lives. We are told, in the first two readings, that cheerfulness of the Christians comes from the Lord who is among us from the fact that evil has been defeated. Life has meaning. Even when it looks like a failure, because God loves humankind and has a plan of happiness for each one of us, a plan that God is going to implement. The Gospel is showing us three attitudes we must assume if we want to experience the joy promised to those who welcome Christ; share the goods we possess, avoid injustices, and stop oppressing people John's message relates to the joy which will be experienced when the Saviour comes. Conversion is a way of cleaning one's way of life and being in state of grace to welcome the Lord. John's call to make ready the way for the Lord needs a genuine conversion of our hearts. There are some concrete ways of life John the Baptist has suggested, to people of different walks of life as they prepare for the coming of the Lord. John advocates for change in the lifestyle that will result to a change of heart. If conversion truly takes place in our Christian life, it should be reflected in our actions and attitudes. Our prayers this day should be that the Lord enlighten our minds, deliver us from all fear and make us totally open to His Grace so that we may grasp the deep meaning of our existence. Let the Lord give us the hunger for the life of Christ who comes to bring joy not suffering. May we encounter the Lord in every person we meet at Christmas and along our life's journey to God.

Mass Times & Intentions 15th – 21st December 2024

- Sat 14th 6:30pm:** Noreen Geelan (RIP), McNulty family (INT)
Sun 15th 9:00am: Peter Keane, Brendan McNulty (RIP), Tunu Etim-Bassey (INT)
11:30am: Kay Durante, Brendan Nelson, Tom Slattery (RIP), Angela Coocey, Fr Ray Armstrong (INT)
6:30pm: Essien-Duku family, Manny, Lilian Ekong & family, Joan Fitzgerald (INT)
Mon 16th 12 noon: Kathleen Conway, Maria McEvoy (ANN), George & family, Jim Morrissey, John, Ann & family, Rev Jim Overton, Fr Bill and Caroline & family (INT)
Tue 17th 12 noon: Bert Reaney, Margaret Rayeth, Seamus Morrissey, Teresa Ryan (RIP)
Wed 18th 12 noon: Catherine Goba (RIP)
Thurs 19th 12 noon: Catherine Goba (RIP), Lily Kpodo (Special Intention), Joan Fitzgerald (INT)
Fri 20th: 12 noon: Spiritans Community (INT)
Sat 21st 12 noon: Essien-Oku family (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 Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikwuaka, 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

Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £17,900 + VAT – bal. £9,900. **Trinity Fund £8,000 granted**
 2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by **National Lottery Fund**
 3. 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. Remigius Nduhuisi 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 ...

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



Food For Thought

"There is no traffic jam on the extra mile."

"Everyone needs help sometimes."

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. 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 Zephaniah 3:14-18

'The Lord will exult over you with loud singing.' Sing aloud, O daughter of Sion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: 'Fear not, O Sion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Is 12:2-6)

R. Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel
Behold, God is my salvation!
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD is my strength and my praise,
and he has been my salvation.
With joy you will draw water
from the springs of salvation.

R.

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name;
make known among the peoples his deeds;
proclaim that his name is exalted.

R.

Sing to the LORD for he has wrought wonders;
let this be known through all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Sion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 3:10-18

At that time: The crowds asked John, 'What, then, shall we do?' And he answered them, 'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.' Tax collectors also came to be baptised and said to him, 'Teacher, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Collect no more than you are authorized to do.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what shall we do?' And he said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to your unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	June G	Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	Joyce & Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle C	Joseph Ogbonna

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 APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

The Nicene Creed will replace the Apostles' Creed from January 2025 !!

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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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