# **NEWS AND VIEWS**

Parish Feast of the Pentecost 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Since the Holy Ghost Fathers started serving our Parish in 2014, we have made the feast of the Pentecost our parish feast. This is most fitting since Pentecost celebrates our diversity. Giving the constraints of the covid era, we may not be able to celebrate as elaborately as we used to do. However, we would like to make the most of the opportunity we have. For the Pentecost weekend therefore, we plan to:

- Have only two Masses: the Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.30pm and Sunday morning Masses at 11.30am.
- There will be some diversity of tongues in the music and the bidding prayers.
- We would like about three people who could speak a variety of languages to lead the bidding prayers for us. Please indicate if you can.
- We would also welcome people in as much tongues as possible.
   So please send us the words of welcome in your language to the Parish Office
- We would serve take-away snack packs in the car park at the end of the Masses. Donations towards sourcing these would be highly appreciated. Other ideas are welcome

Priest Training Fund Collection: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for this fund will take place this weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can also donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

**Parish Website:** Our new parish website is up and running, please visit it and make observations. We would like to thank Florian for seeing this through. Visit us at **www.stgabes.uk** 

**100 Club**: Subscription for the May draw need to be handed in by Wednesday 5th May at the latest. The draw takes place after the parish zoom quiz on Friday 7th May.

Live-streamed Masses via ZOOM/Facebook on Weekdays at 7pm: We have successfully started this for our spiritual nourishment even while we are at home or at work. It is also very easy to join the Mass through Facebook @ https://www.facebook.com/

ArchwayParish/ Online Stations of the Cross will be at 6.30pm on Fridays followed by the Mass at 7pm. God bless you as you join us. The Mass will be quiet, prayerful and in 25 minutes. Zoom link for weekday evening Masses @ 7pm GMT beginning Monday 8th March, is below;

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921527142?

pwd=L05jUHk4QWovWVQzSVpkNkZ3SGl3dz09

Meeting ID: **859 2152 7142** 

Passcode: **071411** 

First Holy Communion dates: April 25th, May 9th, 22nd, 23rd, June 6th, 13th, 20th, 26th (Reconciliation & rehearsals), 27th (Celebration of 1st Holy Communion at 3pm)

Samuel Gumb funeral directors: Full range of services available, please contact them with the following details; Telephone- 020 7263 7763 (24 hrs), 513G Hornsey Rd., N19 3QL samuelgumbs.funerals@gmail.com and www.samuelgumbsfunerals.co.uk

Christian Stewardship: (18th April 2021)

Envelopes: £210.50 Loose: £359.49. We also receive £520 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

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



A little girl was in church with her mother when she started feeling ill. "Mommy," she said, "Can we leave now?" "No" her mother replied. "Well, I think I have to throw up!" "Then go out the front door and around to the back of the church and throw up behind a bush." After about 60 seconds the little girl returned to her seat. "Did you throw up?" Mom asked. "Yes." "How could you have gone all the way to the back of the church and returned so quickly?" "I didn't have to go out of the church, Mommy. They have a box next to the front door that says, 'For the Sick'."



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# + 4th Sunday of Easter Time B 25th April 2021



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

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, the church celebrates Christ, the Good Shepherd. He accepted suffering and death in order to save his flock. Christ the good shepherd is our role model of love and care. If we obediently continue to listen to him, and to follow him, he will lead us safely to our destination in heaven. The good shepherd knows and takes care of his flock. He is patient, he loves and never harms his own flock or sheep. A good shepherd is readily available for his flock. He is ready to make sacrifices for their good. On the other hand, a good flock listens to its shepherd. It obeys his instructions and follows him with trust and confidence. In other words, there must be a good relationship and understanding between a good shepherd and his flock. The celebration of Christ the Good Shepherd today reminds us that we are shepherds, as well as flocks. This is because each one of us is occupying one leadership position or the other. So, who is a good shepherd and where can we find one? We find one, in every good mother or father, in an honest president or governor, in a holy and caring priest. We can find a good Shepherd in every humble and God-fearing youth, in a caring brother or sister, and in every just and respectful police officer. Where there is a caring doctor, a dedicated teacher, a good cook, cleaner or gardener, there is a good shepherd.

