

NEWS AND VIEWS

Happy Easter! Beloved parishioners, in this Holy Week which peaked at Easter, we have seen the paradox of a God who died, overwhelmed by the worst of human dysfunction. Then comes the resurrection! He emerges saying 'shalom' to those who abandoned him, saying peace to those who had betrayed him, demonstrating that God's love and forgiveness can swallow up all the sins of the world. And that's why St. Paul could say with certainty in Romans 8:38-39 that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor height nor depth, nor any other power can separate us from the love of God. Let us say "Amen ... So be it" to this gratuitous and price-less gesture. And let us express our gratitude especially by responding similarly with love in the face of the evils in our world. We say a big "THANK YOU" to all who worked hard behind the scene to facilitate the Holy Week and Easter for us. Happy Easter!

Fr. Moses Enehizena **Fr. Isah** Katuka **Fr. Martin** Goba **Jerrico** Luna

Parish Easter Outing for our young people: Many of our young people have demonstrated commitment and sense of service to our church and community by serving on the altar and participating in the young people's activities. We want to appreciate them by taking them out on an agreed **Saturday** to have some fun. Please help sponsor them. There will be a basket in the porch for your donations.

Prayer & Life workshops: A new prayer and life workshop for adults will 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, 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**.

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.

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

APRIL DIARY

Tuesday 22nd: **Funeral Mass for Ann McCarthy @ 12noon**

Saturday 26th: **Baptism preparation @ 11.30am** followed by 12noon Mass and Baptism

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.

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MARY	SEPULCHRE	EARTHQUAKE
ANGEL	STONE	ROBE
SNOW	JESUS	RISEN
AWE	JOY	GREETINGS



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Stay close to anything that makes you glad to be alive."

"Being kind is never wasted."



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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

Easter is an earthquake, an explosion. It is the claim that Jesus of Nazareth, who spoke and acted in the person of God, and was brutally murdered at the prime of his life, was alive again through the power of Holy Spirit. Jesus had to die in the most gruesome way because as a force for good he had to be resisted by a sinful world. Reading through the account of his passion, it is as though Jesus faced the worst of human behaviour; the explicit betrayal of his friends, the injustice of the Sanhedrin - the Supreme Court - the cowardice of Pontius Pilate, the preference for a notorious criminal, the incredible brutality of the Roman and Temple guard. Worst of all, we see those who mock him even as he hangs dying on the cross. Indeed, he experienced the worst of human dysfunction. It is as though his own goodness draws the worst out of people. He was being crucified by all that can go bad in the world. And he is overwhelmed by it all, he dies, crushed by the evil of the world. This is precisely why it grew dark in the middle of the day as Jesus was dying. Light seemingly gave way to darkness, love to hatred and life to death. Then comes the resurrection! We see Jesus emerge saying 'shalom' (peace) to those who abandoned him, saying peace to those who had betrayed him; demonstrating that God's love and forgiveness can swallow up all the sins of the world. And that's why St. Paul could exclaim with certainty that nothing can separate us from the love of God; neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor height nor depth, nor any other power can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8). Paul knows this because we killed God, we threw all the evils and dysfunctions of the world at God and God still loves us. That's Christianity! That's why the cross of Jesus saves us. The cross is therefore the word through which God has responded to evil in the world. Sometimes it may seem as though God is silent in the face of evil but He has spoken, and His answer is the Cross of Christ which stands for love, mercy, forgiveness. And this, too, should be the answer of the Christian in the face of the evil that continues to work in us and around us. One practical implication of the physical resurrection of Jesus is that it assures the ultimate victory of all people of goodwill; those who, following in the footsteps of Jesus, must face resistance. Secondly, it places under judgment those who want to suppress the truth and others so cruelly. We therefore pray that this extraordinary event will re-assure those who face the daily challenge of evil forces to persevere and that it will dissuade all forces of evil from their evil ways.

Mass Times & Intentions 20th – 26th April 2025

Sat 19th Vigil of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 9:30pm

Sun 20th Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 9:00am: Lina Piroli, John Sherlock (Posthumous 65th), Ann McCarthy, Ann Marie Lydon (RIP), Priests & Parish Office Team, Bingo Club members, Essien-Oku family's intentions (INT)

11:30am: James Moran, Mary Ellen Hubbard, Ann Marie Lydon (RIP), Bennie Laherty, Mary Aherne, Private Intentions, Parish Office & Priests (INT)

No evening Mass

Mon 21st Monday within the Octave of Easter 12 noon: A.J Coelho & parents (RIP), Colin Restall (2nd) (ANN), Fr Martin Goba (INT)

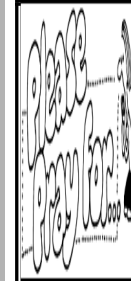
Tue 22nd: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter 12 noon: *Funeral Mass of Ann McCarthy*

Wed 23rd Wednesday within the Octave of Easter 12 noon: People of the Parish

Thurs 24th Thursday within the Octave of Easter 12 noon: Vincent Harrison, Con McGowan (RIP)

Fri 25th Friday within the Octave of Easter 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish

Sat 26th Saturday within the Octave of Easter 12 noon: Ann Marie Lydon (RIP) Martin McDonagh (ANN)



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, 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

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enehizena CSSp, Fr Augustine 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

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 Acts 10:34.37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 117)

R. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
‘His mercy endures for ever.’

The LORD’s right hand is exalted.
The LORD’s right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life’s own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord .
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also

went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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
Sun. 9.00am	Isaac Bibilian	Innocent Teme Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	June G & Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
NO EVENING MASS			

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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