

NEWS AND VIEWS

Sunday 11.30am Mass streaming link: You can also scan with the QR Code below. <https://bit.ly/st-gabriel> **March:** Sunday Masses will be streamed during **11.30am**



St Patrick's Feast Day: Celebration will happen after the 11.30am Mass, followed by socials in the car park and the porch. Thank you all for joining in.

Revamping Of Our Parish Meeting Room had commenced from **11th-24th March**, during this period some of our regular activities will be rescheduled. Sorry for all the inconveniences. We are also really grateful for the well detailed, befitting design that has been given to us from Jennifer one of ours. She has volunteered her time and resources to make this happen. We remain grateful and keep her and her family in our prayers.

First Holy Communion dates: Mar. 24th, Apr. 14th, 21st, 28th, May. 12th, Sat. 18th @ 2.30pm, Jun. Sat. 1st @10am Rehearsal 1st Holy Communion 2nd June @ 11.30am.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2024 is ready for collection from the parish office.

Prague/Poland in 25th-30th May 2024: Cost £870. including flight, lodging (sharing), breakfast and dinner. for 6 days. **SEE FULL ITINERARY ON THE GLASS NOTICE BOARD** Final instalment by **April 5th 2024**. Those who need visa to travel will sort it out by themselves; the tour company will provide hotel reservations to support visa application. Travel insurance will also be gotten by individuals for themselves.


March Diary
 Sunday 17th: **Feast of St Patrick's Day**
 Sunday 24th: **Palm Sunday beginning of Holy Week.**
 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**

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



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!"

Palm Sunday 24th March
Saturday (Vigil) 6.30pm Mass
First Reading (Isaiah 50: 4-7) + Psalm 21 **Reader.....Joanna Hemingway**
Second Reading (Philippians 2: 6-11) + Gospel Acclamation **Reader: Paula Zanre**
Passion (Matthew 26: 14-27:66) **N (Narrator).. Ann Heekin**
S (Speaker other than Christ). Carmel Cannon
Sunday 9am Mass
First Reading (Isaiah 50: 4-7) + Psalm 21 **Reader Rachel McGonigal**
Second Reading (Philippians 2: 6-11) + Gospel Acclamation **Reader. Ann Waldron.**
Passion (Matthew 26: 14-27:66) **N (Narrator) Rachel McGonigal**
S (Speaker other than Christ). Isaac Bibilian.
Sunday 11.30am Mass
First Reading (Isaiah 50: 4-7) + Psalm 21 **Reader: Tracey Mullett.**
Second Reading (Philippians 2: 6-11) + Gospel Acclamation **Reader John Obligar**
Passion (Matthew 26: 14-27:66) **N (Narrator)..... Mark Renner**
S (Speaker other than Christ)Joseph Baffoe
Sunday 6.30pm Mass
First Reading (Isaiah 50: 4-7) + Psalm 21 **Reader... Maureen Tayler**
Second Reading (Philippians 2: 6-11) + Gospel Acclamation **Reader Eugenia Ackah**
Passion (Matthew 26: 14-27:66) **N (Narrator) Michelle Carr**
S (Speaker other than Christ)... Maureen Tayler
Christian Stewardship: 10th March 2024
Envelopes: £148 **Loose:** £298.20 **Contactless:** £90. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.



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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

In the weeks of Lent so far we have followed God's work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation. The gospel this Sunday also takes us closer to the focal point of the season. Christ himself tells us: "Now the hour has come for the son of man to be glorified." What glory is there in suffering? He is about to be arrested, scourged and killed, yet he talks about glory. Jesus saw beyond the pangs of pain and sufferings to enjoy eternal life. He knew that his suffering and death would bring life to many. So, rather than being discouraged by the temporary situation of suffering, he was encouraged and motivated by the honest reward of eternal life. Hence, Christ offered his suffering and life in order to restore a broken covenant and eternal life for all who believe in him. Jesus through His pascal mystery invites us to be strong along the path of life. He wants us to be where He is. So, we must be ready to endure as He did.

Mass Times & Intentions 17th – 23rd March 2024
Sat 16th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Andy Steenhoff, Etukudoh family, Bridie Kelly (Posthumous birthday) (RIP), Sharon Ann Gaudio, Miriam Mayne (ANN), Joyce McDaid (INT)
Sun 17th 9:00am: Ella McEwen (RIP), Mary Parker, Fr Kevin McDevitt (ANN), Thanksgiving (INT)
11:30am: Alan Mullee, Alfred Peter Fitzpatrick, Mary Slattery (RIP), Kate, John & Michael Togher, Brendan Nelson, Josie Amooty (7th), Sr. Josephine Grimes, Compton Munian, Gloria Carter, Christy Carter (ANN), Private Intention, Joe Baffoe (Birthday) (INT) **6:30pm:** Essien-Oku family (INT)
Mon 18th 12 noon: Ellen & Martin, Martin Togher (RIP), Ita Coyle (Get well) (INT)
Tue 19th St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12 noon: Laurence Lohan (Month's mind), Sr. Hilda Kenny (RIP), Fr. Kevin McDevitt, Patrick McCabe (35 years) (ANN)
Wed 20th 12 noon: Joe Brickley, Kathleen & Michael Aherne, Storan family, John & Anthony Aherne (RIP)
Thur 21st 12 noon: Holy Souls, Dennis O'Connell (RIP)
Fri 22nd 11:30am: Stations of the Cross followed by Mass Eddie McCormack (RIP), Compton Munian (ANN)
7:00pm: Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat 23rd 12 noon: Priests and People of the Parish

Please Pray For
 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 Duggane, 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, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Ola Gam-Ikon, Private Intention, Eddy Renwick, Ralph Nwosuh, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Sr Joseph, Prince Henshaw, Renee Evans, Maureen Esspay

Parish Projects
 1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £17,900 + VAT= bal. £9,900. **Trinity Fund £8,000 granted**
 2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by **National Lottery Fund**
 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 **£33,068.96** 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 Isah Katuka CSSp, Francis Hoang Son CSSp
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Confessions Sat.11am, 6pm, before Masses **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

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.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 50)

R. A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

R.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

R.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrew 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; Wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

GOSPEL John 12:20-30

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicate the kind of death he would die.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Amen, Amen, I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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.

Mass

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

Readers

Jackie O'Shea
Rachel McGonigal
Joseph Baffoe
Bridget O'Dea

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
Joseph Ogbonna

The Spiritual Communion Prayer (For Online Mass) ONLY

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

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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