

NEWS AND VIEWS

Confirmation Mass: Bishop Hudson will be celebrating the Confirmation Mass at 11.30am next Sunday, as always we will welcome him to our parish.

Dates for Confirmation Sessions: June 28th -(Rehearsal in the Church). Confirmation Ceremony is on Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.

First Holy Communion 2024: It is time to start registering candidates for this sacrament. The catechism classes will start in September. To be eligible for First Communion, the child must be 7 years by the 31st of August. **Please parents/guardians before making this decision, kindly prepare to be at least 90% committed to see our young ones through this journey.** Our Catechists are all selfless volunteers. We emphasise on respecting them and committing to this spiritual journey for our children. Registration forms can be picked from the Parish Office.

Request For Volunteers: We will be advertising for volunteers in a few of our groups. If you feel you can commit to these groups, kindly speak to the priest or let the parish of be aware. The groups will be on the notice board and in the bulletin for subsequent weeks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY in the meeting room: From next Sunday all children **7 years old and above** should **sit inside the Church** during **11.30am Mass**. All babies, toddlers and children 6 years old and younger can go into the meeting room with at least a parent.

Christian Stewardship: 18th June 2023 Envelopes: £135 Loose: £509.10 Contactless: £135. Parish Project- (Help At Home - £3,966.42 so far. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

June Diary

Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**
 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**


July Diary

Sunday 2nd at 11.30am: **Confirmation Mass for 2023 candidates**
 Friday 7th @ 12noon: **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction followed by 100 club draws.**

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




Food For Thought

Psalm 46:1-3
 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.




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+ 12th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A
25th June 2023



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.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

BE NOT AFRAID

As humans, we pass through different kinds of emotions in our daily living. One of the emotions we face in our society is fear. We may be afraid of meeting people, of trying new things in life, of openly living our convictions and above all, the fear of the unknown. In the opening verse of Matthew 10, Jesus calls and empowers his apostles to perform wonders in their missionary work through the sharing of gifts received spiritually. Jesus knows quite well the numerous challenges awaiting his apostles such as failures, rejection and persecutions. He therefore equips them with the vital tool for their missionary work which is the courage to proclaim openly the good news of the kingdom of God. As privileged apostles, the mysteries of the kingdom are laid bare to them so like good stewards, they are not to keep these things to themselves hence the invitation of Jesus, "what I am telling you in the dark you must repeat in broad daylight, and what you have heard in private you must announce from the housetops." More to that, Jesus tells his apostles, "... You have received without paying, so give without being paid". Also, the apostles are not to fear those who kill externally but cannot kill internally because it is solely in the power of the divine to keep creation going. If the divine takes care of the entire creation, including the minutest elements of creation, how much more will he bring satisfaction to his chosen ones who carry out the missionary mandate? That is the more reason why Jesus insists on his message of encouraging his apostles saying, "Happy are you when people insult you and persecute you and tell all kinds of evil lies against you because you are my followers. Be happy and glad, for a great reward is kept for you in heaven..". One last encouragement Jesus brings in the life of his apostles is the challenge to proclaim his identity and publicly declare him in the presence of all just like Simon Peter proudly declared Jesus before all creation in these words, "You are the messiah, the Son of the living God.". Let us ask ourselves; what fear am I nursing deep within me? Am I inspired by my sacramental life to follow closely the teachings of Christ, ever prepared to take risk in my sharing in the missionary mandate.

Mass Times & Intentions 25th June – 1st July 2023

Sat 24th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Mary Quinn, Patrick Healy, Debbie McGuinness (RIP), Giovanna Spittle (ANN)
Sun 25th 9:00am: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Assunta Turin, Anne Rose Lynch (RIP), Beath Dillon (ANN), Mother Mary Seraphim OSB, Pamela Foster, Davis family, Michael Kelly & family. (INT)
11:30am: Ann McGoldrick, Brendan Nelson (posthumous birthday: 46 yrs), Phil Cummins, Mrs Eileen Fitzgerald (RIP), Marisia Lamantano (ANN), Thanksgiving: Private int.(INT)
6:30pm: Essien-Oku family, Uche & Ekanem, Philip & Tunu, Udoh family, Amy & Laurence, Uchenna & Awo family (INT)
Mon 26th 12 noon: Paul Knowlson (RIP), Ekanem Ekanem (INT)
Tue 27th St John Southworth 12 noon: Paul Knowlson (RIP), Awo Ikoro (INT)
Wed 28th St Irenaeus 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Paul Knowlson (RIP), Martins Byrnes (ANN), Claire Davis, Immanuel Umuokoro (INT)
Thur 29th Sts Peter & Paul Masses at 12 noon and 7:00pm
Fri 30th The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church 12 noon: Paul Knowlson, Colin Restall (RIP), Stephen Sullivan (ANN)
Sat 1st The Dedication of the Cathedral 12 noon: Priests & Parishioners.

Please Pray For:

Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Tina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeane, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, 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, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Rosario De Cruz

Parish is served by the **Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit**
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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat 11am, 6pm, **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary:** Sun. 10.30am **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays (New time) 12noon **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 Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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 Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 68)

R. In your great love, answer me, O God.

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you, My prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 10: 26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offerings of a heart pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them food in due season.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Jeanette Fayers	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	John Obligar	June G/Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Maureen Tayler	Roxanne	Samson Bamidele

The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

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.

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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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