

NEWS AND VIEWS

Easter Message: Happy Easter! Beloved parishioners, in this Holy Week which climaxed at Easter, we see the paradox of a God who died, overwhelmed by the worst of human behaviour and sinfulness. Then comes the resurrection! He emerges saying 'shalom' to those who abandoned him, saying peace to those who had betrayed him, demonstrating that God's love and forgiveness can swallow up all the sins of the world. And that's why St. Paul could say with certainty in Romans 8:38-39 that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor height nor depth, nor any other power can separate us from the love of God. Let us say "Amen ... So be it" Let us personally claim this salvation no matter the gravity of the sin that we have been involved in. Let us go and sin no more. And let us express our gratitude especially by responding similarly with love in the face of the evil that continues to work in us and around us. Happy Easter!

Fr. Moses Fr. Martin Fr. Oliver

Parish Office closes for Easter Break on Monday 10th and reopens on Monday 17th. All office matters will be attended to when the office resumes. The priests will be available to attend to those who need assistance for Masses.

Parish Easter Outing for our young people: Many of our young people have demonstrated commitment and sense of service to our church and community by serving on the altar and participating in other activities. We want to appreciate them by taking them out to have some fun. Please help sponsor them. There will be a basket in the porch for your donations.

100 Club April draw: The next draw is on Tuesday 11th April during the Tuesday Social Club meeting. New Members Welcome!

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

Christian Stewardship: 2nd April 2023 Envelopes: £205.00 Loose: £643.46 Contactless: £193.71 Parish Project- (Help At Home - £3,333.39 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish

April Diary

Saturday 29th : **Baptism preparation at 11.30am followed by the Mass and Baptism at 12noon**
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**

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



Food For Thought
Romans 8:38-39
" For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."



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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

The Empty Tomb and the Power of the Resurrection
Eyes witnesses are rated higher than those within "earshot" for evidence. The one who can say that "I was physically present and I saw it happen" carries the day. The resurrection testimony parades neither eyewitness nor 'earshot witness' but it has stood the test of time. Testifying to the resurrection was a daunting challenge to the apostles even as it is to us now. The hurdles were many; there was no eye witness to the actual event, only an empty tomb afterwards. The first persons to see the empty tomb were women (their evidence did not count for much then). The Sanhedrin was on the side lines. The disciples had to show their antagonists (and unbelievers) that the empty tomb was not a human design but the manifestation of the power of God. So, they turned to the power of the resurrection to prove their claim. Peter and John only saw an empty tomb that Easter morning but they believed that the Lord indeed had risen. They believed because the Lord had told them that he would rise from the dead on the third day. They had to testify to the resurrection by the most unconventional way – a new way of life. A life of love, fraternity and hope; a life of a universal brotherhood not defined by race, status or tongue. A life powered by the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. They succeeded! It remains the strongest evidence that Christ rose from the dead and still lives. It is still the demand that the celebration of Easter makes on us as Christians. Our life is still the loudest testimony to why the grave was empty on the first Easter morning. It is with our lives that we can truly say, "Christ is risen. Hallelujah!"

- Mass Times & Intentions 9th – 15th April 2023**
- Sat 8th Easter Vigil 7:00pm**
- Sun 9th Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 9:00am:** Patricia Etim-Bassey, Muriel & George Roberts (RIP), Bernard Etim-Bassey (29th) (ANN), Emma, Inyang Etim & family, Udoh family, Essien-Oku family, Mary Stephens, Julian Coelho, Maria Margai (INT)
- 11:30am:** Tom D'Arcy (posthumous birthday), Alan Mullee, Assunta Turin, Mary, Peter & Brendan Hehir, Adaora Udokamma (RIP), Peter Foley, Michael & Bridget Walsh, Maureen Gallagher, Mary Slattery (ANN), Noreen Geelan, Geraldine & Sean Ruddy, Joyce McDaid, Beda Hunter, Mullee family, Bernie Shevlin, Flo Minzat (INT)
No Evening Mass
- Mon 10th 12 noon:** Maura Clarke, Joseph Meehane (RIP), Máire Tighe (ANN), Maureen Byrnes, Eileen Henningan, Michael Quirke, Bridie Ronan, Fr Gerard King, Sr Dolores, Sr Patricia (INT)
- Tue 11th:** Margaret Haines, Richard & Margaret Costello, Dennis West (ANN), Aherne family, Mary Wiltshire, Kathleen Panayiotou, John & Lucie Thompson, Beryl Tamsett, Carol Belsten (INT)
- Wed 12th 12 noon:** Sean Roche, Hellen McKossey (RIP), Eileen & Jim Roche, Patrick Dorrian (3rd) (ANN), Peggy Browder (INT)
- Thur 13th 12 noon:** Felicity Minnear & Alan Harrison (INT)
- Fri 14th 12 noon:** Daljit Mangat (INT)
- Sat 15th 12 noon:** Spiritans & Marist Communities, Archway.

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 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. Martin Goba 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

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 Acts 10:34.37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 117)

R. **This day was made by the Lord; We rejoice and are glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
For his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
"His love has no end."

R.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
His right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
And recount his deeds.

R.

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
A marvel in our eyes.

R.

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb," she said "and we don't know where they have put him." So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
Therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sun. 9.00am	Maureen Tayler	Innocent Teme Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	John Obligar	June Gray/ Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe

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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