

NEWS AND VIEWS

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: Jan 15th, 22nd, Feb. 5th, 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.** Please could you all enter the meeting room via the door in the car park and ensure the catechists are present before leaving your child/children.

Dates for Confirmation Sessions: Christmas break. Jan. 11th, 25th, Feb. 8th, 22nd, Mar. 8th, 22nd, Easter break. Apr. 19th, May 3rd, 17th, June 7th, 21st, 28th - (Rehearsal in the Church). **Confirmation Ceremony Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.**

Parish Project: (Help At Home): Thank you for the generosity. the next collection will be taken during the **weekend of 28th/29th January, 2023.**

Lepra Appeal Is coming up on the weekend of 21st/22nd January 2023, **Over 7 million people** are currently affected by leprosy across the world. Evidence shows **over 3 million** people are living with undiagnosed leprosy **Over 4 million** people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy Although **curable**, many people are unable to access treatment, even though the cure is free. Lepra works to find, treat and rehabilitate these hidden people and promote their rights in India and Bangladesh.

Christian Stewardship: 1st January 2023 **Envelopes:** £195.21 **Loose:** £341.40. **Contactless:** £93.43 **Parish Project- (Help At Home-** £1704.97 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

January Diary

Weekend of 21st/22nd: **Lepra Appeal**

Weekend of 28th/29th: **Parish Project collection (Help @ Home)**

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**

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



Food For Thought Proverbs 24:16

For the righteous falls seven times and rises again, but the wicked stumble in times of Calamity.



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+ The Baptism of The Lord Year A 8th January 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

Baptism of transformation to mission

Baptism is the door to life and to the Kingdom of God. Christ offered this first sacrament of the new law to all that they might have eternal life. He entrusted this sacrament and the Gospel to his Church when he told his disciples; Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, baptism is, above all, the sacrament of the faith by which men and women, enlightened by the grace of the Holy Spirit, respond to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They are freed from the power of darkness and incorporated into Christ. Through the baptism scene of Jesus, the Gospel passage tells us that Jesus is anointed and presented as the son of God. Today we are reminded of our own baptism, the beginning of our Christian Life. As Jesus began his mission as God incarnate in the world with his baptism, we too begin our Christian journey by water and the Spirit. The mission of Jesus is our mission because we are incorporated in the same baptism. The same Spirit which was with him accompanies us as we try to live the Gospel. Further, baptism is the sacrament by which men and women are incorporated into the Church, built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit, into a holy nation and a royal priesthood. Baptism makes us sharers in God's own life and His adopted children, signed in the name of the Trinity: all Christians are consecrated to the Trinity and enter into fellowship with the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. We have made a commitment to the Catholic faith; may this feast remind us of the promise we made to live that faith with fidelity, enthusiasm and joy.

Mass Times & Intentions

8th – 14th January 2023

Sat 7th 6:30pm: Muriel & George Roberts, Bridget Taggart, Sarah Moran (RIP), Ann McCann, Peter Cheah (birthday), Anne Forrester & family, Fr Moses (INT)

Sun 8th 9:00am: Christina Cheah (90th birthday), Peter Cheah, Patricia Essien-Oku, Amy Essien-Oku (INT)

11:30am: Rose Murphy, Francis Russell, Joan O'Brennan, Mary Teatum, James Condron (RIP), Stephanie Ferguson (INT)

6:30pm: Pat Quinn (2nd) (ANN), Jenny Hudleston & family, Mary Stephens, Maggie O'Connor (INT)

Mon 9th 12 noon: Paulette Guérin (ANN), Anne O'Donnell, Carol Belsten, Beryl Tamsett (INT)

Tue 10th 12 noon: Andrew Hodgson, Jimmy O'Sullivan (RIP)

Wed 11th 12 noon: Patricia Essien-Oku, Paani Dias (INT)

Thur 12th St Aelred of Rievaulx 12 noon: Merlyn Munro (ANN), Amy Essien-Oku, John & Lucie Thompson, (INT)

Fri 13th St Hilary 12 noon: Ernest Bennetts (ANN), Alan & Felicity Harrison, Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Manny, Lillian & family, Ahano & family (INT)

Sat 14th 12 noon: People of the Parish



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

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

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well 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 Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or makes his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will never waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 28)

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R.**

The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour.

The God of glory thunders.

In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Acts 10:34-38

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise,' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fear have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. 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.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, "Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept O Lord the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your Beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and

testified that this is the Son of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

| Mass | Readers | Eucharist Minister | Stewards |
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| Sat. 6.30pm | Jeanette Fayers | Debra | Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers |
| Sun. 9.00am | Rachel McGonigal | Innocent Teme | Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku |
| Sun. 11.30am | Joseph Baffoe | June/Roxanne | Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe |
| Sun. 6.30pm | Ann Heekin | 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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