

NEWS AND VIEWS

Fr Ben's Annual Leave begins from 24th July till the end of August. We continue to keep him in our prayers.

Health & Safety: In recent weeks, the reported cases of covid infection is on the rise. If anyone feels unwell, stay home till you feel better. Please let us all be more conscious, keep safe, hydrated and stay well.

Parish Office Hours: During the month of August the office will open for half day on Monday to Friday between 9am-1pm. The priest will also be in to attend to people as usual.

Sacraments for next year

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2023: It is time to register for these 2 sacraments. The catechism classes will start in September. To be eligible for **First Communion**, the child must be **7 years by the 31st of August**. For **Confirmation**, the candidate must be **13 years by the 31st of August**.

RCIA Adults who wish to convert fully to the Catholic faith should also register for **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** to be received at Easter. We work with Adults in an Adult way to achieve the sacraments that will question, enhance and renew your faith & commitment to God. The lessons will also start in September. *Please pick up all the relevant registration forms from the Parish Office.*

Fr. David & Fr. Ben will be leaving us at the end of August for new postings to **Sts Michael & Martin Church in Hounslow** and **St Michael School Chaplaincy, Watford**. We have all been blessed by their presence and service during their stay with us. We shall have a Mass of thanksgiving in their honour (**dates to be confirmed**) followed by farewell socials. **Fr. Moses Enehizena & Fr Ignatius Quan** will be joining us on **Thursday 1st of September** as Parish Priest and Assistant Parish Priest respectively. Please keep them all in your prayers.

100 Club: the next draw takes place on **Friday 5th August**. Subscriptions can be handed in at church services on **30th/31st July** or at the presbytery by **Wednesday 3rd August at the latest**. There will be an extra prize of £20 for subscribers who have never won since the club started. New members welcome.


Christian Stewardship: (17th July 2022) **Envelopes:** £220 **Loose:** £572.46 **Contactless:** £63.92 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

July Diary

Friday/Saturday 29th/30th: **Baptism preparation classes at 6pm and Baptism follows immediately after 12noon mass**
Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions**
Every Last Saturday at 12noon: **Baptism**
Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction**
8pm **Parish Zoom Quiz night followed by 100 Club Draw**

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PLACE
PRAYING
TEACH
FATHER
NAME
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BREAD
FORGIVE
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FRIEND



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

A woman with a minor injury was at the hospital because her doctor said she wanted to take a closer look at it to make sure everything was all right. The woman's husband sits patiently in the waiting room. After a few minutes, the doctor comes out and asks her assistant for pliers, which understandably concerns the husband. Then, after a couple more moments, the doctor re-enters the room, this time asking for a screwdriver. The husband grows worried and begins to pace in circles. Then, a little later, the doctor bursts through the doors screaming for a hammer and at that, the husband, in a state of frenzied fear, runs up and asks, "Doctor, what the is wrong with my wife?" "I don't know," replies the flustered doctor, "I can't get my tool bag open."



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+ 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C
24th July 2022



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

The commonwealth of God

We are made to understand that the solution to our problems is only as far away as our knees are to the ground; in other words, as far as we can pray. Today Jesus teaches us how to address God as 'Our Father' who cares about us. The prayer starts with the words "Our Father" which sets the tone of what our relationship with God should be; one of a loving father and his lovely children. Yes, having a loving Father calls for children who are lovely and nice in return. By saying "Our Father" which is plural and collective as opposed to "My Father" which is individualistic, then 'give us', 'forgive us' and not 'give me', 'forgive me', Jesus wants to say in clear terms that nobody comes to God alone. If God is 'our father' we are all his children and in effect brothers and sisters of each other, members of one great family. Unless we accept this as fact, it will be hypocritical to call God 'Father'. Whenever we come to knock at the door of a loving God therefore, we must knock in the spirit of Our Father and not that of My Father. That collective spirit implies that for each time a voice cries in hunger for bread, someone receives on behalf of all but sadly holds it back selfishly. Our prayers are answered when we focus less on the self and more on the common good. God our loving Father gives only good gifts. He will say NO if it is not good for us. He certainly does not always give us what we WANT, for our wants are often short-sighted and self-centred. Better therefore that his will be done in our lives because his will is the best for us. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that 'the Lord's Prayer' is the most perfect of prayers because in it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired. So, what do we prioritise in our prayers? How often do we ask for the virtues; to be more loving, to be more forgiving, to be more humble, to be more tolerant, patient and understanding. Remember, Jesus said 'seek ye first the kingdom of God and all other things will be added for you'. The way we pray and what we ask for can be extremely revealing of where we are in our relationship with God, with people and with the world around us.

Mass Times & Intentions 24th - 30th July 2022

Sat 23rd Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Ann Fitzgerald (RIP)

Sun 24th 9:00am: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Anne Mahoney, Patricia Bradley, Seamus Joyce, Alan Mullee (RIP), Jane White, Rita Avanzi & family, Timmy Earley, Tommy & Mary Brady, Mullee family, Adrian Bradley (I)

11:30am: Eileen Munday, Tom D'Arcy (RIP), John Kennedy, Ellen, Martin & Michael Togher (ANN), Ignatius Etukudoh & family, Ella Humphreys, May Togher, Fr Oliver Ugwu, Jide Maduako (INT)

6:30pm: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, Jane Baker, May Harnett (INT)

Mon 25th St James: 12.30pm: *Funeral Mass For John Clarke*

Tue 26th Sts Joachim & Anne 12 noon: Theresa Reilly (RIP), Russell family, Angela Hunter, Ann Waldron (INT)

Wed 27th: Keith Northover, Martin Ward (RIP), Boody Millane, Sue Thompon, Robert & Brennan Furfey (ANN), Mary Shevlin, Adrian Bradley (INT)

Thur 28th 12 noon: Theresa Reilly, William Hanley (RIP), Larry Colquhoun (ANN)

Fri 29th Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli (RIP), Sylvia Marriutto & Denis Coelho (INT)

Sat 30th St Peter Chrysologus 12 noon: Priests and People of the Parish



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, 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, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina 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, Pilar, 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, Debbie Whitched, Emo Paddy Essang, Madeleine, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Rita Atuanya, Gloria Munian

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

Parish Priests: Fr. David Atuanya CSSp, Fr. Benedict Baka CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp

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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

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING (Genesis 18:20-32)

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know. "The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them. 'Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty. 'Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 137)

R. On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

R

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

R

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

R

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

R

SECOND READING (Colossians 2:12-14)

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overriden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

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 (Luke 11:1-13)

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test." He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, we pray the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant we pray, that this gift, which he himself gives us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Jeanette Fayers	June Gray/Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Innocent/Olga	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June/Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Tracey Mullett	Michelle Carr	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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