

NEWS AND VIEWS

Fr. David & Fr. Ben will be leaving us at the end of August for new postings. In our usual manner, Farewell envelopes will be available after all Masses next weekend and during the week day Masses. Please keep them all in your prayers.

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 registration forms from the Parish Office.*

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**) other young Catholics, pray together and grow in our faith. Contact John and Alessandra Knight on john.knight@rcm.ac.uk or on **07512781274**.

Ghana Chaplaincy (Archway) all members are advised to stay back after the 11.30am for next Sunday 28th August for a brief meeting.

100 Club: August winners. 1st £150, no. 98. 2nd £60, no.20. 3rd £30, no. 22. 4th £30, no. 100. 5th, £30, no.42. Special prize of £20 for non-winner since Nov 2019, no.94. Congratulations and thanks for your continued support. Next draw on Friday 2nd September after the parish quiz on Zoom (8pm start).

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.

Christian Stewardship: (14th August 2022) **Envelopes:** £206. **Loose:** £381 **Contactless:** £73.74 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

August Diary

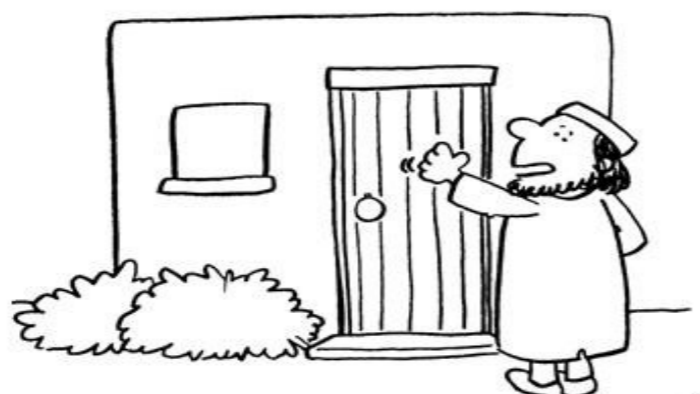
Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions**

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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VILLAGES	TEACHING	NARROW
DOOR	SUCCEED	MASTER
HOUSE	STREETS	WEEPING
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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

The teenager lost a contact lens while playing basketball in his driveway. After a brief, fruitless search, he gave up. His mother took up the search and within minutes she had found the lens. "I looked everywhere, how did you do that?" he asked. "We weren't looking for the same thing," she explained. "You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I, on the other hand, was looking for £150!"



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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 Narrow Gate or Path of Self Denial that Opens on to Love and Life.

As we gather for today's Mass of the twenty first Sunday of the liturgical year C of the Church, we are full of joy. We come together to praise God and to give Him thanks. Yet sometimes we have to read those passages of scripture which are not joyful, but which act as warnings to us. Today Christ warns us to choose the narrow path of truth, for otherwise He will say to us: 'I do not know you – away from me.' The Man we hear about in the gospel today wanted to know something that lay in the future. The important thing is to make sure about the future not simply to know about it. When Jesus speaks about the narrow gate or path, He is using a figure of speech: *He is comparing the Kingdom of heaven to something.* The Kingdom is *not a place.* It is a *state of existence; a state of being.* It is a *state where we are utterly in love with God.* When Jesus compares our entry into the Kingdom to *passing through a narrow gate,* He wants us to understand that entry into the Kingdom is a very personal matter. That is something that the Jewish people listening to Jesus did not clearly understand. They thought that because they belonged to the chosen people of Israel, and Jesus was one of themselves that they were thereby guaranteed entrance into the Kingdom. "Lord, we heard you preach in our street, we shared a meal with you." But the Lord will say, "I do not know you." We would have the same mentality if we were to say, "Yes Lord, we have been present at Mass, we have listened to the homilies or sermons in the church, we have taken part in parish activities." All very fine. But the trouble is that all these things could exist without true love in the essence of the Kingdom. Without love, no matter what else I may have, I cannot belong to the Kingdom of God or heaven. And *there can be no love without self-denial.* It is true I must love myself but my love must not stop there. I must reach out in equal measure.

- Mass Times & Intentions 21st – 27th August 2022**
- Sat 20th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Brendan Nelson, Meabha Doohan, Barbara Carolan (RIP), Cornelius Murphy (ANN)
- Sun 21st 9:00am:** Harry Chingwundoh, Tom Campbell (RIP), Manny Ekong, Grace Chingwundoh & family, Daisy Haslam, Lucie Thompson, Michelle Carr (INT)
- 11:30am:** Mary Williamson (Mamie), Tom D'Arcy, Tom Campbell, Deceased members of Douglas Meyers family & friends (RIP), Jimmy Cleary (25th), Nancy Franks (2nd), Joe & Molly Kilmartin (ANN), Private Intentions, Babs Kavanagh, Douglas Meyers (INT)
- 6:30pm:** Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, Manny, Lillian & family, Quinet & family (INT)
- Mon 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12 noon:** Jeremy Platten (INT)
- Tue 23rd St Rose of Lima 12 noon:** Anoja Fernando, Michelle Carr (INT)
- Wed 24th St Bartholomew 12 noon:** Eche Anakor, Bart Gawel (INT)
- Thur 25th St Louis 12 noon:** Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Martha Buckley (RIP) Russell family (INT)
- Fri 26th Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God 12 noon:** Frank Cheah (23rd)(ANN)
- Sat 27th St Monica 12noon:** Sally Flynn (RIP), George O'Connell 8th, Bridget O'Connell, Delia Hansberry (ANN)

Please Pray For:

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 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 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
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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

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who causes the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that amid the uncertainties of the world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 66:18-21)

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 116)

R. Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **R**

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **R**

SECOND READING (Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13)

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; there the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 13:22-30)

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church, Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. 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	Joe Baffoe	June/Joyce	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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