

NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Project Collection will take place next weekend at all Masses, please take the provided envelopes and give generously.

Caritas Advent Giving Calendar is back, please pick items on it to donation to help our less privileged.

Christmas Carol Concert on Friday 8th at 6.30pm. Groups or Individual acts are welcome to perform, please kindly (notify Parish Office). The Carol raffle tickets are **£5 a strips or £1 a ticket.** We also appeal for the raffle prizes, and hamper donations. Let us make another memorable concert.

Christmas Decorations: All the volunteers who have indicated that they will help put up the decorations should please come in from **Tuesday 5th December @ 10am.** The decorations need to be up before the Parish Carol concert on the **8th of December.** May God continue to bless us all.

Mass Streaming Services will start from the **10th of December 2023** Masses, if you do not wish to appear online, please avoid the two middle **edge** front rows of the church. The camera is static and focuses only on the altar. We hope to evangelise to all with this technology.

First Holy Communion dates: Dec. 3rd (Enrolment Mass), 17th..more dates after Christmas. **First Holy Communion celebration 2nd June, 2024.** Please enter the meeting through the parish car park.

100 Club December draw will take place after the First Friday Service on 1st December. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by this weekend at the latest. New members welcome! Application forms at the back of the church.

Fr. Oliver's Farewell: We shall have the opportunity to thank him for all his contributions to our parish while also serving as the Chaplain at Whittington hospital for many years. He will celebrate Masses during the weekend of 16th/17th December. We will continue to keep him in our prayers.

Parish Christmas Quiz night will take place in the meeting room on Friday, **1st December @ 7.45pm.** All are welcome. £5 per person.

Faith Sharing/Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Every Saturday at 10am in the Meeting Room. While candidates to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church (RCIA) will be supported in their faith journey, it is an opportunity for all Catholics to share and grow in faith.

- **Prague/Poland in 25th-31st May 2024:** Cost **£870.** including flight, lodging (sharing), breakfast and dinner. for **7 days.** Please find the full details on the display glass board in the porch.
- **Next instalment of 25% by December 10th,** to secure booking of flights and hotel reservations. 3rd instalment **25% March 31st 2024,** Final instalment by **May 10th 2024.** Those who need visa to travel will sort it out by themselves; the tour company will provide hotel reservations to support visa application. Please indicate interest on the sheets provided.

Christian Stewardship: 19th November 2023

Envelopes: £215 **Loose:** £517.23 **Contactless:** £148. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

November Diary

Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**
 Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**
 Every Saturday evening after Mass: **Bingo in the meeting room**
 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 **100 Club in the Meeting Room** 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

PARISH DECEMBER DIARY DATES

- Friday 8th-Christmas Carol Concert @ 6.30pm
- Sunday 10th- Volunteer Mass @ 11.30am
- Fri. 15th-17th- Advent Parish Retreat
- Nativity Rehearsal: 17th @ 10am, 22nd @ 10am, 23rd @ 10am, 24th @ 1.30pm & 5pm

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GLORY
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Food For Thought

Isaiah 52:7

How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

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



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+Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe

26th November 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 kingdom within

We celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ our King. The celebration in a way sums up all that we have been hearing about Jesus through the year. However, while the Jews were expecting a warrior king who would restore the kingdom of Israel that had fallen to Rome at the time, Jesus declared before Pilate that his kingship is not like that of the world. First, the kings of the world rule from palaces, some adorned in gold. Christ reigns from human hearts which he desires to be transformed to be golden. The kings of this world grow their kingdoms through fighting and overthrowing of rival kingdoms. The kingdom of God is grown through fighting and overthrowing the evils within us. The kings of this world are crowned to exercise executive or coercive powers. They are served by hosts of aides and servants. They receive tributes and royalties. In Christ, on the other hand, we have a servant King who washed the feet of his followers; a king who rather gives and gives to the scandalous extent of dying on the cross. Yet, that moment is in truth the most glorious moment in his life; the moment when he gave the 'utmost proof of his love'. So, matching his words with example, this King enjoins us that it is by the way we love that the world will know that we are his subjects; the way we give of ourselves. In the end, this King will judge us only on the extent we have given of ourselves, on the extent we have loved him in others. To embrace this view of life is to live life to the full. In other words, for us to achieve ultimate contentment, we must follow in Christ's footsteps to live lives of emptying ourselves. So, to live the fullness of life, we must aim to make our lives a gift.

Mass Times & Intentions

26th November – 2nd December 2023

Sat 25th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Peter & Cecilia Christopher, Donal O'Driscoll, John Foley, Kieran McGoldrick, Fr Paddy Keating, Ann Fitzgerald (RIP) Jeanette Fayers (INT)

Sun 26th 9:00am: Patrick Hansberry (ANN), Harold Bradley, Ugo Pedro & family, Special intentions, Jean Faal, Iwona, Sylvia, Francis Obunmse (INT)

11:30am: Imelda Lesperance, Biena Fabien (RIP)

6:30pm: Hugh Munro (INT)

Mon 27th 12 noon: Peggy Green, Bridie Prior (RIP), Mai Wharton (ANN),

Tue 28th 12 noon: Tom & Kitty Waldron, Peter FitzPatrick, Vera FitzPatrick, Daisy Cain, Joe O'Connor (RIP), Michael White (ANN)

Wed 29th 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Hazel Cross (Month's Mind) (RIP)

Thur 30th St Andrew 12 noon: Eddie Sweeney (ANN)

Fri 1st 12 noon: 1st Friday Healing Mass/Holy/Benediction

Sat 2nd 12 noon: Mary Duffy (RIP), Philip Thompson (ANN)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, 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, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, 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 Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Ola Gam-Ikon, Private Intention, Eddy Renwick, Ralph Nwosuh, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley

Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £20,000 + VAT
 2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £17,900 + VAT
 3. New Security Gate around Parish Carpark/ Exit on Holloway Road (Harling Security Solutions) £25,522 + VAT
- Donations towards the projects would be highly appreciated. Donations so far received **£2,285.49** Thanks.

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

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Fr. Isah Katuka CSSp

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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 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

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the Universe, grant we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 Ezekiel 34: 11-12, 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so I shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep. I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and the healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 22)

R. The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose

R.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
He is true to his name.

R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing .

R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26, 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.'" Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you as stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothed you; sick or in prison and go to see you? And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Mass

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

Readers

Ann Heekin
Rachel McGonigal
Joseph Baffoe
Eugenia Ackah

Eucharist Minister

Debra
Innocent Teme
June G. & Roxanne.
Michelle C

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Joe Ogbonna

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the Universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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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