

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Induction Mass For Fr Moses Enehizena CSSp as our Parish Priest** will take place on **Sunday 4th December @ 11.30am Mass**. Our Area Bishop, Bishop Nicholas Hudson, The Provincial Superior of The Spiritans UK, Fr Ugo Ikwuka CSSp, The Dean and Islington Deanery Priests and other Religious will be present. We continue to keep Fr Moses in our prayers.

**Parish Project: (Help At Home):** Thank you for the generosity. the collection will be this **weekend of 26th/27th November, 2022.**

**Caritas Advent Giving Calendar:** Advent is a special season in the Church's year when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. This Advent Giving Calendar is designed for you to use this season as a time to think about those who might need some extra support this Christmas. There is more information on the notice board and on the box in the porch.

**CAFOD World Gifts: Give a gift of hope this Christmas**  
Let's share the promise of hope that has been made to us with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can buy CAFOD's World Gifts for family and friends this Christmas online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/> or pick up a catalogue at the back of the church. World Gifts such as "super soup kitchens", "trees for life", or "water for a family" will help transform lives in a world filled with challenges.

**1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: December 4th, 11th.** Please could you all enter the meeting room via the door in the car park and ensure the catechists are present before leaving your child/children.

**Dates for Confirmation Sessions:** Nov 30th, Dec. 14th. Christmas break. Jan. 11th, 25th, Feb. 8th, 22nd, Mar. 8th, 22nd, Easter break. Apr. 19th, May 3rd, 17th, June 7th, 21st, 28th -(Rehearsal in the Church). **Confirmation Ceremony Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.**

**Christmas Decorations:** We need helping hands with Christmas Decorations of the Church on **Wednesday 30th** at 10am. Thanks for your help.

**Christmas Raffle:** The booklets are out this Sunday with very exciting prizes. But we all are winners if we can support this initiative to raise funds for the Parish. A ticket sells for £1 a strip. Donations towards the prizes would be appreciated. Thank you.

**Christmas Carol Concert on Friday 2nd at 6.30pm.** Individual acts are welcome (notify the Parish Office). The Carol raffle tickets are on sale. Note the **Parish Volunteer's Thanksgiving Mass will be on Monday 12th at 7pm.**

**Festive Parish Quiz Night:** We will be back on in person on the 9th of Dec., which will also be the Christmas version at 7.30pm, all are welcome. **£5 per person.** Bring along friends and family.

**Death:** We mourn with the family and friends of **Seamus Mullee**, a longstanding parishioner who passed away over the weekend in Ireland. He was buried on Monday the 21st November. Eternal rest grant unto him and may perpetual light shine on him, may he rest in peace. Amen

**100 Club November draw:** will take place after the First Friday Service on **Friday 2nd December**. Subscriptions can be handed in at church by the weekend of 26th/27th November or at the presbytery by **Wednesday 30th November** at the latest. New members welcome! *A correction to the winner of the 5th prize in November. It should have been no. 98.*

**Christian Stewardship:** (20th October 2022) **Envelopes:** £152 **Loose:** £329.22 **Contactless:** £155. **Parish Project- (Help At Home-)** £1,652.35 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

## November Diary

Weekend of 26th/27th: **1st Sunday Of Advent Year A**

**Parish Project collection (Help At Home)**

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**

## Important Diary Dates

- ◆ December 2nd— **Carol Concert**
- ◆ December 4th— **Fr Moses' Induction Mass**
- ◆ December 9th — **Quiz night (Christmas edition)**
- ◆ December 12th— **Volunteer's Mass**

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



**Woman:** "Hello, police department? I've lost my cat and..."

**Policeman:** "I'm sorry lady, but this is not a police job, you can try calling..."

**Woman:** "But you don't understand, this is a very intelligent cat. He is almost human. He can practically talk."

**Policeman:** "Well, in that case ma'am, you'd better hang up. He may be trying to call you right now."



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+ 1st Sunday In Advent Time Year A  
27th November 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

