# **NEWS AND VIEWS**

this weekend. Please give generously to support the mission of the Church in England and Wales. Thank you.

Farewell Mass for Fr David & Fr Benedict will take ments that will question, enhance and renew your faith & place at the 11.30am Mass on the 16th of October, so-commitment to God. The lessons will also start soon. cials will take place immediately after the Mass.

Sacraments for next year

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: October 2nd, 16th, 23rd, November 6th, 20th (Enrolment Mass at 11.30am), 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.

Confirmation 2023: It is time to register for this sacrament. The catechism classes will start soon. To be eligible for Confirmation, the candidate must be 13 years by the 31st of August.

Home Mission Appeal: There will be second collection 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 sacra-Please pick up all registration forms from the Parish Office.

> 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: (18th September 2022) Envelopes: £152. Loose: £352.42 Contactless: £29.51 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

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



En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-yearold grandson asked me what he could expect. "Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved. "Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

A preacher was asking for contributions to the church's program to buy food for the needy. The town gambler, who also owned the saloon and several other shady operations, offered the preacher £500."You can't take that," a scandalized deacon told the preacher. "That's the devil's money." "Well, brother," said the preacher, cheerfully accepting the gift, "in that case, the devil has had his hands on it long enough. Now let's see what the Lord will do with it."



# **Spiritans**

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## + 26th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C 25th 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

#### Going to Hell for doing nothing

We are morally culpable not only for the bad things we do but also for the good things we fail to do. If we are judged only by the things we do, the rich man in today's Gospel wouldn't have been condemned because he did nothing wrong to the poor Lazarus. In fact we are not even told that Lazarus begged from him and he refused to help neither did he drive Lazarus away or use abusive language on him. All we are told is that he was feeding and clothing well as any other successful human being has a right to do. But as long as that poor man lay dying of deprivation at his feet and he did nothing, the rich man was guilty. Someone once observed that God loves the poor, not because they are good, but simply because they are poor, in the sense that they are deprived of what is necessary to live a fully human life. The rich man was indifferent because we live in a world which believes that people deserve everything they are able to work for and acquire. We live in a world that praises achievement and has little time for failure. Those who achieve material success often feel that if other people could do what they did, then, they could be rich too. The emphasis is not on what people are but on what people can do and what they can acquire with what they do. How they get it or what the consequences may be for others is irrelevant. We also live in a culture where people mind their business and are only concerned about their private space. The rich man was probably convinced that whatever happens to anybody outside his gate is none of his business. He is not the social services so he has no legal responsibility over the dying poor man. But we are not only called to legal responsibility, we are called more so to moral responsibility. Today's Gospel challenges such culture of indifference and self-centredness. We are called to show some interest in situations around us. We are called to be aware of how our neighbour is doing and as the story of the Good Samaritan teaches us, everybody in need is our neighbour who is deserving of our attention. Again, the rich man in hell actually did everything that the poor man did on earth but he simply did them TOO LATE! When he lifted up his eyes to implore, he was praying too late. When he was moved to tears, it was coming too late for nothing had moved him in life. When he wanted to send words of caution to his brothers, it was too late. And Jesus made a prophetic statement 'they would not listen even if someone rose from the dead'. It is 2000 years now since Jesus rose from the dead, how many have welcomed the message of the Gospel about wealth and poverty?

Mass Times & Intentions

25th September - 1st October 2022

Sat 24th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Babs Kavanagh (RIP), Private Intentions (INT)

Sun 25th 9:00am: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Felix Barretto, Babs Kavanagh (RIP), Lina Piroli (INT)

11:30am: Babs Kavanagh, Patrick Lanigan, Mary Heskin, Mary Shevlin, Michael O'Malley (RIP), Philis Clifford (ANN), Crizel Dias, May Togher, Fr John Kerin, Anastasia Nervais (INT)

6:30pm: Russell family, Lina Piroli (INT)

Mon 26th Sts Cosmas & Damian 12 noon: Michael Timlin, Mary Shevlin (RIP), Crizel Dias, Hannah Holden,

Tue 27th St Vincent de Paul 12 noon: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, Manny, Lillian & family, Ahano & family, Queeneth & Ekpo (INT)

Wed 28th St Wenceslaus 12 noon: Renée & Huw Evans (INT)

Thur 29th Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli (RIP)

Fri 30th St Jerome 12 noon: Sam Haslam, Rica Coelho (INT)

Sat 1st St Thérèse of the Child Jesus 12 noon: Joseph Keenan, Alf Humphreys (36yrs) (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 Munnelly, 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

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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**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

O God who manifest your almighty power above all pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 6:1.4-7)

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145:7-10)**

#### R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,

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who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger.

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He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,

Zion's God, from age to age.

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## SECOND READING (1 Timothy 6:11-16)

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## Alleluia, alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord. I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

## GOSPEL (Luke 16:19-31)

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied, "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham, "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man, "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that e may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mass	Readers	<b>Eucharist Minster</b>	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	June Gray/Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Olga/Innocent	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	June/Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Roxanne	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 adore you, We glorify You, ive You thanks for Your

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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