

NEWS AND VIEWS

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday 10th April:** Vigil (Saturday) 5:30pm Confession 6:30pm Mass; Sunday Masses 9am & 11:30am. Masses start with Palm Procession from the Car Park (Please keep the Car Park free).
- Tuesday 12th 12noon Chrism Mass** at the Cathedral (No Mass in the Parish), 7pm **Penitential Service and Easter Confessions** (Guest Priests would be available)
- Wednesday 13th April:** Normal Weekday Mass at 12noon
- Maundy Thursday 14th April 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper** (Bishop Hudson in attendance)
 - *There will be the once-in-a-year **Renewal of Commitment by Eucharistic Ministers** and Ministers of The Word at this Mass. All Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of The Word should therefore attend.
 - ***Night Watch with Jesus (the Gethsemane experience)** after Mass till 10pm.
- Good Friday April 15th 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion** (Service begins with Stations of the Cross. Good Friday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence)
- Holy Saturday April 16th 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass/ Reception of Converts:** Mass begins with the Ceremony of Light at the Car Park. (Please keep the Car Park free)
- Easter Sunday 17th 9am, 11:30am Mass of the Resurrection, No Evening Mass.**

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022: This year, we celebrate 10 years of Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese, working with parishes to restore hope, and enable people to lead a life of dignity and worth. Funds raised in this year's Cardinal Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for many people. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates: Apr. 24th, May 8th, 22nd, Jun. 5th, 12th at 10.15am, Saturday 18th June Reconciliation & Rehearsal at 10am. Please enter through the parish car park. **Sunday 19th June @ 11.30am Celebration of First Holy Communion.**

Ghana Catholic Chaplaincy will be meeting here in our parish after 11.30am Mass on the 1st of May, 2022. Calling on all Ghanaians in the parish to join at this Mass and thereafter at the meeting.

Christian Stewardship: (27th March 2022)

Envelopes: £168. **Loose:** £259.79 **Contactless:** £115.88 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

April Diary

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**
 8pm **Parish Zoom Quiz night followed by 100 Club Draw**
 Fridays of Lent: **Stations of the Cross at 11.30am & 6.30pm followed by Masses at 12 noon and 7pm respectively.**

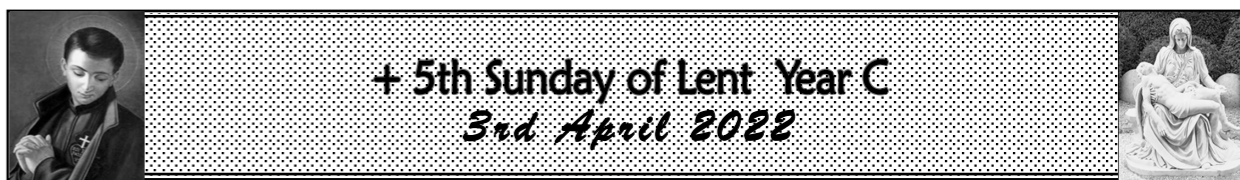
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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

Four nuns were attending a rugby match. Four men were sitting directly behind them. Because their dress was partially blocking the view, the men decided to harass the nuns hoping that they'd get annoyed enough to move to another area. In a very loud voice, the first guy said, "I think I'm going to move to Texas, there are only 100 nuns living there." Then the second guy screamed, "I want to go to Missouri, there are only 75 nuns living there." The third guy shouted, "I want to go to Alabama, there are only 50 nuns living there." The fourth guy yelled, "I want to go to Alaska, there are only 25 nuns living there." The mother superior turned around, looked at the men, and in a very sweet and calm voice said, "Why don't you go to hell, there aren't any nuns there!"



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+ 5th Sunday of Lent Year C 3rd April 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

The God of Surprises

The fifth Sunday of Lent presents to us today, *The God of Surprises*. The first reading tells us that God is about to bring a salvation greater than when he freed Israel from Egypt. **"I am doing a new thing, and I will give drink to my people."** The second reading is about Paul, a man capable of opening up his heart to the greatest of God's surprises, the sending of his Son into the world. **"Knowing Christ is the greatest thing; the greatest advantage one can have. To know Christ is to ... have him and be given a place in him."** The gospel describes how Jesus behaves with sinners. **"Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her."** Here, too, our human way of thinking is upset. God is much greater than we can understand, and does not condemn anybody. Christ said to the woman **"Neither do I condemn you, go away and do not sin anymore."** God is compassionate as reflected in this gospel. It is not proper to go about condemning and judging others rashly instead of looking inward or into ourselves to find out our own shortcomings. **"Do not judge and you will not be judged because the judgements you give are the judgments you will get..."** (Matthew 7:2-3). **"Do not keep judging according to appearance, let your judgement be according to what is right."** (John 7:24). We are called to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate.

