

# 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** also **includes** return flights, 4 nights full-board accommodation, transportation from Lisbon Airport to Fatima, coach provided for tours to the popular religious places around Fatima at the total cost of **£810**. **This price can only be held till the 5th of February, 2023.**
- **Deposit of £250** is requested before the **5th of February to confirm this trip.**
- **Late bookings will incur additional price.**
- **Single room** cost an extra **£102.**
- **Travel Insurance £39** (for those who need one)
- 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.

**Parish Repository/Shop:** We have re-stocked some items based on the forthcoming religious calendar and we also have other regular religious items in stock all at reasonable prices. Kindly put in your request in the repository after Mass for items we have not covered. We will try our best to accommodate all request.

**Parish Project: (Help At Home):** Thank you for the generosity. the next collection will be taken during this **weekend**.

**Lepra Appeal** Thank you for your contribution of £320.02. This will go to a worthy cause.

**Death:** We mourn with the family and friends of **Sarah Connelly**, a longstanding parishioner who passed away. She will be repatriated back to Ireland for burial. In order for her friends and church family to bid her farewell, there will be a Mass on **Thursday 2nd February 2023 at 5pm** here in our parish. Eternal rest grant unto her and may perpetual light shine on her, may she rest in peace. Amen

**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.

**1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am:** 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:** Feb. 8th, 22nd, Mar. 8th, 22nd, Easter break. Apr. 19th, May 3rd, 17th, June 7th, 21st, 28th -(Rehearsal in the Church). **Confirmation Ceremony is on Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.**

**100 Club February draw:** takes place after the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Healing Mass. Subscriptions should be paid in this weekend at church or by Wednesday 1st February at the parish office/presbytery.

**Christian Stewardship:** 22nd January 2023 **Envelopes:** £129 **Loose:** £409.34 **Contactless:** £99.33 **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 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 June**

**Walsingham- 1st July**

**Aylesford—tbc**

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<b>SYNAGOGUE</b>	<b>WORDS</b>	<b>PHYSICIAN</b>
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<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>WIDOWS</b>	<b>SHUT</b>
<b>FAMINE</b>	<b>LEPERS</b>	<b>NONE</b>



## Food For Thought

**Isaiah 43:18-19**

Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness. The beasts of the field, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me, because I have put water in the desert and streams in the wilderness to give water to my people, my chosen ones.

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



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**+ 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A**

**29th January 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

### NOT BY MIGHT, GOD ALONE

Our relationship with God is one that is incomparable with any other relationship that we are engaged in. Its significance which is more of a blessing has been misconstrued over the centuries by people called to be partakers in God's saving work to humanity. So for Ananias, a believer in Damascus, it was difficult for him to reconcile the fact that Saul was a changed man who also needed to be saved. He was so much embittered by Saul's acts that even at the command of the Lord he said, 'Lord, many people have told me about this man and about the terrible things he has done to your people in Jerusalem. And he has come to Damascus with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who worship you.' (Acts, 9:13-14). However, Saul believed that it was not by his might but only by the grace of God that he was to be saved by his extraordinary experience on his way to Damascus. This experience would later change his entire approach in life. It is in the context of this experience that Paul writes in our extract from the second reading (1 Cor. 1:26-31) that, 'God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise, and he chose what the world considers weak in order to shame the powerful.' (1 Cor. 2:27). Like Paul, we come to God with a firm belief that the 'God talk' will inspire us to be a changed people. Yes we all have the basic tag of 'original sin' but we are not condemned by God hence we are not intimidated by the way people relate to us and what they say about us. I might have strayed from the ways of God but I am not defeated by my failures. I look up to God for strength just like the psalmist tells us, 'My help will come from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.' (Ps. 121:2). I could be the lost sheep but God is ever willing to go after the lost ones just like the man who leaves ninety-nine sheep in the pasture and goes after the one that is lost until he finds it. (Lk. 15:4). Like Paul, let us put all our trust in God in our everyday struggles in life and let us allow the Spirit of God to touch us so that we can always stand firm before the Lord with heads high.

## Mass Times & Intentions 29th January – 4th February 2023

**Sat 28th 6:30pm:** Tess & Jim McNaney, Alan Mullee, Anne & Richard Doyle, Geoffrey Reynolds (RIP), Bridget O'Connell (1<sup>st</sup>), George O'Connell, Charles Tamsett, Tracey Harrington (ANN), Mullee family, Garvey family (INT)

**Sun 29th 9:00am:** Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Marcella Marquez (RIP), Mieczyslaw Wojciechowski (5<sup>th</sup>) (ANN), Sarah O'Leary, Carmel Donovan, Rita Avanzi & family, Thanksgiving for Essien-Oku family intentions, Raiza & family (INT)

**11:30am:** Colette Welsh (RIP), Tess McNaney (ANN), Baby Denia Elora, Adaora Udoakamma, Dr George Magoa, Fr Ugo Ikwuka (INT)

**6:30pm:** Jack Flannery, Sean Walsh (INT)

**Mon 30th 12 noon:** Michael McKeown (RIP), Christy Columb, John McAndrew (ANN)

**Tue 31st St John Bosco 12 noon:** Milli Pegorini, Sarah Connelly (RIP), (ANN), Sam Haslam, Rica Coelho (INT)

**Wed 1st 12 noon:** Eileen Fitzgerald (RIP), Bridie Redmond (Posthumous birthday) Inaya Krishnajothe (ANN)

**Thur 2nd The Presentation of the Lord 12 noon:** Jacob Brown, Bart Gawel (INT)

**5pm : Memorial / Repatriation Mass for Sarah Connelly**

**Fri 3rd Sts Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore 12 noon:** First Friday Healing Mass/ Holy Hour/ Benediction

**Sat 4th 12 noon:** Bernie Egan (RIP), Wendy Winser (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 Munnely, 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, Teresa O'Dea

## Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Ignatius Quan CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Seminarian Raphael Muendo

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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

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

## OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may honour you with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart. 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 Zephaniah 2:3: 3:12-13

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145)

**R. How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

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. **R.**

It is the Lord, who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, The Lord, who protects the stranger, and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord, who loves the just, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influen-

tial people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God. But you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia**

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.**

**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL Matthew 5: 1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful :they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O Lord we bring to your altar these offerings of our service: be pleased to receive them, we pray, and transform them into the Sacrament of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts we pray, O Lord, that through this help to eternal salvation true faith may ever increase. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joanna Hemmingway	June Gray	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	Joyce/Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Joseph Ogbonna	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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