

NEWS AND VIEWS

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



Fr Martin Goba CSSp: has joined the community and he will be serving as the Chaplain of St Aloysius School, Highgate while also serving both Tollington Park and Archway communities. We welcome him.

Catechist Training: There will be refresher courses for Catechists by the Diocese on the following dates; **14th Sept.- 10am - 12noon, 1pm-3pm, 21st Sept.-10am-12noon, 1pm-3pm.** Here in St Gabriel's meeting room.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on the Saturday 21st September, any parishioners who are interested should please indicate their availability at the parish office. The cost will be **£35.** The first pickup point will be at **6.30am** in front of **St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows**, then it will proceed to the next pickup point at **6.45am**, which will be **Sts. Peter and Paul**, Clerkenwell, 5 Amwell Street, EC1R 1UL. All will depart at **7am** to Walsingham.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2025: It is time to register for these 2 sacraments. The catechism classes will start from September. To be eligible for First Communion, the child must be **7years** by the **31st of August.** For confirmation, the candidate must be **13years** by the **31st of August.** Please pick up the registration forms from the Parish Office.

Eucharistic Festival: On Saturday 14th September, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral, starting with Mass at 12:30pm and finishing around 4pm. The afternoon will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as sermons from Fr Alan Robinson, Rector of the Diocesan Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, and Bishop Nicholas Hudson, who will impart Pontifical Benediction at the end of the Procession. A relic of Bl Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced, will also be present.

September programme with Sr Marthe Marie & Our Lady of Kibeho:

- **Sat. 07/09 @ 11am** Pro-life Mass @ St George's Cathedral
- **Sat. 14/09** Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross @ St Dominic Priory, The Rosary Shrine.
- **Sat. 21/09 @ 9.30am** Mass @ Our Lady & St Patrick.
- **Sat 28/09 from 2pm-5pm** Sr Marthe Marie's talk @ St Charles Borromeo in the meeting room.
- More details on the poster

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.**

Christian Stewardship: 1st September 2024

Envelopes: £216 **Loose:** £353.43 **Contactless:** £0.00 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

September Diary

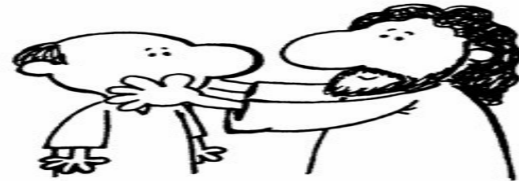
Thursday 12th @ 7pm —**Inaugural Committee meeting For Parish Charity Event**
 Weekend 14th/15th—**Home Mission Sunday (Evangelii Gaudium)**
 Thursday 19th @ 7.15pm—**Finance Committee Meeting**
 Sunday 29th @ 10am: **Parents of First Communion 2025 Group meeting with Catechists**
 Every Last Saturday 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 (Resumes this September)**

Important Diary Dates

- **Sept. 21st**—Youth Praise & Worship Concert
- **October 26th** — Parish Charity Auction/Fundraising/Entertainment Evening.

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+ 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year B
8th September 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

In the Biblical world it was known as miracles - signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. The healing of the deaf and dumb man occurs immediately, and this is proved by him starting to speak and hear. However, Jesus orders the crowd not to spread the news, but they disobeyed, and his reputation keeps spreading. The reaction of the crowd shows that they are becoming aware that with the presence of Jesus the Messianic Age has dawned. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of God's Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect. St. Paul teaches that humans do not acquire their faith through visions or angelic messages but through hearing the word of God proclaimed by the announcers of the Gospel (Rom10:17). Anybody suffering from this 'spiritual deafness' does not have faith. Before the coming of Christ, all persons had their ears closed to the message from heaven. Even the Jewish people, though the Lord had spoken to them through the prophets, had stopped listening to their words and had become deaf. They were also dumb, incapable of communicating to others the message that they themselves could no longer hear. By curing the deaf and the dumb, Jesus teaches us that a new dialogue between heaven and earth has begun.

Mass Times & Intentions

8th – 14th September 2024

Sat 7th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Joseph Simmons (RIP), Michael Nolan (1st) (ANN), May Fayers (INT)

Sun 8th 9:00am: Bridget O'Shea (6th) (ANN), Essien-Oku family, Ekong family (INT)

11:30am Stephanie Kafari birthday thanksgiving (INT)

6:30pm: Yemi private intentions (INT)

Mon 9th 12 noon: Walter Heaton, Michael McGauran (RIP), Bert Reaney (INT)

Tue 10th 12 noon: Bryna Miller, Anna Marie Lydon (INT)

Wed 11th 12 noon: Young People of the Parish

Thurs 12th 12 noon: Joffre Colquhoun (ANN)

Fri 13th St John Chrysostom 12 noon: Stephen Lawrence (Posthumous 50th birthday) (RIP), Anna Coco-Bassey (26th), Frank Cheah (Posthumous birthday) (ANN), Lawrence Etim-Bassey (50th birthday), Lawrence Family (INT)

Sat 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 12 noon: Alan Mullee (3rd) (ANN)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiel 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, Maureen Esspay, John Alan, Private Intentions. Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis,

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 **£36,201.83** 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, Fr Martin Goba CSSp

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

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



Food For Thought

"Be somebody who makes everyone feel like a somebody."

"Nothing changes if nothing changes."

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

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145)

R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mass

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

Readers

Joanna Hemingway
 Maureen Tayler
 Ignatius Etukudoh
 Bridget O'Dea

Eucharist Minister

June G
 Innocent Teme
 Mary A & Roxanne C
 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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