

NEWS AND VIEWS

Induction Mass For Fr Moses Enehizena CSSp as our Parish Priest will take place today **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.

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.

December Diary

Friday 9th 6pm: **Parish Quiz**
Monday 12th 7pm: **Parish Volunteers Mass**
Tuesday 20th 7pm: **Christmas Penitential Service/Confessions**
Saturday 24th 6.30pm **Vigil Mass/Children's Christmas Liturgy** followed by refreshments.
11.30pm **Carols/Lessons leading to Christmas Midnight Mass**
Christmas Day Sunday 25th **Masses at 9am & 11.30am. No evening Mass**
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**

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: December 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: 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.**

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.

Christian Stewardship: (27th October 2022) Envelopes: £152 Loose: £329.22 Contactless: £155. Parish Project- (Help At Home- £2052.97 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

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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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+ 2nd Sunday In Advent Time Year A
4th December 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

Bridging gaps

The constant desire of God to save his people is actually realized in the Root of Jesse – a humble beginning but a firm foundation which has its climax in the birth of Jesus Christ. His [Jesus] qualities are already laid bare in the prophecy of Isaiah (*Cf. Is. 11:1-2*). They are very contrary to the expectation of God's chosen people, Israel. In their thinking and conviction, both Jesus' coming and presence amongst them is linked with a rebellious quality. For them, he is coming to put up a fight against the Roman authorities and completely free them from bondage. However a rebel's presence brings about tension, suspicion, hatred and of course wars. A rebel never bridges the gap but creates a vacuum through his acts. Jesus Christ comes to bridge gaps through the power of the Holy Spirit so he is filled with wisdom, insight, counsel, power, knowledge and the fear of the Lord. As a judge, he does not convict his children but then he acquits them through the gradual unfolding of his teaching on love... 'I was hungry and you gave me to eat, thirsty and you gave me to drink, a stranger and made me welcome, naked and you clothed me, sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me' (*Mt. 25:35-36*). Jesus comes to bridge the gap through his acts making it possible for enemies to come to understanding and live together as friends. This comes out clearly in the vision of Isaiah; 'the wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, the calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them.' (*Cf. Is. 11:6*). We need love, our families need love, our Christian communities need love, and so do our countries and our world too. To love is to drop all our selfish interests and put others first. Our faith journey demands that we take a leap from the teachings of Christ so that we would constantly bridge gaps instead of creating vacuums wherever we are. This advent season is yet another opportunity whereby through our positive reception of the Lord's teaching and those of the Church, we too will be people of contradiction in the sight of our brothers and sisters through our refusal of accepting the 'wrongs' that have been institutionalized by our society thereby making them ordinary acceptable norms.

Mass Times & Intentions 4th – 10th December 2022

Sat 3rd Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Joe McLoughlin (ANN)

Sun 4th 9:00am: James McGeever, Victoria Palmer, Charlie Comiskey, Assunta Turin (RIP), Patricia Etim-Bassey (2nd) (ANN), Mary Kenny, Wendy Winser, Rita Rawlings, Paani Dias (INT)

11:30am: Mary Duffy, Mary Scully, Sean Williams (RIP)

6:30pm: Martin Duffy (RIP)

Mon 5th 12 noon: Anastosis Andrea (RIP), John Hogan (22nd) (ANN), Ahano Aroko, Diane Senior (INT)

Tue 6th St Nicholas 12 noon: Frank Wharton (ANN)

Wed 7th St Ambrose: Sean Williams (RIP)

Thur 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12 noon: Cathy Raven (RIP), Sr. Anne Orde, Sr. Sylvette Mané, Mary Stephens (INT)

Fri 9th St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin 12 noon: Carol Belsten, Beryl Tamsett (INT)

Sat 10th Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto 12 noon: Christina Kennedy (ANN), John & Lucie Thompson (INT)



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

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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

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING (Isaiah 11: 1-10)

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb; the panther lies down with the kid; calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the vipers lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 71)

R. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **R**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **R**

SECOND READING (Romans 15: 4-9)

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scriptures says in one place: For this I shall praise you among pagans and sing your name.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 3: 1-12)

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judea and this was his message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: 'A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.' This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, "Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Be pleased, O Lord with our humble prayers and offerings and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy

which comes to you from God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	June Gray	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Maureen Taylor	Innocent Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	John Obligar	June/Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	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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