

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**First Communion lessons** begins next **Sunday** at **10.15am**, please bring your children in on time. Registration is still open.

**October Devotion:** Please join the **daily Rosary** said after the **12noon** Mass and also at **6pm** during the month of October, parishioners are encouraged to take part.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection:** Please drop all envelopes will be collected after all Masses this weekend. You can also donate online on the CAFOD website Many thanks for your support.

**First Holy Communion dates:** Oct 15th, 22nd Nov. 5th, 19th, Dec. 3rd, 17th...more dates after Christmas. **First Holy Communion celebration 2nd June, 2024** Please enter the meeting through the parish car park.

**Reception into the Church 2024:** Adults who are yet to be baptised or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should also register for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). **Please it important that you register at the Parish Office.**

**Saturday Night Bingo** started in the Meeting Room last Saturday after the Vigil Mass. More players welcome!

## Proposed Pilgrimages 2024 dates and cost

- **Prague/Poland in May half-term 2024:** Cost **£870.** including flight, lodging, breakfast and dinner. **for 7 nights.** Please find the full details on the display board in the porch. **OR.**
- **Knock Shrine & Co. Mayo in May half term 2024:** Cost **£799** including flight, lodging, full board. **for 4 nights.**
- **Expression of interest is with £200 deposit before the end of November to enable booking of flights and hotel reservations.** Those who need visa to travel will sort it out by themselves; the tour company will provide hotel reservations to support visa application. Please indicate interest on the sheets provided.

**Parish Project for Repairs and Replacements will commence soon.**

**Christian Stewardship:** 1st October 2023 **Envelopes:** £153 **Loose:** £472.65 **Contactless:** £130  
**Parish Project-** (Help At Home - £3,971.42 so far. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

## October Diary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We are encouraged to make greater effort to pray the Rosary this month. We have the opportunity to pray this solemnly as a community before each of the Sunday Masses or Thursday at 7pm. Thursday 12th at 7.15pm: **Finance Committee meeting**  
 Weekend of 21st/22nd: **World Mission Sunday APF Collection (Red Box)**  
 Weekend of 27th/28th: **Parish Project Monthly Collection**  
 Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**  
 Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**  
 Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**  
 Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room**  
 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

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## Food For Thought

**1 Peter 4:10**  
 God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

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



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**+27th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A**  
**8th October 2023**

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

**To whom much is given ...**

When people fall in love, they call each other adorable names. Similarly, in the love poem which is our First Reading from Isaiah, God called His beloved people His 'vineyard'. This is because just as people invest so much in their lovers, a lot goes into the cultivation of vineyards. The beloved of the Lord at the time was Israel, the chosen people, whom God had freed from captivity and slavery and led to the Promised Land. Sadly however, they behaved like prostitutes; flirting with the pagan gods of other nations and becoming unfaithful to the words of their covenant with God. God was therefore the heartbroken lover we heard lamenting in the poem: "What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?" The poem ended in a tragedy as bloodshed and oppression were found instead of the expected good fruits! Today, through baptism, we Christians like the Jews of old are adopted as people of God too. And we have received even much more than them especially as Catholics. But are we any better than the tenants in the Gospel; the chief priests, the elders, the Scribes and the Pharisees in their rejection of God's prophets and His words? Over the centuries and extending even to our time, many prophets have been rejected, abused and even killed in our Christian communities. We think of Bishop Oscar Romero, Martin Luther King, the countless victims of violence and oppressive regimes in world. All these martyrs were killed not by pagans but by fellow-Christians, tenants in the Lord's vineyard. Like the wicked tenants in the Gospel that eventually turned on the farm owner's son and did away with him, haven't we as a society done away with Christ today? You may say that as an individual you'll never do away with Christ but that's exactly what you do that time you tell those 'white' lies to save your face, that time you cheat, that time you cut corners, that time you hold tenaciously to a grudge – Away with him! We've done away with Christ even in our Churches too when instead of being the light of the world, our churches are rather being 'enlightened' by the world.

## Mass Times & Intentions 8th – 14th October 2023

**Sat 7th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** David Flaherty (RIP), Private Intentions (INT)  
**Sun 8th 9:00am:** Eileen Cahill, Patrick Cahill, Noel Germaine (RIP), Fr Danny Horan, Kathleen Horan (ANN), Adrian Bradley & family, Fr Moses Enehizena (40th birthday (INT)  
**11:30am:** Mick Nolan, Mary Doherty (RIP), Brendan Hehir (ANN), Fr Moses Enehizena, Mary Quinn (90th birthday), Private Intention, Tony Doyle (INT)  
**6:30pm:** Maurice Vink (RIP), Fr George Dangerfield (ANN), Fr Moses Enehizena (INT)  
**Mon 9th St John Henry Newman 12 noon:** Frances Herhily (posthumous birthday), Mrs M O'Donnell (RIP), Monica Rota, Mrs Harte (ANN), Izzy Humphreys (Get Well), Matthew Ronan, Luke Ronan, Divine Ogwuche (birthday) (INT)  
**Tue 10th St Paulinus of York 12 noon:** Muriel & George Roberts, Mick Nolan (RIP), Giovanna Spittle (1st) (ANN), Alan & Felicity Harrison (INT)  
**Wed 11th St John XIII 12 noon:** Richard Tayler (RIP), John & Lucie Thompson, Maureen Coelho (INT)  
**Thur 12th St Wilfrid 12 noon:** Patricia Elogne (INT)  
**Fri 13th St Edward the Confessor 12 noon:** Parish Volunteers  
**Sat 14th St Callistus I 12 noon:** Priests and People of the Parish



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, 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 Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggane, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, 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, Emo Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Glorunian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Rosario De Cruz, Ola Gam-Ikon, Private Intention, Theresa Bannerman, Eddy Renwick, Ralph Nwosuh, Gino Avanzi

**Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit**  
**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enehizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka CSSp  
**Parish Office Team:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald, Seminarian Francis Hoang Son  
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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 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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 5: 1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard; I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 79)

### R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

## SECOND READING Philippians 4: 6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia**  
**I call you friends, says the Lord,**  
**because I have made known to you**  
**everything I have learnt from my Father.**  
**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL Matthew 21: 33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They answered, "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? I tell you then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit."

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Isaac Biblian	Innocent	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	June G. & Mary A.	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Sem. Francis Hoang Son	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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