

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 **8th 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.

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: Feb. 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.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.

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.

Christian Stewardship: 5th February 2023 Envelopes: £151.50 Loose: £521.54 Contactless: £93.43 Parish Project - (Help At Home- £2171.27 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

February Diary

Wednesday 22nd: Ash Wednesday and beginning of Lent. Stations of the Cross every Friday at 11.30am and 6.30pm, followed by Mass.

Weekend of 25th/26th: **Parish Project collection (Help @ Home)**

Monday 27th: Mass of the Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (Patron of our Parish), followed by socials in the Meeting Room.

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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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 quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of evil devices is hated. The naive inherit foolishness, But the sensible are crowned with knowledge.

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



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+ 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A
12th February 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

From Law to Love

The first Christians were all Jews. Even after their conversion, they continued to observe many of their traditional Jewish customs such as circumcision and Temple worship. But as more and more non-Jews (Gentiles) became Christians and did not have to observe some of the traditions of the Jews, the Jewish Christians became worried; they felt that this could lead to their traditions being abandoned; traditions which were so much part of their religious and social life. The Gospel of Matthew from which this Sunday's passage is taken essentially addressed this concern. It reassures them that Jesus has not come to break with their past but as the fulfillment of the promise of salvation made to their forefathers, i.e. Jesus is that long-awaited Messiah. Today's Gospel therefore emphasises the relation between the Jewish Law and the teaching of Jesus. It assures that Jesus has not come to abolish the Law and the prophets but to bring them to completion. Jesus did this by moving from the requirements of the Law to its spirit which is the love of God and love of neighbour. To keep the Law without love is like having a body without a soul. Thus, while keeping the Law of God can make one 'a good Jew', it cannot make one a good Christian. That was why Jesus declared that "if your virtue goes no deeper than the Scribes and the Pharisees, then you will never enter the Kingdom of God." When the Pharisees kept the Law they aim to obey God but very often they neglected the needs of others. They were mainly concerned about their 'perfection' just as we ourselves can be exclusively concerned about being in a 'state of grace' while being very uncharitable. Some people in confession are sorry because their sins offend God or had let them down but often they show little awareness of how their sins hurt other people. For Jesus, we cannot separate our relationship with God from our relationship with people. If we cannot find God in our brothers and sisters, we cannot say that we really love God. Remember the injunction, 'as often as you fail to do it to the least of my brothers and sisters, you failed to do it to me.' Jesus goes further to highlight some of the Laws to help us understand that we do not keep the Law through our behaviour but through our basic attitudes, our basic values.

Mass Times & Intentions 12th – 18th February 2023

Sat 11th 6:30pm: Tom Prendergast, Billy Munnely, Karen Brennan, Shaun O'Connor, Mike O'Shea, Liz Marie, Mark Kiley (RIP), Ron Swetting, Marion & family, Myers family, Mary Mullee & family (INT)

Sun 12th 9:00am: Sarah Moran (RIP), Tom Waldron (ANN), Essien-Oku family's intentions (INT)

11:30am: Angela Feighery, Bridget Walsh, Pauline Mulvihill, John Wischhuissen, Nevin family, Mick Garvey (RIP), Margaret Kennedy (6th), Paul Dorrian, Patrick Timoney (ANN), Barbara Hegerty, Christopher Parker, Helen Blake-more, Heather Carick (INT)

6:30pm: Alan & Felicity Harrison (INT)

Mon 13th 12 noon: Sean Durkin, Willy Mangan (RIP), Tom Waldron, Anna & Arthur Bradley (ANN)

Tue 14th Sts Cyril & Methodius 12 noon: Pauline Mulvihill, John McKenna, Michael Garvey (RIP), Patrick Timoney, Tom Waldron, Kitty Keane (1st), Edna & Herman du Plessis (ANN), Mariana Kotowska (INT)

Wed 15th 12 noon: *Funeral Mass for James Condron*

Thur 16th 12 noon: Edward Costello (2nd), Bernadette & Ignatius Chukelu, Arthur Warren, Geraldine Bird (ANN)
6pm: *Repatriation Mass For Eamon Kilkelly*

Fri 17th The Seven Founders of the Servite Order 12 noon: *Funeral Mass for Anthony Marius*

Sat 18th 12 noon: Kathleen Wing Fieldon (RIP), Rita Avanzi (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

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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 Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him; he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless; he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps118)

R. They are happy, who follow God's law!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

R.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

R.

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

R.

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

R.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity; not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God pre-destined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things

that God revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 5: 17-37

Jesus said to his disciples; 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law of the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven, but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	June Gray	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Innocent Teme Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	June Gray/ Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	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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