

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 are on sale. In our usual manner if any parishioner would like to bring refreshments to share on the day, please kindly put your names on the sheet at the back.

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.

Confirmation Classes 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Confirmations Classes are as follows on Wednesdays, Feb. 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.

Parish Pilgrimage 2025: FATIMA 27th—31st October 2025. £960 per person, shared room. Enrolment is ongoing. Details of the itinerary are available.

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.

Obituary: We announce the demise of our dear longstanding, parishioner **Margaret Reilly** who passed away on the 4th of February at the age of 95 years. There will be a Mass in her honour on Friday 21st February at 12noon here in our parish. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends. May she rest in perfect peace. Amen.

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

Christian Stewardship: 9th 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

Saturday 22nd at 12noon: **Baptism for two First Communion families**
 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 30th:
Children's Mass @ 11.30am

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



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Everyone you meet has something to teach you."

"We rise by lifting others."



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6th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C

16th 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

Life is often about picking our way through opposites - choices and decisions that surround every moment of every day: should I do this or that, choose this way or that way, and so on. Just as there are choices on either side, so there are opposing consequences -blessings and curses, in the language of the first reading, happiness and woe in the lan-guage of the Gospel. In Saint Luke's version of the Beatitudes, we see Jesus setting out very clearly the teaching that life is about choices, and that we must take control, and be responsible for the life we choose, or even the conditions of life that we embrace or accept.

Mass Times & Intentions 16th – 22nd February 2025

Sat 15th 6:30pm: Cathleen McNamara (RIP), Joan Fitzgerald (INT)

Sun 16th 9:00am Ralph Bliss, Margaret Reilly, Una McCabe, Ann Collins (Month's Mind), John & Eileen Sherlock, Kevin Dunne (RIP), Tom Waldron (ANN), Lina Piroli, Rita Avanzi, Bridie Dowling, (INT)

11:30am Margaret Reilly (RIP), Etukudoh & family, Mary Hallissey, Maura O'Leary, Anna Marie Lydon, Margaret Togher, Patsy Whitehead & family, Joshua Aikins, Agnes Quainoo (INT)

6:30pm: Essien-Oku family, Manny & Lilian Ekong family (INT)

Mon 17th 12 noon: Emo Paddy Essang (INT)

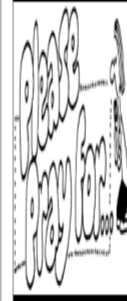
Tue 18th 12 noon: Paul Dorrian (ANN), Margaret Togher, Anna Marie Lydon, Mary Hallissey, Rita Avanzi, Patsy Whitehead & family, Bingo Club members (INT)

Wed 19th 12 noon: Margaret Togher (INT)

Thurs 20th 12 noon: Thomas Moran, Pat Keane, Margaret Smith (RIP), Jeana Gunning, Monsignor Jim Overton, Canon Chris Thomas, Sr. Patricia (INT)

Fri 21st 12 noon: Repatriation of Margaret Reilly

Sat 22nd The Chair of St Peter the Apostle 12 noon: Queeneth Offiong, Padra Martins (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 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 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

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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

Jerimiah 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. 'Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 1)

R. Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.

Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the LORD, and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind.

For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17. 20-26

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Mass

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

Readers

Joanna Hemingway
Rachel McGonigal
Ignatius Etukudoh
Bridget O'Dea

Eucharist Minister

Debra
Olga Monpeke
Mary A & Joyce McD
Michelle C

Stewards

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