

NEWS AND VIEWS

Confirmation 2025: Our Area Bishop (Nicholas Hudson) will be presiding at our 11.30am Mass next Sunday during which he would confirm our youths in the faith. We have 14 youngsters who have dutifully gone through the formation process. Please remember them in your prayers. We are grateful to their catechists Rachel and Ann who have resourcefully accompanied through the year of preparation. After the Mass, the Bishop will have meal with all parish Catechists, the PAT and some volunteers in the Meeting Room.

Parish Summer Fair 2025/Football Novelty match: Will take place on **Sunday 13th of July** in the car park, parishioners are encouraged to take ownership as always. Followed by the football novelty match for our parish community at the Whittington park.

Jubilee Year 2025 this begins from 28th July till 3rd August 2025 in Rome. This opportunity is for Young adults 18 years and above. On that note we shall be collecting our final collection for this purpose on the weekend (**12th/13th July**) to support the young people going for this trip. God bless all of us for supporting our young people on their journey of faith.

Early Music Youth Academy: They will be having a complimentary music concert in our parish **on the 25th of July at 7pm**. We have our lovely altar servers (Shello & Joanna Manuel) who are part of the academy. The concert will last about an hour and will involve string players of different ages and abilities, from Year 4 to university and music college. We encourage our parish community to come and enjoy beautiful music.

The Diocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on the 20th of September. More information will be added to the bulletin as soon as we have more information.

JUNE DIARY

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

13th July: Summer Fair after 11.30am Mass.
25th July: Early Music Youth Orchestra concert
20th September: Diocesan Jubilee Year to Walsingham Pilgrimage.
25th October: Parish Auction

Sally Staple RIP: Our dear Sally, who we all knew as the lady who took charge of TRAUDCRAFT sales alongside CAFOD, she also served the outreach breakfast for many years. She gave her time for numerous parish activities. She was reliable. Sadly, she passed away due to ill health. She will be missed and we continue to keep her family in our prayers at this time. **Her funeral service will be held on the 3rd of July at 11am at the Islington Crematorium Chapel.** May her soul rest in peace. Amen

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

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.

100 Club June draw: July draw will take place after the First Friday Service on 4th July. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by the weekend of 28th/29th June. New members welcome! Application forms at the back of the church.

Christian Stewardship: 15th June 2025

Envelopes: £158 **Loose:** £475.74. 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.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Don’t let the fear of losing outweigh the excitement of winning.”

“There is no traffic jam on the extra mile.”

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



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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

Prophet Elisha dramatically demonstrated commitment to the call of discipleship. He initially wanted to bid farewell to his parents before answering God’s call but as he thought better of it, he took his two oxen and slaughtered them. He then used his plough to make a fire for cooking their meat which he shared out to his men. Empty-handed but totally free he followed Elijah whom he was called to succeed. Thus, he publicly and irrevocably declares his intention to leave his former way of life to follow his calling. In the Gospel, Jesus ‘resolutely’ makes his way to Jerusalem where he will undergo all that is necessary for his work to be completed: his suffering, death and resurrection. In making this journey, he lets go all the power, signs and wonders that marked his ministry in Galilee to become vulnerable. Three people expressed their desire to follow him and in some way we can see ourselves among them. The first generously offers: “I will follow you wherever you go”. But the naivety of this offer was also not lost on Jesus who immediately enlightens him on the reality of his situation: “Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head”. In other words, a disciple should be ready to let go of all strings, attachments, all external securities and supports: house, property, money. The second man makes what seems a reasonable request: “Let me go and bury my father first.” He must have spoken figuratively, in the sense of going to fulfill his duties of care to his father. Jesus replies: “Let the dead bury their dead”. Elsewhere he had said that whoever loves father and mother more than him is not worthy of him. These sound harsh. Yet, it is by putting Jesus first that we are enabled to identify with all including our families. Like the second man, the third wants to say goodbye to his family and friends first. Jesus tells him: “Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” The demands of this Kingdom which we are called to build is primary: the world of truth, compassion, justice, freedom and peace. We have so many desires in life, fears and anxieties that cripple us; holding us back from living up to our full potentials. Paul exhorts the Galatians in the Second Reading: “When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free.” The irony is that they, like many people today, were really afraid of letting go. To be free means not to be clinging to and fretting over such external securities. It is only when a soul is so liberated that it can objectively pursue and advance the eternal values of the kingdom: the values of truth, justice, compassion and peace.

Mass Times & Intentions **29th June – 5th July 2025**

Sat 28th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Baby Arthur Shevlin, Vania Rodrigues (RIP)

Sun 29th 9:00am: Jim Herbert, Sally Staples (RIP), Essien-Oku family (INT)

11:30am: Tom O’Leary (RIP), Tony Glackin, Jimmy Pender & Sean (ANN)

6:30pm: Sally Staples (RIP), Cathlyne Lacey (INT)

Mon 30th 12 noon: Stanilaw Czuba (Special Intention) (INT)

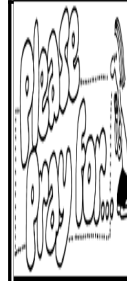
Tue 1st The Dedication of the Cathedral Church 12 noon: Bingo Club members (INT)

Wed 2nd 12 noon: Brendan Nelson (posthumous birthday), Tess Wallace, Dave Mastrorocco (RIP), Michael Conroy (INT)

Thurs 3rd St Thomas 12 noon: Sally Staples (RIP)

Fri 4th 12 noon: *First Friday Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction*

Sat 5th 12 noon: Sylvia Ogbonna (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 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, Private Intentions, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell

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 ...

TODAY’S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. 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 12:1-11

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, ‘Dress yourself and put on your sandals.’ And he did so. And he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 33)

R. From all my terrors the LORD set me free.
I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

The angel of the LORD is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the LORD is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8.17-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing. The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-19

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus replied: You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this Sacrament, so to live in the Church, that, persevering in the

breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made steadfast in your love. 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
Sat. 6.30pm	Ann Heekin	June G	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Paula Zanre	Olga M	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June G & Roxanne C	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Eugenia Ackah	Michelle Carr	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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- ☐ 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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