

NEWS AND VIEWS

Priest Training Fund Collection: This collection will be taken on the **17th/18th** May weekend. Please take an envelope today and give your support.

Parish Pentecost Feast Sunday 8th June: Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower and also bring harmony in the increasing diversity of the early Church. On Pentecost Sunday (**8th June**) beginning with the 12noon mass, we shall celebrate the richness of our cultural diversity in the parish. As much as possible, we aim to incorporate some bits of every culture in the parish into the celebrations.

1. The Mass

- We expect representatives of language groups to say a word of welcome in their language at the beginning of the mass. A sheet is provided on the desk behind for people to sign up the language group they'll be representing.
- We shall have the parish choir (to sing diversity of tunes).
- The 2nd reading will be in Gaelic (Irish).
- Bidding prayers will be rendered in different tongues.
- 'Our Father' will be recited in each individual's mother tongue.

2a. Socials in the Parish Carpark. There will be a variety of activities and performances (please speak to Priests, Jerrico or the parish office if you have a performance you would like to do on the day).

2b. Meals (to be coordinated by parish volunteers). We encourage all parishioners to contribute items for refreshment; foods, drinks and utensils. A sheet is provided behind for people to indicate the items they could bring.

3. Parish Pentecost Raffle: Some raffle booklets will be sold from this weekend. There are still some more booklets so we need further help with the sales. The sales of the ticket will generate 20 winners and the rest will be allocated to the parish project fund.

MAY DIARY

Weekend 17th/18th: **Priest Training Fund collection**

Tuesday 20th @ 7pm: **Parish Finance Meeting (members take note)**

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.

Father's Day Celebration on 15th June: We are calling on all the men in our parish who wish to make this year's celebration a memorable one, please put down their names and be ready to serve at all the Masses they attend that weekend.

Volunteers needed at the Thursday Lunch at the centre: If you are free and able to offer your time between 9am— 12noon on Thursdays. The ladies have requested for help. Please contact parish office for more details.

Parish Hall 2 @ 722 Holloway road is available for hiring at £60 an hour between 10am and 10pm. Please contact Ann Waldron and Joseph Baffoe on 07449110910 & 07961128416 respectively.

Prayer & Life workshops: A prayer and life workshop for adults continues to hold every Thursday going forward. We encourage more parishioners to take part. For more information Contact **Mary: 07828455333 or Thelma: 07404026955.**

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

First Holy Communion Lesson Dates in May 18th, June 1st, 15th, **Saturday 21st @ 10am, Sunday 22nd @ 11.30am** (Celebration of 1st Holy Communion).

Christian Stewardship: 11th May 2025

Envelopes: £186 **Loose:** £379.81. 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

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Make everyday a masterpiece."

"Live for the moments you can't put into words."



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5th Sunday of Easter/ Year C

18th May 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus touches on the heart of his message; he tells us to love other people, and to love them as he has loved us - with our life. The love meant here does not merely imply affection that arouses a good feeling when we think of the loved one or when they are around us. It is rather used in the sense of agape which goes beyond affection for those who are loveable to caring for the good of all without expecting returns. It is the compassion that Jesus shows for the sinner. It is in this sense that he enjoined us to love our enemies and pray for those who hurt us as he did on the cross so that they may change their ways. It is therefore a call that we go the extra mile; it is such agape type of love that will distinguish us from the rest of the world. As Jesus said in the Gospel, it is by such love that the world will know that we are his disciples, because, as he noted elsewhere, if we love only those who are loveable or those who love us, there is no difference between us and the rest of the world since even the pagans do as much. In this sense, then, can people say of us that we are truly loving, caring and forgiving people? Are we redeeming persons who make disturbed people whole again? This is all that Jesus asks of us as he approached his suffering and death. It is not an impossible demand. All it requires is a change of attitude, a change of the way we see the world, others and ourselves. I might therefore reflect today on the ways I personally fail to be a loving, caring, compassionate and understanding person. Who are the people I really love and care for? Who are the people I cannot bring myself to love and care for and why? Do I love and care in any tangible way for people who need my care even if I do not know them and they cannot return my love? Finally, do I really love myself? A great deal of our difficulty in extending love and especially forgiveness to others is our own insecurity which causes us to feel easily hurt. Only those persons who are fully convinced that they are themselves lovable can reach out comfortably and unconditionally to love those who themselves cannot love but can only hurt and hate and destroy.

Mass Times & Intentions 18th – 24th May 2025

Sat 17th 6:30pm: Livia Gaudio, Anna Marie Lydon, John Mackay (RIP)

Sun 18th 9:00am: Raul Monteiro, Jose Marques, Jose Pereira (RIP), Agnes Quainoo (Get Well), Neria Odeyemi, Essien-Oku family's intentions (INT)

11:30am: Anna Marie Lydon, Paul Walsh, Peggy Lynch, Ian Byrn, Ista Sayid (RIP), Private Intention, Vincent Reilly (80th Birthday) (INT)

6:30pm: Anna Marie Lydon, Paddy Curran, Matthew Farrell (RIP), Alan Ross, Mariam Wiltshire (INT)

Mon 19th 12 noon: Neria Odeyemi (Birthday) (INT)

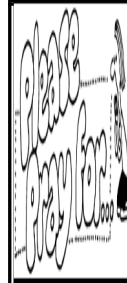
Tue 20th 12 noon: Lina Piroli, Ann McCarthy, Maureen King (RIP)

Wed 21st 12 noon: Frank Mendes (Month's Mind) (RIP), Helen Bassey-Osijo (INT)

Thurs 22nd 12 noon: Tom Carr (ANN), Jason Brennan and family, Grainne McBrearty (INT)

Fri 23rd 12 noon: Parish Volunteers and Young people of the parish

Sat 24th 12 noon: Neil Hayes (1st) (ANN)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, 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,

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

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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, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal mystery within us; that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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

Acts 14:21-27

In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed. Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145)

R. I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy. How good is the LORD to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All your works shall thank you, O LORD, and all your faithful ones bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your reign, and declare your mighty deeds.

To make known your might to the whole human race, and the glorious splendour of your reign. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your rule endures for all generations. **R.**

SECOND READING

Revelations 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.’ And he who was seated on the throne said, ‘Behold, I am making all things new.’

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone out from the upper room, Jesus said, ‘Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. ‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.’

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord. COMMUNION ANTIPHON I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.	PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. 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.
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Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minster	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	June G	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Innocent	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	June G & Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Bridget O’Dea	Michelle Carr	Joseph Ogbonna

THE GLORIA	THE NICENE CREED
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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