

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**



Parish Planned Giving Drive: A mandatory Diocesan planned giving drive for our parish begins this weekend and it will run for three weeks. Leaflets will be circulated for more in depth information.

Br. Francis' Farewell: We sincerely thank Francis for the quality time with us. We have enjoyed his friendship, availability, high sense of duty and quality of service in the short time he has been with us. We thank all whose friendship helped him to settle in. He will be present at all the Masses this weekend. In our usual way, there will be some refreshment after the 11.30am Mass in the meeting room/car park. Please let us bring and share whatever food or snacks we have on Sunday after 11.30am Mass. Let us also support him with our prayers.

Gratitude For Parish Easter outing for our young people. The outing was a success and they are grateful.

Pentecost committee Meeting: This meeting will take place on Friday 19th at 7pm. We encourage all who would want to contribute their time and resources to come along in our beautiful meeting room.

April Diary

Weekend of 13th/14th: **1st Planned Giving Drive weekend**
 Weekend of 20th/21st: **2nd Planned Giving Drive weekend**
 Weekend of 27th/28th: **Final/ 3rd Planned Giving Drive weekend**
 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**

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STORY ROAD BREAD FRIGHT
 GHOST DOUBTS HANDS FEET
 TOUCH BONES FISH PSALMS

Parish IT Group: We are calling on anyone who would like to volunteer their time to be in this group to let the Priests and parish office know you. Thank you for those that have come forward already.

Mass Stipend Increase: It has taken us over 7 years to increase our Stipend from £5 to £10 which every other parish in this Diocese takes. However, anyone that can not afford this should still bring their intentions for us to pray for as usual.

Food Donations for the needy: We are in dire need of food supplies for the needy. We humbly request for the following, pot noodles, tinned fish, biscuits, soft drinks, tea, milk (longlife), sugar, coffee, and all non-perishable groceries. Please drop these in the basket in the porch or at the priests' house. The generosity of parishioners have been pivotal in our ministry of care to the needy in our community

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

Christian Stewardship: 7th April 2024
Envelopes: £196 **Loose:** £382.46 **Contactless:** £98 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.



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+3rd Sunday Of Easter Year B

14th April 2024

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 church invites us to celebrate the living Christ, who is our advocate. Through his death and resurrection, he advocates for us. Ignorance and doubt keep us in fear and darkness, while Christ illumines and strengthens our faith. The significant problems of the Jewish leaders who crucified Christ were ignorance. They thought they knew God and were advancing his course. On the contrary, they were working against it. So, they remained stubborn. One important point that all the Sunday readings have in common is the relationship between ignorance and faith. Peter observed the Ignorance of the Jewish leaders and he addressed them: "It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just... Now brothers, I know that neither you nor your leaders had an idea of what you were doing." They were waiting for the fulfilment of God's promises. However, when He came, they ignorantly rejected him. Hence, John writes: "Anyone who says I know him and does not keep his commandments is a liar refusing to admit the truth." Ignorance of God's command and will leaves one with a false impression that he knows the truth. It makes one think that he is fighting for God when the contrary is the case. We should be different because "the time of ignorance is over" (Acts 17, 30-31). It is over through the risen Christ, our advocate. Therefore, we must continuously seek divine counsel and illumination from Christ, our advocate. Most importantly, we must continually repent and receive forgiveness. John assures us today that: "We have an advocate before the Father who is Just, he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away..." Christ continues to strengthen his disciples' faith by illuminating their minds with the scriptures in today's Gospel. Even though they heard him preach and saw his miracles, they were ignorant of what the scriptures said about Him. St Jerome reminds us that: "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Ignorance of God's word and commandments is a major stumbling block to faith. "May the Lord open the eyes of your minds" (Ep1:18). Indeed, our minds need the illumination from the light and glory of the risen Christ.

- Mass Times & Intentions 14th – 20th April 2024**
- Sat 13th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Eric McKenna. Peter Canavan, Marie O'Flaherty (RIP), Nancy McLoughlin (ANN)
Sun 14th 9:00am: Francis Hoang Son, Essien-Oku family (INT)
11:30am: Anne Brown, Desmond Glynn (RIP), Francis Hoang Son/Margaret McGlughghin (Birthday) John Antony McPrearty (Healing) (INT)
6:30pm: Francis Hoang Son, Adrian Bradley (INT)
Mon 15th 12 noon: Catherine McCusker, John O'Connor (RIP), Francis Hoang Son, Doreen Timoney, Cronan Hehir (Get well), Gary Dorow (INT)
Tue 16th 12 noon: John O'Connor, Peggy O'Sullivan (RIP), Francis Hoang Son and family, Joyce McDaid (INT)
Wed 17th 12 noon: John Danaher (RIP), John & Kate Kennard (Wedding Anniv), David Wright (Sick), Michael Leahy (Sick) (INT)
Thur 18th 12 noon: Dennis Brosnan (RIP), Colin Restall (1st) (ANN), Lisa Smith, O'Regan family (INT)
Fri 19th St Alphege 12 noon: Harry Herlihy (1st), Martin, Winnie & David McDonagh (ANN)
Sat 20th 12 noon: Richard Dale, Michael & Marie Donaugher (RIP)

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 Munnelly, 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, Lillian 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, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Sr Joseph, Prince Henshaw, Renee Evans, Maureen Esspay, John Alan

- Parish Projects**
- Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £17,900 + VAT= bal. £9,900. **Trinity Fund £8,000 granted**
 - Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by **National Lottery Fund**
 - 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 **£34,068.96** 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

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

Food For Thought

John 13: 34

"A new commandment, I give unto you that you love one another, as I have loved you."

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the Earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

May your people exult for ever O, God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 4)

R. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

When I call, answer me,
O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me
whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?'
many say.
Lift up the light of your face
on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace
and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive, O Lord we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look, with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	June	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Isaac Biblian	Olga M	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	June G & Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Francis Son	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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