### Keeping the ultimate appointment

In Advent, we prepare for the coming of the Lord. We can actually speak of God's coming in three ways. The first is when Jesus came to be born in the stable at Bethlehem; the second is the final coming of Jesus at the end of the world and there is still the third kind whereby every single experience can be an opportunity to encounter God. We are reminded of that ongoing contact with God especially in the celebration of the sacraments, including this Eucharist. The first coming of Jesus in Bethlehem is to help us prepare for this final coming. We may not find it pleasant thinking about how or when we will leave this world but it is the one future fact of our lives of which we can be absolutely certain. Today's readings remind us of the final purpose of our lives. Many of us are like the people Noah's time mentioned in today's Gospel: "Before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing till the flood came and swept them all away..." These people were doing their everyday things exactly as we do. But they were so busy doing them that they failed to give any thought to where their lives were ultimately heading and what was the goal of that life. Maybe they were very successful in their business but, in the end, they were not ready for the most important appointment of their lives. The question is: how ready am I right now? This question is made even more disturbing since we do not know when the Lord will come. The Gospel therefore enjoins us to "Stay awake..." How do we stay awake? How do we prepare? To be watchful and ready is to be awake to our duties as responsible children of the world and of God. If, in our words and actions, our daily lives are full of the spirit of Jesus, then we have prepared. Then, we do not have to fear no matter when Jesus makes his final call because we know he is going to say: "Come, my friend. I want to call you now; I want to share with you my life that never ends." And we will respond: "Yes, Lord, I am ready. I have been waiting for you all this time." It will be an encounter, not of strangers, but of two old friends

## Mass Times & Intentions 27th November – 3rd December 2022

**Sat 26th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Ann Fitzgerald, George Roberts, Giovanna Spittle, Seamus Mullee, Alan Mullee (RIP), Denis Fitzgerald (Posthumous Birthday) (ANN), Christmas Wish, Pauline, Frank & Sugrue (INT)

**Sun 27th 9:00am:** Peggy Flanagan (RIP), Mai Wharton (ANN), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, Manny, Lillian & family, Ahano & family, Queeneth & Ekpo, Anna Rohalova (INT)

**11:30am:** Teresa Lake, Maureen McAndrew, Ann Tallott, Thomas Dunne, Giovanna Spittle, Mary Duffy (RIP), Patrick Hansberry (ANN), Mullett family, Mary Aherne family, Cynthia Flynn (Get Well), Mario Demetriou (Get Well), Mayers, Willis & Forbes families (INT)

**6:30pm:** Felicia Bewua (RIP), Chingwundoh family, Jane Baker (INT)

**Mon 28th 12 noon:** Mrs M Christopher, Kitty & Tom Waldron, Irene von Bock, Rose Udo, Giovanna Spittle (RIP), Bill Allen (ANN)

**Tue 29th 12 noon:** Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Ann Fitzgerald, Giovanna Spittle (RIP), Sam Haslam, Rica Coelho (INT)

**Wed 30th St Andrew:** Giovanna Spittle (RIP), Parish Volunteers (INT)

**Thur 1st 12 noon:** Giovanna Spittle (RIP), Eddie Sweeney (13th) (ANN), Laurence Akoshile (INT)

**Fri 2nd 12 noon:** *First Friday Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction*

**Sat 3rd St Francis Xavier 12 noon:** Giovanna Spittle (RIP), Eddie Sweeney (13th) (ANN)



**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 Munnelly, 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 McKeaney, 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 Whitehead, Emo Paddy Essang, Madeleine, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson

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

To you, I lift my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

## OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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 (Isaiah 2: 1-5)

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come, the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower over the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem." He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 121)

**R. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
"Let us go to God's house."**

I rejoiced when I heard them say  
Let us go to God's house."  
And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**R**

It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord.  
For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement.  
of the house of David

**R**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:  
"Peace to your homes!"  
May peace reign in your walls,  
in your palaces, peace!"

**R**

For love of my brethren and friends  
I say: "Peace upon you!"  
For love of the house of the Lord  
I will ask for your good.

**R**

## SECOND READING (Romans 13: 11-14)

You know 'the time' has come; you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all things we prefer to do under cover of dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy  
and give us your saving help.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL (Matthew 24:37-44)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield

its increase.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Jeanette Fayers	June Gray	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Innocent Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	John Obligar	June/Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Maureen Tayler	Michelle Carr	Joseph Ogbonna

## 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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