

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 will continue this weekend and end next weekend. Leaflets will be circulated for more in depth information.

Pentecost planning committee Meeting: All the updates will be on the Volunteer's group and we will include them on the newsletter next weekend.

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.

100 Club April draw: The 1st prize of £185 went to no. 44. 2nd prize of £74 to no.10. 3 prizes of £37 to nos. 5, 31 & 97. £370 was raised for parish funds. The **May draw** will take place after the First Friday Service on **3rd May**. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by the weekend of 27th/28th April at the latest. New members welcome! Application forms at the back of the church.

April Diary
 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**

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

Priest Training Fund Collection: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for this fund will take place the weekend of **4th/5th May**. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can also donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

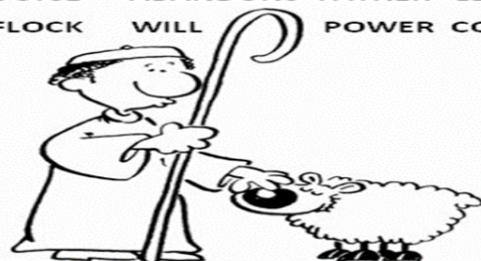
Adult Piano Lesson Teacher: A male parishioner has requested for piano lessons, please if anyone is interested to teach him, please kindly reach out to him on **07480748476**.

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

Christian Stewardship: 14th April 2024
Envelopes: £207.80 **Loose:** £437.29 **Contactless:** £98 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

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GOOD SHEPHERD SHEEP WOLF
 VOICE ABANDONS FATHER LEAD
 FLOCK WILL POWER COMMAND



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."



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+4th Sunday Of Easter Year B
 21st 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

Today, the fourth Sunday of Easter, the church celebrates Christ, the Good Shepherd. He accepted suffering and death in order to save his flock. Christ the good shepherd is our role model of love and care. If we obediently continue to listen to him, and to follow him, he will lead us safely to our destination in heaven. The good shepherd knows and takes care of his flock. He is patient, he loves and never harms his own flock or sheep. A good shepherd is readily available for his flock. He is ready to make sacrifices for their good. On the other hand, a good flock listens to its shepherd. It obeys his instructions and follows him with trust and confidence. In other words, there must be a good relationship and understanding between a good shepherd and his flock. The celebration of Christ the Good Shepherd today reminds us that we are shepherds, as well as flocks. This is because each one of us is occupying one leadership position or the other. So, who is a good shepherd and where can we find one? We find one, in every good mother or father, in an honest president or governor, in a holy and caring priest. We can find a good Shepherd in every humble and God-fearing youth, in a caring brother or sister, and in every just and respectful police officer. Where there is a caring doctor, a dedicated teacher, a good cook, cleaner or gardener, there is a good shepherd.

Mass Times & Intentions 21st – 27th April 2024

Sat 20th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Pdraig O'Driscoll, Bridie Coughlan (RIP), Denis Fitzgerald (ANN), Anna Zambito (Birthday) (INT)
Sun 21st 9:00am: Kachama & Mukeza family, Genevieve Mukeza (INT)
11:30am: Michael & Marie Donaugher, John McGinly, T. J Togher, Etna Stapleton, Jane Amooty, Boni Gutangiza (RIP), Bernie Shevlin, Francis, Paul Walshe, Etienne Kachama, Sabine Evunza, Raymond Kudiangela, Lauretin Kinglesi (INT)
6:30pm: A. J Coelho, Mary Theresa Madigan (RIP), Jeremy Platten, Renée Evans (INT)
Mon 22nd 12 noon: John O'Connor, Mary Theresa Madigan (RIP), Mary & Patrick McAndrew (ANN)
Tue 23rd St George 12 noon: Peggy O'Sullivan (RIP), Mary & Patrick McAndrew (ANN), Christie de Cruz (Thanksgiving) (INT)
Wed 24th Sts Erkenwald & Mellitus 12 noon: Patrick McGillicuddy (RIP), Brian O'Brennan (ANN)
Thur 25th St Mark 12 noon: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi (RIP)
Fri 26th 12 noon: Funeral of Hugh McNaughton
Sat 27th 12 noon: Mary Donoghue, Bernadette Delaney, Families for Baptism (INT)



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, 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, 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

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 **£34,068.96** Thanks.

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

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enehizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka 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 **Prayer/Faith Group:** Sat. 10am

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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 117)

R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

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SECOND READING John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant we pray, O Lord that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep, and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	June /Jackie	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Innocent Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	John Obligar	June G & Mary	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Maureen Tayler	Michelle C	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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