

# 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**. Refreshments and entertainment at our 722 Holloway road, parish centre 2. Raffle tickets will go on sale from this weekend. **If any parishioners will like to bring refreshments to share on the day, please kindly put your names on the sheet at the back.**

**Volunteer's Meeting** will take place on Wednesday the 12th of February at 7pm. New volunteers are welcomed.

**Revive London** are in need of new volunteers who have the willingness and commitment to offer their services once a week, please make themselves known to Fr Moses.

**Car Park Management:** 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, **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 Feb. 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 are available.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2:30pm**  
The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please give your parish these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email).

**Baby Joes:** This takes every Wednesday at St Joseph's School from 10-11am. It is £ 5 per session. You connect over a coffee with other parents and carers and bring your little ones for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more. Music and movement. Please text or email to reserve your place: 07399720412

**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 February draw** will take place after the First Friday Service on 7th March. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by this weekend. New members welcome, especially as a number of members have not carried on into the new year. Application forms at the back of the church.

**Christian Stewardship:** 2nd February 2025

**Envelopes:** £141 **Loose:** £365.43 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

## FEBRUARY DIARY

Thursday 27th at 6pm: **Feast of St Gabriel's Mass/ Launch of Pilgrim's Year of Hope**  
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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**GENNESARET BOATS  
NETS CROWD  
WATER SINKING  
OVERCOME BANK  
FISHERMEN  
SHORE  
KNEES  
FELL**



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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

**"The comeback is always stronger than the set back."**

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



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**5th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C**  
*9th February 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

The call of Isaiah, Paul and Peter in today's readings shows us how God can make use of the most unlikely people in doing His work. These people all felt unworthy when they were called. But God does not call us to work for him because we are qualified; He rather qualifies us to work for him when he calls us. Indeed, initial feeling of personal unworthiness could be a sign that a soul has encountered God. On the other hand, feeling of worthiness, competence or self-righteousness could be a sign that a soul is very far from God. Beyond the feeling of unworthiness however, there is another quality that the trio demonstrated; that is availability to do God's will and the readiness to follow His directives. As Isaiah heard the voice of the Lord asking, "**Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?**" his immediate response was: "**Here am I; send me!**" Peter and his partners "**left everything and followed him**". And Paul threw himself with so much zeal into God's work. So, merely feeling unworthy does not make us into people that God can work with. We must add to that the availability and willingness to go out there and do as the Lord directs. Today, the Lord continues to ask: "**Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?**" He still needs messengers like Isaiah who will proclaim the Good News of God's love in his church. He needs messengers like Paul who will announce the Good News of God's love to strangers. Also messengers like Peter who will speak up for God in the workplace and bring their co-workers and business partners to know and follow the Lord.

## Mass Times & Intentions

9th – 15th February 2025

**Sat 8th 6:30pm:** Muriel & George Roberts (RIP), John Teatum (ANN)

**Sun 9th 9:00am:** Tom Waldron (ANN), Elizabeth Costello, Mary Hallissey, Avanzi family, Lilian Ekong (INT)

**11:30am:** Etukudoh Tity, Eddie Mc Kelgey, Miranda Italy (RIP), Bridget Walsh, John Teatum (ANN), Joyce McDaid, Private Intention, Maura O'Leary, Anna Marie Lydon (INT)

**6:30pm:** Michael & Helen, Essien-Oku family, Queeneth & Ekpo (INT)

**Mon 10th St Scholastica 12 noon:** *Funeral Mass for Patrick Donoghue*

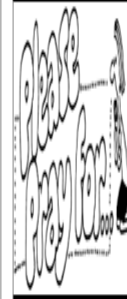
**Tue 11th Our Lady of Lourdes 12 noon:** Doreen Sigworth (Month's Mind) (RIP), Tom Waldron, Ellen & Martin Togher, Bridget Walsh (40th), Margaret Kennedy (8th) (ANN), Lilian Ekong, Margaret Togher, Anne Leahy, Bingo Club members (INT)

**Wed 12th St Agatha 12 noon:** Tom Waldron (ANN)

**Thurs 13th 12 noon:** Tom Waldron (ANN)

**Fri 14th Sts Cyril & Methodius 12 noon:** Ivy & Louis Coelho (RIP), Tom Waldron (ANN), Denis Coelho, Margaret Togher, Valentine Olayemi (INT)

**Sat 15th 12 noon:** Priests and 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 Munnelly, 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, 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, Dec-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Patricia & Christopher Howe

## 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

O come let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

## OPENING PRAYER

Keep your family safe, O Lord with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!' And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.' And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 137)

**R. Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
You have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

**R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,  
Which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
You increased the strength of my soul.

**R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

**R.**

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
Your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
Discard not the work of your hands.

**R.**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia**

**I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.**

**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signaled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to

Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O Lord our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty; grant, we pray; that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God who have willed that we be partakers in the One Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.

## Mass

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

## Readers

Bridget O'Dea  
Paula Zanre  
Tracey Mullett  
Maureen Tayler

## Eucharist Minister

June Gray  
Olga Monpeke  
June G & Roxanne C  
Michelle C

## Stewards

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

## 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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