

NEWS AND VIEWS

Requiem Mass in honour of Queen Elizabeth II will take place on Monday 19th at 12noon. All who are able to join us here in the parish are welcome to do so. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

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.*

Home Mission Appeal: There will be second collection next weekend. Please give generously to support the mission of the Church in England and Wales. Thank you.

Tuesday Social Club begins in October after the 12noon Mass. People of all ages are welcome to join the bingo and other activities in the meeting room.

Christian Stewardship: (11th September 2022) **Envelopes:** £207. **Loose:** £387.90 **Contactless:** £37.37 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

September Diary

Sunday 18th @ 10.10am: **First Communion & Confirmation Catechists**
 Thursday 22nd @ 6.30pm: **RCIA Catechist meeting with Fr Moses**
 Thursday 22nd @ 7.15pm: **Finance Committee meeting**
 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



The Geography teacher was lecturing on map reading. After explaining about latitude, longitude, degrees, and minutes the teacher asked, "Suppose I asked you to meet me for lunch at 23 degrees, 4 minutes north latitude and 45 degrees, 15 minutes east longitude . . ." After a confused silence, a voice volunteered, "I guess you'd be eating alone."



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+ 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C
18th September 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

Stewardship of creation

The prophet Amos preached long before Christ came; behind the glitter of political and religious life of the time, he could observe a world of injustice and exploitation of the poor. Though he wrote his disapproval then, they sound perfectly familiar to anyone living in any prosperous city today. Cheating on weights and measures, tampering with scales, inflating the value of goods and deflating the value of money, buying up the poor for money, finding someone gullible enough to pay for what is basically trash! In over 2,000 years of "civilisation" and "religion", hardly anything has changed. In our capitalist society built on competitiveness, it seems to be an accepted norm to have winners and losers. Indeed, many of us Christians have dire need to become more aware of what Christian love and compassion actually entails. It can never be accepted as "normal" for people to live in inadequate housing, to have to work in intolerable conditions, to have to work twelve or more hours a day seven days a week just to make ends meet, to have to endure hunger, malnutrition over long periods, to have to sell their bodies in prostitution or near slavery! Nor can it be accepted as "normal" that others live in comfort and luxury, while people live in such deplorable conditions. No Christian who is worth the name can accept such a situation or, still less, be a contributor to such imbalances. Unfortunately, wittingly or unwittingly many of us are contributors. We show it by the frenzy to climb to the top and pushing our children to do as much. While we can't advocate for total equality, on the level of dignity and rights, no one can claim superiority over another person. Any diminution of human dignity cannot be tolerated by the conscientious and loving Christian. Granted that some have been given more talents than others, these gifts are to be used not to get more for oneself but to offer more for the building up of the Kingdom community. The greater our gifts, the greater our responsibility to share them with those who have less. That is why Jesus used the metaphor of the steward in today's Gospel to remind us that we are the stewards and never the owners of what we possess. We have no absolute right to anything we have. The question of a successful life is not "How much did you make?" but "How did you use what you had constructively for the common good?" That is the way to make the friends Jesus talks about in the Gospel.

Mass Times & Intentions 18th – 24th September 2022

Sat 17th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Tony Glackin (RIP), P J Forrester, John & Mary Patterson (ANN)
Sun 18th 9:00am: Babs Kavanagh, Katie Howard (RIP), Alan Mullee, Sally & Patrick Sweeney, Mark Hailes (ANN), DeeAnn Sewell, Divine Ekong, Ella Humphreys (INT)
11:30am: Thomas & Agnes Mullee family, Anna Dorothy, John & Susan Brady, Karen Brennan, Mary Gallagher (RIP), Alan Mullee, Tony Glackin (ANN), Mullee family, Michael Garvey & family, Brennan family, Eddie & Marian, Priests of the parish, People of the Parish (INT)
6:30pm: Mary Shevlin (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, Manny, Lillian & family, Ahano & family, Madonna & Christopher (INT)
Mon 19th St Januarius 12 noon: Queen Elizabeth II, Martin Bradley, Marion Henley, Sally Flynn, Alex Landman (RIP), Mary Dornin, Bernard Etim-Bassey (ANN), Bradley family (INT)
Tue 20th St Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions 12 noon: Babs Kavanagh (RIP)
Wed 21st St Matthew 12 noon: Mamie Williamson (RIP)
Thur 22nd 12 noon: Con O'Leary (29th)(ANN), Jeremy Platten (INT)
Fri 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina 12 noon: Babs Kavanagh (month's mind) (RIP)
Sat 24th Our Lady of Walsingham 12 noon: Ivy Coelho, Jessica Jones (ANN)



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, 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 Whitehed, Emo Paddy Essang, Madeleine, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Rita Atuanya, Gloria Munian, Phylis Kirwan

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
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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 (Amos 8:4-7)

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 112:1-2.4-8)

R. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **R**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dung heap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **R**

SECOND READING (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and

there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 16:1-13)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your

people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with the Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Ann Heekin	June Gray/Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga/Innocent	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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