

NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Project Collection (Help@ Home) will be collected at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Liturgical Functions for the Holy Week and Easter: The rota will be pasted on the relevant group's Whatsapp page. Please kindly look out for it.

HOLY WEEK DIARY APRIL 2023

Sunday 2nd **Palm Sunday (Beginning of Holy Week)**
 Tuesday 4th (12noon) **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral**
 (7pm) **Penitential Service/Easter confessions**
 Thursday 6th (7pm) **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper/ Vigil with the Lord**
 Friday 7th (3pm) **Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion beginning with Stations of the Cross**
 Saturday 8th (7pm) **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**
 Sunday 9th (9am & 11.30am) **Easter Sunday**

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: 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: 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.

Weekly Planned Giving envelopes and Gift Aid: The envelopes starting from April 9th 2023 is available for collection after all Masses for those still on this scheme. Please all others who give by Standing orders, Contactless and Loose payment should keep doing so.

100 Club March draw: The 1st prize of £157 went to no.8, 2nd prize of £63 to no. 5, 3rd prize of £31 to no.21, the 4th prize of £31 to no. 2, 5th prize of £31 to no.70. £315 was raised for parish funds. The next draw is on Tuesday 11th April during the Tuesday Social Club meeting. New Members Welcome!

Christian Stewardship: 19th March 2023 Envelopes: £189.50 Loose: £370.68 Contactless: £58.00 Parish Project- (Help At Home - £2706.87 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish. .

March Diary

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 refreshments and 100 Club in the Meeting Room** 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

April Diary

Holy Week Commences.....

A	M	A	R	T	A	H	R	A	M	LAZARUS
S	I	T	E	E	F	A	L	B	A	BETHANY
R	S	E	Y	A	H	A	E	L	B	SISTERS
E	Y	U	A	T	Z	T	N	M	Y	MARTHA
T	R	O	R	A	H	E	O	S	T	MARY
S	A	A	P	A	R	T	T	R	E	OINTMENT
I	M	A	N	Y	Z	U	S	U	B	FEET
S	U	Y	R	A	E	A	D	U	J	BROTHER
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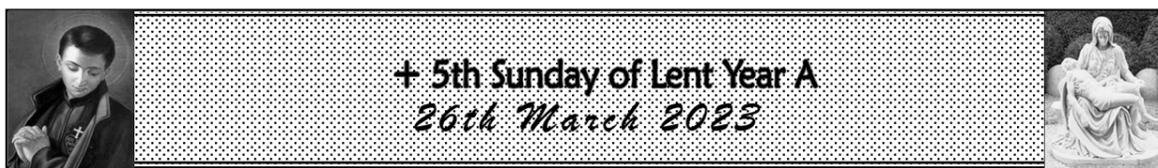
We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

Food For Thought
John 3:16
For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.



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+ 5th Sunday of Lent Year A
26th March 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

The glory of God is the human being fully alive

Jesus raised three people from the dead in the Gospels: the young daughter of Jairus whom Jesus raised in her father's house; the son of a widow who was being taken to the cemetery and Lazarus who is already buried for four days as seen in today's Gospel. St. Augustine provides us with insight on these incidents. Augustine recognises that Gospel events, like sacraments, always communicate deeper spiritual realities so he interprets death here more pertinently in a spiritual sense. In this sense, Augustine sees the death of the young girl whom Jesus raised "in the house" as depicting those sins which are locked up in our minds and hearts e.g. hatred, lust, envy. These sins haven't manifested in our actions but internally we have given in to them hence they are festering inside and poisoning our thoughts. In consenting to them, we have died. In raising the young girl, Jesus reminds all of us who have such interior sins that he can bring us to new life. Augustine sees the death of the young man who was being carried "outside" the gates of the city in terms of sin that has come out of the mind and heart and manifests in our action e.g. hatred has become expressed in gossip, anger expressed in violence, lust expressed in sexual immorality. Again, Jesus raises this young man and so teaches us that we who have died in our souls by such actions can be raised and come to new life. Finally, Lazarus who is already buried and stinking in the tomb symbolises those trapped in habitual sin; sin has not only come out of the heart into action but has now become a stinking habit. But Christ comes into this situation and raises Lazarus. Jesus goes into this, most disagreeable state and invites us back to life. Thus, no one is irredeemable, no one should therefore despair. Whatever graves you are in, whatever is limiting your life, be it hatred that you can't get rid of, guilt-ridden conscience, a crippling habit, God said from your graves I'll raise you up. Are you therefore ready to cooperate with him in the miracle of your restoration? We cooperate by faith which is expressed in action. We need to be ready to take the step to come out of the place of death. We need to make the move to get hold of God's saving hand extended to us.

Mass Times & Intentions 26th March – 1st April 2023
Sat 25th 6:30pm: Patricia Ashdown, Manuel Teixiraz (RIP), Gerard Lennon, Mick O'Shea (3rd) (ANN), Teixiraz Family (INT)
Sun 26th 9:00am: Bernadette & Ignatius Chukelu, (ANN), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Ikpeme & Mag family, Etemma Henshaw (INT)
11:30am: Ann Bergin, Lorna (RIP), Peter & Mary Hehir, Brendan Nelson, Compton Munian (ANN), Etukudoh family, Liam Davis, M. Mickey (seriously ill) (INT)
6:30pm: Mick O'Shea (3rd) (ANN), Manny, Lillian & family, Ahano & family, Etemma Henshaw (INT)
Mon 27th 12 noon: Mary Devlin (RIP), Etukudoh family, (INT)
Tue 28th 12 noon: Ann Bergin, Bernadette Harrington (RIP), Bridie Ronan, Etukudoh family, Ann Marie & Pat Lydon (wedding anniversary), Anoja & Winston Fernando (INT)
Wed 29th 12 noon: Pietro Pirotti, (RIP), Carlo Avanzi, Sharon Gaudio (ANN), Etukudoh family (INT)
Thur 30th 12 noon: Babs Kavanagh (RIP), Etukudoh family (INT)
Fri 31st 11:30am: Stations of the Cross followed by Mass: Etukudoh family (INT)
6:30pm: Stations of the Cross followed by Mass: Ivy Coelho (RIP), Sam Haslam (INT)
Sat 1st 12 noon: Pat Timoney (posthumous birthday) (ANN)

Please Pray for:

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 Pirotti, 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
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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

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

OPENING PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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 Ez37: 12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 129)

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.
Lord hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

R.

If you, O Lord should mark our guilt,
Lord who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you

R.

My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than the watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord)

R.

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

R.

SECOND READING Rom 8: 8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the

Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

R. **Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will never die.

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL John 11: 1-45 [Shorter Form]

The sisters sent this message to Jesus, "Lord, the man you love is ill." On receiving the message, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he learned that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, "Let us go to Judaea." On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you." "Your brother," said Jesus to her, "will rise again." Martha said, "I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes Lord." she said, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world." Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, "Where have you put him?" They said, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept; and the Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But there were some who remarked, "He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?" Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, "Take the stone away." Martha said to him "Lord by now he will smell; this is the fourth day." Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said; "Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me." When he said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, here! Come out!" The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, let him go free." Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them for the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	June Gray	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Maureen Tayler	Innocent Teme Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	June Gray/ Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Joseph Ogbonna	Roxanne Carter	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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