

NEWS AND VIEWS

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday next Sunday. It is the most sacred & opportune time in Church's calendar. We aim to have the most rewarding experience & encourage all to share the spirit of the time. The timetable for the week is also published in the bulletin. Please don't miss out on any of the events.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2025

This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. Our parish outreach project has benefitted from this appeal. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Prayer & Life workshops: A new prayer and life workshop for adults this will hold every Thursday going forward. For more information Contact **Mary: 07828455333 Thelma: 07404026955.**

Confirmation Classes 6.30pm: Wed, April 23rd, May 7th, 21st, June 4th, 18th, July 2nd, Sat. 5th (Rehearsals). Bishop Hudson will celebrate the **Confirmation Mass on 6th July at 11.30am Mass**

First Holy Communion Lesson Dates in April 27th. All meetings are in the Meeting Room.

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday 13th April: Usual weekend masses

Masses start with Palm Procession from the Car Park (weather permitting). Please keep the Car Park free.

Mon. 14th & Wed 16th: Normal Weekday Masses at 12noon

Tues.15th 12noon **Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral (**No Mass in the Parish**)

7pm **Penitential Service/Confessions** (Guest Priests will be available)

Holy Thursday 17th 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

- **Renewal of Commitment by Eucharistic Ministers**

- **Night Watch with Jesus** after Mass till 11pm.

Good Friday 18th - 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (begins with Stations of the Cross)

NB: Good Friday is Day of Fasting & Abstinence.

Holy Saturday 19th 9:30pm Easter Vigil Mass/Reception of Converts:

(Mass begins with the Ceremony of Light at the Car Park).

Easter Sunday 20th 9am, 11:30am Mass of the Resurrection. NB: No Evening Mass

Youth Jubilee Year 2025 this begins from 28th July till 3rd August 2025 in Rome. This opportunity is for Young adults 18 years and above. Please, if you're still interested in joining us **for the trip send me the information page of your passport to mosesenehizena@gmail.com.** Remember we have limited space for this travel. On that note **we shall be collecting second collection every second Sunday of the month to support the young people going for this trip.**

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: 30th March 2025

Envelopes: £209 **Loose:** £421.63 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. **Parish account** details below: **WRCDT St Gabriels Upper Holloway**
Sort Code: 40-05-20 **Account No:** 01097024

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent at 11.30am before noon mass and 6.30pm before 7pm mass.



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5th Sunday Of Lent Year C

6th April 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.

Pastoral Letter on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill (edited version)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I wish to speak with you today about the process in which our Parliament is currently considering legalising assisted suicide through the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. As Catholics we have maintained a principled objection to this change in law recognising that every human life is sacred, coming as a gift of God and bearing a God-given dignity. We are, therefore, clearly opposed to this Bill in principle, elevating, as it does, the autonomy of the individual above all other considerations. The passage of the Bill through Parliament will lead to a vote in late April on whether it progresses further. This will be a crucial moment and I, together with all the Bishops of England and Wales, am writing to ask your support in urging your MP to vote against this Bill at that time. At this point, we wish not simply to restate our objections in principle, but to emphasise the deeply flawed process undergone in Parliament thus far. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will fundamentally change many of the key relationships in our way of life: within the family, between doctor and patient, within the health service. It is a Private Member's Bill. The Bill itself is long and complex and was published just days before MPs voted on it, giving them inadequate time to consult or reflect upon it. The time for debate was minimal. The Committee examining the Bill took only three days of evidence: not all voices were heard, and it comprises an undue number of supporters of the Bill. One consequence of this flawed process is that many vital questions remain unanswered. Can MPs guarantee that the scope of the Bill will not be extended? In almost every country where assisted suicide has been introduced the current scope is wider than was originally intended. Can MPs guarantee that no medical practitioner would be compelled to take part in assisted suicide? This is already provided to many in our society but, tragically, is in short supply and underfunded. Instead, a good society would prioritise care for the elderly, the vulnerable, and the weak. This is a deeply flawed Bill with consequences. Every MP, and Government, has a solemn duty to prevent such legislation from reaching the statute book. So I appeal to you: even if you have written before, please make contact now with your MP and ask them to vote against this Bill not only on grounds of principle but because of the failure of Parliament to approach this issue in an adequate manner. In his Letter to the Philippians, which we heard in the Second Reading, St Paul reflects on the difficulties and responsibilities of life. He speaks of 'pressing on' and 'striving' for the fullness of life promised in Christ Jesus. May God bless you all. Yours devotedly, **X Cardinal Vincent Nichols Archbishop of Westminster.**

Mass Times & Intentions 6th – 12th April 2025

Sat 5th 6:30pm: Fadhna O'Driscoll, Anthony Conmy, Denis Heagarty (RIP), Francis Son Le (INT)

Sun 6th 9:00am: Antonia Marques, Lina Piroli, Mary & Tom Slattery (RIP), Bernard Etim-Bassey (ANN), Joan Fitzgerald,

Francis Son Le, Andrian & Damien Bradley (INT)

11:30am: Mary & Tom Slattery, Tom D'Arcy (RIP), Peter Foley, Hugh Eugene McNaughton (1st) (ANN), K. C Maduako & family, Marylyn Smith & David Haslam, Maura O'Leary (INT) **6:30pm:** Lawrence Chinegwundoh, Gregory Chinegwundoh (ANN)

Mon 7th 12 noon: Mary & Tom Slattery (RIP)

Tue 8th 12 noon: Bingo Club members, Mary Stephens, Julian Coelho (INT)

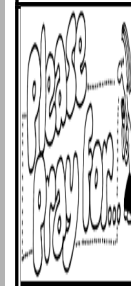
Wed 9th 12 noon: Bernard Etim-Bassey (31st) (ANN)

Thurs 10th 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish

Fri 11th 11:30am: Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

Sat 12th 12 noon: Priests and People of the Parish

6:30pm: Stations of the Cross followed by Mass



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 Ikwuka, 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, Innocent Teme, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura O'Leary, Artoro Davila, Margaret Nelson, Mary Brady, Anne-Marie Lydon, Teresa McDonagh, Dee-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Patricia & Christopher Howe, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

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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 ...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Without a vision for your future, you will always return to your past."

"Make the rest of your life the best of your life."

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



TODAY’S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God are my strength.

Opening Prayer

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ‘Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.’

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 125)

R. What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion, we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy.

R.

Then they said among the nations,
‘What great deeds the LORD worked for them!’
What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.

R.

Bring back our exiles, O LORD,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap.

R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves.

R.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.
Even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.
Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel

John 8:1-11

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, ‘Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?’ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, ‘Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.’ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ She said, ‘No one, Lord.’ And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.’

Prayer over the gifts

Hear us, Almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood

we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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	Bridget O’Dea	June G	Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald
Sun. 9.00am	Paula Zanre	Innocent Teme Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Tracey Mullett	June G & Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Eugenia Ackah	Roxanne C	Joseph Ogbonna

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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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☐ 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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