

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**



Catechist Training: There will be refresher courses for Catechists by the Diocese on the following dates; **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, 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. **The coach is full now.**

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.

RCIA 2025 is for adults who want to convert to or be fully received into the Catholic Church. The sessions will start from the 19th of October. Please endeavour to fill up your forms and submit them in the Parish Office for documentation.

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

- **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.

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.**

100 September draw: The 1st prize of £187 went to no.68; 2nd prize of £75 to no. 18; prizes of £37 to nos.19, 54 & 98. £377 was raised for parish funds. The next draw is on **Friday 4th Oct. after the 1st Fri. Service.** Subscriptions due in by the weekend of 28th/29th Sept. New Members Welcome!

Christian Stewardship: 8th September 2024

Envelopes: £198.90 **Loose:** £364.21 **Contactless:** £0.00 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

September Diary

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**

Important Diary Dates

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

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Food For Thought

"You'll never influence the world trying to be like it."

"Grow through what you go through."

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



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+ 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year B
15th 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

Jesus was confirming the prophecy of Isaiah before Peter interrupted him. Jesus knew that this was the will of God for him and was willing to show his practical love for humanity. So, as the Suffering Servant and Messiah, his core mission was to redeem humanity through his own suffering and death. However, Peter did not understand this. Peter's case today is a typical example of how a godly and spiritual person could be manipulated in order to stand against the will of God. A few moments before, Peter identified Christ as the son of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. The next moment he was used by Satan in order to oppose God's will. He thought he will lose his position in the earthly kingdom which they thought Christ had come to establish. So, he did not want to hear Christ talk about suffering and death now. However, he did not know he was standing against the will of God. Like most of us today, Peter knew who Jesus was but was not ready to accept the reality that faced him. He wanted the crown but denies the cross that must come before it. Like Peter, most times we do not want to face the realities of our life. We only want to hear that there will be no problems or difficulties in life. We want to reduce or run away from our cross and yet, we want to follow Christ. My dear friends practical Christianity means faith in action. It means accepting to carry our cross humbly and patiently while relying on the same grace that helped Christ. It is by carrying his cross and, dying on it that Christ demonstrated his practical love, charity, generosity and faith in action for us. So, he wants us to do the same. This is why he tells us today: *"If anyone wants to be my follower...let him carry his cross and follow me...Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for the sake of the gospel will save it."* The good news is our crosses will not last forever, but will definitely end up in triumph.

Mass Times & Intentions

14th – 21st September 2024

Sat 14th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Dean Dempsey (RIP), P J Forrester (ANN)

Sun 15th 9:00am: Essien-Oku family, Ekong family, Maria Piroli, Lina Piroli (INT)

11:30am: Andy & Mary Brady, Deceased members of the Mullee family, Nellie Mulcahy (RIP), Alan Mullee (3rd) (ANN), Mullee family (INT)

6:30pm: Yemi private intentions (INT)

Mon 16th Sts Cornelius & Cyprian & 12 noon: Pat & Mary Reaney, Pat & Julia Brennan (ANN)

Tue 17th 12 noon: Patricia Corbett (RIP), Katie Howard (4th) (ANN), Irada Fracassi, Anne Breslin, Anna Marie Lydon (INT)

Wed 18th 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish

Thurs 19th 12 noon: Bernard Etim-Bassey (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Louisa Umuokoro, Cyrille Jumoke Martins, Frances Edem (INT)

Fri 20th St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon 12 noon: Utong Etim-Bassey (Birthday) (INT)

Sat 14th 12 noon: Young People of the Parish



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, 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, 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 Nduhuisi 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

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

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

OPENING PRAYER

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through 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 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare to condemn me?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 114)

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**

SECOND READING James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father
except through me.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass

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

Readers

Ann Heekin
 Paula Zanre
 Joseph Baffoe
 Eugenia Ackah

Eucharist Minister

June G
 Olga M
 June G & Mary A
 Roxanne C

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
 Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
 Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
 No Steward

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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