- Mass Times & Intentions 3rd - 9th April 2022**
- Sat 2nd Vigil Mass:** Brendan Nelson, Ann Fitzgerald, Bill Ronan, Michael O'Shea (RIP), Joan Burke (INT)
 - Sun 3rd 9:00am:** Ann Fitzgerald, Fr Kevin, Gerry Lennon (RIP), Anthony McDonagh(1st), Aureli Benoit, Tony Ledwith (ANN), Bobby Cooney, Mary Davis, Fr Ray Armstrong, Bettina Hill and family, Ann Waldron (INT)
 - 11:30am:** Anne, Chris & Anne Nevin, Kieran Maleney, Ann Fitzgerald, Fr Senan O'Mahony (Des), Bill Ronan (RIP), Maura Daly (ANN), Family Etukudoh, Peggy Lehane & family (INT)
 - 6:30pm:** Lawrence Chingwundoh, Gregory Chingwundoh (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa, Emo & Paddy, Fr Aodh O'Haplin (INT)
 - Mon 4th 12 noon:** Brendan Nelson, Ann Fitzgerald (RIP), Gregory Chingwundoh, Michael Sheehan (ANN), Brid Wallace, Stella Anakor, Wendy Winsler, Ann Waldron (INT)
 - Tue 5th St Vincent Ferrer 12 noon:** Mary Panchaud, Fr Kevin (RIP), Mary Slattery (ANN), Anna Marie Lydon, Paani Dias, Rita Rawlings, Ann Waldron (INT)
 - Wed 6th 12 noon:** Ann Fitzgerald (month's mind), Denis O'Riordan, Padraig Gibbons (RIP), Bridget Martina McDonnell, Bill Brennan (ANN), Private Ints, Lynne Smith & David Haslam, Phil & Jane White (INT)
 - Thur 7th 12noon:** Peter Foley, Margaret Faal (ANN), Tom D'Arcy (birthday), Ann Waldron (INT)
 - Fri 8th 11:30am:** Stations of the Cross. **12 noon:** Denis O'Gorman, Matthew Kelly (RIP), Mary Stephens, Julian Coelho, Maria Margai (INT)
 - 6:30pm:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
 - Sat 9th 12 noon:** Bernard Etim-Bassey (ANN), Beryl Tamsett, Carol Belsten (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina 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 McKeane, 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, Fr. Aodh, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whitehead, Emo Paddy Essang, Melissa Fallon, Madeleine, Jimmy Mills, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Ann Colbert

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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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 125)

**R. What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the su-

preme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Seek good and not evil so that you may live,
and that the Lord God of hosts may really be with you.**

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

GOSPEL John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am
Sun. 6.30pm

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Rachel McGonigal
Mark Renner
Tracey Mullett

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Bernie Shevlin/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

5th April St Vincent Ferrer

Born at Valencia in Spain on 23 January 1357, St Vincent Ferrer entered the Order of St. Dominic in 1374 in a monastery near his native city. After receiving his doctorate at Lerida, he laboured for six years in Valencia. In 1390, he was obliged to accompany Cardinal Pedro de Luna to France, but he soon returned home. When, in 1394, de Luna himself had become Pope at Avignon he summoned St. Vincent and made him Master of the sacred palace. In this capacity Vincent made unsuccessful efforts to put an end to the great schism. He refused all ecclesiastical dignities, even the cardinal's hat, and only wanted to be appointed apostolic missionary. For twenty-one years he was said to have travelled to England, Scotland, Ireland, Aragon, Castile, France, Switzerland and Italy, preaching the Gospel and converting many. Numerous conversions followed his preaching. Though the Church was then divided by the great schism, the saint was honorably received in the districts subject to the two claimants to the Papacy. He was even invited to Mohammedan Granada, where he preached the gospel with much success. He lived to behold the end of the great schism and the election of Pope Martin V. He died on 5 April 1419. He is the patron saint of builders.

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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