

NEWS AND VIEWS

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 weekend Masses 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.

Calling On All Young-Adult Catholics If you are between the ages of 18-45, **join us at 7:00 pm in the St Gabriel's meeting room**. Every Tuesday, **from 9th August**, there will be the chance to meet (**virtually or in person**) all other young Catholics, pray together and grow in our faith. If you would like to know more, contact John and Alessandra Knight on john.knight@rcm.ac.uk or on **07512781274**.

Parish Quiz Night resumes on the **2nd of September**. Enjoy your summer holiday.

Christian Stewardship: (24th July 2022) **Envelopes:** £184 **Loose:** £271.46 **Contactless:** £113.07 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

August Diary

Friday August 5th 12noon: **Parish First Friday Healing Mass, Holy Hour & Benediction**

Sunday 14th Assumption: **The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Sunday the 14th of August instead of the usual 15th.**

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

A lawyer meets with the family of a recently deceased millionaire for the reading of the will. "To my loving wife, Rose, who always stood by me, I leave the house and \$2 million," the attorney reads. "To my darling daughter, Jessica, who looked after me in sickness and kept the business going, I leave the yacht, the business and \$1 million." "And finally," the lawyer concludes, "to my cousin Dan, who hated me, argued with me and thought I would never mention him in my will. Well, you were wrong. Hi Dan!"



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+ 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C
31st 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 Poor Rich Man

In today's gospel a man asks Jesus to help make his brother give him his share of the family inheritance. Jesus is not against justice being done between him and his brother. Jesus is rather disappointed that after listening to his preaching, the man's first concern still remained his share of inheritance. He therefore cautions his listeners "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" At first, it may seem that the man was only after justice but Jesus recognises that greed comes in different guises, even in the guise of justice. That's what happens when some respectable people oppose plans to improve conditions for those on benefits. They sound as though they argue for justice and fairness but it could indeed be greed in disguise. That's why Jesus cautions with emphasis "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed" Greed can be upfront or subtle, conscious or unconscious. What we are is of far greater importance than what we have. When one is so consumed with the things that one could have, so much so that one no longer hears the urgent call of God, then one has indeed got one's priorities all mixed up. That is the lesson from the rich fool in today's Gospel. There is a belief, that once we have material and financial security, all our problems will be solved. Yet, we see this approach contradicted every single day. Today's readings ask us to consider another approach altogether. Jesus is not saying that you must give up all these things and lead a life of bleak misery for his sake. On the contrary, against the greed that obsesses many people he offers a much more secure way to happiness - sharing. For the rich fool, it was all about himself and the enjoyment that awaits him following his rich harvest. It is worth observing that no other people are mentioned in the story. The world and all its goods were there purely and simply for him to take hold of and keep for himself. But that very night he got a fatal lesson on the vanity of material security. Jesus teaches that we do not need the security of an inheritance or winning the lottery. Our security comes from being part of a loving and caring community, taking care of each member's needs. The old divisions that brought so much distress must fall away. Real security is not in the future. Genuine security is in the here and now, in having the sense of our common humanity.

Mass Times & Intentions 31st July – 6th August 2022

Sat 30th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Ann Fitzgerald (RIP), Mary McKinney (INT)

Sun 31st 9:00am: John Goodman, Kitty Waldron (RIP), Joan Collins (ANN), Calista Agbanyim (In Thanksgiving) Frank Harrington, Sam Haslam, Rica Coelho, Rita Rawlings, Wendy Winsler, Olga Haile- Ghebraweldi, Ann Waldron (INT)

11:30am: Peter Duffy, John Godwin, Tom D'Arcy (RIP), Ignatius Etukudoh & family, Anthony Fahey, Pat & Dona, Maria Okerefor & family, Ella Humphreys (Thanksgiving) (INT)

6:30pm: Les Maher, Maggie Kenny (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, John & Anne Baker & family (INT)

Mon 1st St Alphonsus Ligouri 2 noon: Kitty Waldron (RIP)

Tue 2nd St Eusebius of Vercelli 12 noon: Tony Glackin (RIP), Kitty Waldron (4th) (ANN), Freda Glackin & family (INT)

Wed 3rd: Kitty Waldron (RIP), Gill Sturdy (INT)

Thur 4th St John Vianney 12 noon: Freddy Joy, Tom & Kitty Waldron (RIP), Fr David Atuanya, Erna Joy, Angela Hunter (INT)

Fri 5th The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major 12 noon: *First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benedictio*

Sat 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord 12 noon: Mary Junor, Kitty Waldron (RIP)



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

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer; my help; O Lord, do not delay.

OPENING PRAYER

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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 (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23)

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL (Ps 89)

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

R

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

R

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

R

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

R

SECOND READING (Colossians 3:1-5.9-11)

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ is God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you, too, will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythians, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL (Luke 12:13-21)

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us and eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	June Gray/Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Innocent/Olga	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	June/Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	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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