

# 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**



**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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations).

**Parish Planned Giving Drive:** A mandatory Diocesan planned giving drive for our parish will finish this weekend and we will carry on with the practice. Leaflets will be circulated for more in depth information.

**Food Donations for the needy:** Thank you to parishioners that have responded to our call for help. We humbly request for the following: **pot noodles, tinned fish, biscuits, soft drinks, tea, milk (longlife), sugar and coffee.** 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

**Pentecost Sunday:** Parish inter-cultural mass (12noon) and fund-raising socials (meal/music) in the car park.

- Parishioners are encouraged to dress in cultural outfits. We would like element of different cultures reflected in the mass
- The second reading will be in Gaelic, Irish (an English translation will be provided).
- Bidding prayers will be in different languages, Music will be in different tongues by the parish joint choirs. Anybody that would like to join the choirs for the celebration should please see the Parish Priest.
- Every parishioner is encouraged to provide some items for the refreshments; please sign up the sheets behind. Thank you
- Any parishioner that can help with the **BBQ on the day, should please indicate availability**

**Donations of any suitable items, bottles of drinks for the Tombola and freshly baked cakes for sale to raise funds for the parish are welcomed. Raffle Tickets will be on sale from this weekend.**

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

**Christian Stewardship:** 21st April 2024  
**Envelopes:** £241 **Loose:** £316.12 **Contactless:** £27 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

## May Diary

Sunday 19th: **Parish Community Pentecost Mass followed by Fundraising Socials in the Parish Car park.**  
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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## Food For Thought

**John 7:38**

**"Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."**

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



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**+6th Sunday Of Easter Year B**  
*5th May 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

Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper, and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends. The primary thing is that God seeks us out; that God has chosen us. To get that order right is to get the most from our faith. It means that I'm no longer confined to the tiny world of my plans and projects, no matter how lofty they seem. It means that I abandon my own script to be cast in the drama that God himself scripts, directs and produces because the stories we tell about ourselves are only as interesting and compelling as the imaginations of our little minds. The fun begins when we resign to playing a part in God's own drama. Being cast in God's drama implies that we have been given a mission, a role. Speaking further, Jesus says: "I have commissioned you to go and bear fruit" i.e. to accomplish something. Christianity is mission oriented. It is not so much about self-realisation through withdrawing into oneself but about realizing ourselves to the extent that we fulfil our mission.

### Mass Times & Intentions

5th – 11th May 2024

**Sat 4th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** John O'Neill, Nigel Newland, Shiela O'Donnell (RIP), Kathleen Glancey, Katherine & John O'Connor, Michael O'Neil (ANN), Mary Dorrian (INT)

**Sun 5th 9:00am:** Baby Siofra (RIP), Vinny McGee (2nd) (ANN), Essien-Oku family, Kanny Inyang (INT)

**11:30am:** Joe Brickley, Margaret Meakle, Jimmy Lehane, Jill Anne Brennan (RIP), Máire Tighe, Departed members of the Lehane family, Declan Doocey, Donald Kerwin (ANN), Mary Quinn (Get well), Evans family (INT)

**6:30pm:** Spiritans and Marists Communities, Archway

**Mon 6th 12 noon:** Willy Meere, John McGinty, T.J Togher (RIP)

**Tue 7th 12 noon:** Frank Burns (RIP), Doreen Timoney (INT)

**Wed 8th 12 noon:** Kanny Inyang (INT)

**Thur 9th The Ascension of the Lord:** Masses at 12 noon and 7pm

**Fri 10th 12 noon:** Carmel McAfee, Therese Kpodo (1st Birthday) (INT)

**Sat 11th 12 noon:** People of the Parish



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, 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, 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 (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit**

**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enehizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka CSSp

**Parish Office Team:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald

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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

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

## OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we may relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 97)

**R. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations**

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. **R.**

## SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus said: 'If anyone who loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

**R.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Ann Heekin	June G	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Innocent T	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June G & Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Eugenia Ackah	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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