Mass Times & Intentions

25th April – 1st May 2021

Sat 24th Vigil Mass 6:30pm Breda Twohig (RIP), Denis Fitzgerald (ANN), McDonnell family (INT) Sun 25th 9:00am: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Christine Warren (RIP), Agnes Howers, Obuekwe Ejike, Florence Ejike, Akuabata Ejike, OzoEjike OzoNze (ANN), Fr Kevin, Lucy (special intentions) (INT)

**11:30am:** Danny Falvey, Anthony McDonagh, Sheila Fitzgerald **(RIP),** Nilo Ersando(1st), Hon Justice F.G.C. Uyanna, Katherine Cannon, Joan C **(ANN),** Patrick Hart **(INT)** 

6:30am: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Ushang & Larry (INT)

Mon 26th 9:30am: Catherine O'Malley (RIP), Obuekwe Ejike, Florence Ejike, Akuabata Ejike, OzoEjike OzoNze (ANN) Lynne Haslam (INT) 7:00pm (Online)

Tue 27th 9:30am: Catherine O'Malley (RIP), Obuekwe Ejike, Florence Ejike, Akuabata Ejike, OzoEjike OzoNze (ANN) 7:00pm (Online)

Wed 28th St. Peter Chanel 9:30am: Bernie Treacy (RIP), Obuekwe Ejike, Florence Ejike, Akuabata Ejike, OzoEjike OzoNze (ANN) 7:00pm (Online)

Thur 29th St. Catherine of Siena 9:30am: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Les Rawlings (RIP), May de Rooy, Joy Bennetts Obuekwe Ejike, Florence Ejike, Akuabata Ejike, OzoEjike OzoNze (ANN), Rita Rawlings (INT)
7:00pm (Online)

Fri 30th: St. Pius V 9:30am: Nigel Scully Obuekwe Ejike, Florence Ejike, Akuabata Ejike, OzoEjike OzoNze (ANN), Sam Haslam, Rica Coelho (INT) 7:00pm: (Online)
Sat 1st St. Joseph the Worker 9:30am: Obuekwe Ejike, Florence Ejike, Akuabata Ejike, OzoEjike

OzoNze (ANN), Madge & Denis Ahern (50th wedding anniversary) (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Anne Quinlan, Ann Larkin, Philip O'Connor, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Rebecca Ononogbo, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Maria Cecile Perine, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Caroline de Vasconcellos, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Diane Sewell, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Special intention, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Fr Kevin, Paani Dias, Anonymous

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat. 11.30am & 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am, Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays (New time) 9.30am - 10.45pm. Legion of Mary: First Wed. 6.30pm, Monday Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

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**

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

#### OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

#### FIRST READING Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 117)

### R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

R.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

## R.

### SECOND READING John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

### **GOSPEL** John 10:11-18

Jesus said: I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

#### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant we pray, O Lord that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for

his sheep, and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

#### Readers Stewards

Mass Bridget O'Dea Sat. 6.30pm Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers/Bernie S Sun. 9.00am Rachel McGonigal Gabriel Essien-Oku / Essien Ekpenyong-Oku Sun. 11.30am Mark Renner Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh Sun. 6.30pm Tracey Shevlin Precious Ohiambe

# FEAST OF THE WEEK



### St Joseph the worker Feast Day: 1st May

We know that Joseph was a carpenter, a working man, for the sceptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb. Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus. Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus's public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe he probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry. The feast of St. Joseph the Worker was established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 in order to Christianise the concept of labour and give to all workmen a model and a protector. May Day has long been dedicated to labour and the working man. Pope Pius XII expressed the hope that this feast would accentuate the dignity of labour and would bring a spiritual dimension to labour unions.

#### 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 APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### **Key Notes:**

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Percy Aggett (Temporary) 02077989350 Email: tollingtonparksg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

- 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.

Parish Health and Safety Team: Maria Okereafor 07830000919, Jeanette Fayers 07738929756, Joan Fitzgerald 07811419531 Parish Security Reps: Maurice Richards 07904021798 and Essien Ekpenyong-Oku 07305608832