NEWS AND VIEWS

Pilgrimage Trip To Fatima: All those interested in going with us to Fatima, the proposed date is 29th May-2nd June.

- Cost of trip based on shared rooms is from £515 for 4
- Single room cost an extra £,102.
- **Travel Insurance £39** (for those who need one)
- Flight tickets **NOT** included in the above price.

For this trip to happen we have to be up to a group of at least 20 people, the trip will be handle by a Diocesan approved Pilgrimage Tour Company. Please indicate interest and make commitments towards this via the Parish office.

Lepra Appeal Is this weekend as a retiring collection. Over 7 Parish Project: (Help At Home): Thank you for the generosity. million people are currently affected by leprosy across the world. Evidence shows over 3 million people are living with 28th/29th January, 2023. undiagnosed leprosy Over 4 million people are living with a lifechanging disability caused by leprosy. Lepra works to find, treat and rehabilitate these hidden people and promote their rights in India and Bangladesh.

Daily Church Cleaning Appeal: Thank you to those that have come out already. We are still calling on all parishioners who can give their time to work in groups to keep the church clean. Please share your contact with Fr Moses or through the Parish office.

Parish Repository/Shop: We are working towards re-stocking our shop and if there are specific religious items you would want us to buy, kindly put in your request in the repository after Mass. We will try our best to accommodate all request.

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: Jan 22nd, Feb. 5th, 19th, Mar. 5th, 11th, 19th, Apr. 2nd, 23rd, May 7th, 14th, 21st, Jun. 4th, 10th. The celebration of the First Communion will take place Sunday 11th June during the 11.30am Mass.

Dates for Confirmation Sessions: Christmas break. Jan. 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.

the next collection will be taken during the weekend of

100 Club January draw: The 1st prize of £158 no.99, 2nd prize of £63 no. 24. 3rd prize of £32 to no.71, 4th prize of £32 to no. 3, 5th prize of £32 no. 77. A£20 prize for subscribers who had never won went to no. 88. £313 was raised for parish funds. The next draw is on Friday 3rd February after the 1st Friday service. New members welcome!

Christian Stewardship: 15th January 2023 Envelopes: £247.80 Loose: £476.25 Contactless: £117.99 Parish Project- (Help At Home- £1754.97 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

January Diary

Weekend of 21st/22nd: Lepra Appeal

Thursday 26th at 7.15pm: Finance Committee meeting for the members

Weekend of 28th/29th: Parish Project collection (Help @ Home) 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 / 100 club draws 7.30pm: Parish Quiz night

Proposed Pilgrimages 2023 Fatima-29th May-2nd Walsingham-1st July

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



Food For Thought

Proverbs 14:16-18

A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, But a fool is arrogant and careless. A quicktempered man acts foolishly, And a man of evil devices is hated. The naive inherit foolishness, But the sensible are crowned with knowledge.



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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

Light to Those in Darkness

Our Gospel today is from St. Matthew 4:12-23. The prophet Isaiah announced a future of liberation and great joy for all the people of Galilee, through the image of light that dispels the darkness in which the people walk. The Gospel, quoting verbatim the same passage of the prophet Isaiah, presents Jesus as the Light, thus fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy. He is the light that was promised to dispel the darkness of sin and to free man from the obscurity in which he is enclosed. The light becomes an efficacious means to express God's involvement in human history. God manifests Himself as 'The Light' that disperses the darkness. The light illuminates, encircles, defines things, emphasises the colours and gives depth to space. The light heartens and comforts: to be in an enlightened place helps us to accept reality for what it is and makes us feel happier, more certain and protected. God's initiative with regard to men permits them to have a renewed relationship with reality. In God's light everything assumes a new significance, its authentic and definitive meaning. A light which illuminates gives strength and permits the disclosure of the universe and man. This is why, after saying, 'on those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone' (Is 9:1), the text adds, 'you have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing' (Is 9:2), a joy and happiness that became real in Jesus' presence. He is the promised light that has come into our midst, His physical presence that expresses the definitive arrival of the Light. The light that shines brightly marks God's initiative performing, His first merciful and free step towards a wounded humanity. This dynamic is expressed through Jesus' call of the first Apostles. He chooses them with an unequivocal call, 'Follow Me'. Faced with God's sudden interruption in their lives, he invites them to abandon the nets and trust themselves totally to the Lord for a new 'catch', a new definitive horizon. At the Last Supper, the end of his earthly life, Jesus reminds His disciples 'you did not choose me, no, I chose you' (Jn 15:16). Let us ask the Lord, for ourselves and for the whole Church, for the gift of a true conversion of our hearts, enabling us to receive Christ as the only Light to follow. He is the only one that really dispels the darkness within and around us.

Mass Times & Intentions 22nd - 28th January 2023

Sat 21st 6:30pm: Anne & Richard Doyle, Mary Butler, Alan Mullee (RIP), Barbara Heggarty (INT)

Sun 22nd 9:00am: June Waterman (RIP), Ellen Sherlock (29th), Dennis Foley (9th), William Addamson Haggart (ANN), Tiffany Essien-Oku, Essien-Oku's family Private Ints, Eyo2 Okon Eyo, Brianna Sintim- Burke, Declan Etukudoh, Miriam

11:30am: Phyllis Byrne, Paul Murray, Assunta Turin, Guido Turin (RIP), Calvyn Dunne (ANN), Elizabeth Mackey, John & Helen Humphreys, Barbara Heggarty, Joyce McDaid, Ella Humphreys, Surangi Netsinghe (INT)

6:30pm: Ella Humphreys, Joyce McDaid, Jeremy Platten (INT)

Mon 23rd 12 noon: Bernadette Egan, Sarah Connelly (RIP), Bridget Peril (ANN), Tiffany Essien-Oku, Declan Etukudoh Tue 24th St Francis de Sales 12 noon: Hon Justice FGC Uyanna, Frank Power, Henry Brett (ANN), Cathleen Lacey, Mary Hallissey, Russell family (INT)

Wed 25th The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle 12 noon: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi (RIP), Eyo² O Eyo (INT) Thur 26th Sts Timothy & Titus 12 noon: Sarah Connelly, Agnes Ryan, Boniface Pinto, Fr. Martin O'Connell (RIP), Ursula Stevens (ANN), Renée Evans (INT)

Fri 27th St Angela Merici 12 noon: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Manny, Lillian & family, Ahano & family (INT)

Sat 28th St Thomas Aquinas 12 noon: Antonio Paganuzzi (RIP), Tracey Harrington (ANN), Chisom Anakor (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, 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 Paddy Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, 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 sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 8:23-9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations. The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their glad- Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to ness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice Galilee and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 26)

R. The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! . R.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and

instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Iesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 4 12-23

Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned. From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving their boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass Readers **Eucharist Minster** Stewards Sat. 6.30pm Bridget O'Dea Debra Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers Rachel McGonigal Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku Sun. 9.00am Innocent Sun. 11.30am John Obligar June/Roxanne Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe Sun. 6.30pm Ann Heekin Michelle 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 praver. 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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