

NEWS AND VIEWS

First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates in Nov. 30th Enrolment Mass @11.30am, Dec. 7th, 14th. All should please register before 30th November, no one will be taken after the enrolment Mass.

Young Adult Gathering this will take place this **Sunday 30th November from 2pm –6pm at the St Gabriel community centre at 21 Hatchard Road**, there will be faith sharing, games and food to entertain them all. Please invite any young adult around you. It is an experience not to miss.

The Parish Community Christmas Carols Concert is scheduled for **Thursday the 11th of December beginning 6.30pm**. Tickets for Raffles to be drawn on the night are on sale. Prizes to be won include; a Christmas hamper and many consolation prizes. Donations of the prizes would be highly appreciated. All are welcome.

Faith Sharing/Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Every Saturday at 10.30am in the Meeting Room. While candidates to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church (RCIA) will be supported in their faith journey, it will be an opportunity for existing Catholics to share and grow in faith. All who want to join in are welcome.

100 Club The next draw is on **Friday 5th December after the First Friday Service**. The November results are: The 1st prize of £120 went to no.24; 2nd prize of £60 to no.70; prizes of £30 to nos.18, 14 & 98. Subscriptions due in by **this weekend**. New members are welcome! Application forms at the back of the church.

Legacy: A gift in your will, left to a registered charity such as the Church, is exempt from inheritance tax and reduces your overall residual tax rate. Legacies may be left either for general purposes or for a specific use. Please remember to include your parish in your will, to continue the good works of our forbearers. On that note we announce that one of our parishioners Mrs Giovanna Spittle who passed away three years old, left in her will a £20,000. legacy for the church. We will continue to remember her and her loved ones in our prayers

November Diary

Saturday 29th at 11am: **Baptism preparatory meeting** (Parents and Godparents to attend)
12noon: **Followed by the Baptism.**

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.**

December Diary

Friday 5th 12noon – First Friday Healing Mass, Holy Hour & Benediction

Death of Margaret Togher who was one of our long standing parishioners and during her retiring years volunteered to serve her parish community in different capacities. Margaret will be sorely missed and we pray for her family in this grieving time. May her soul rest in peace. Her funeral date will be announced shortly.

Parish Pilgrimage 2026 Discussions are ongoing towards realising another faith growing and spiritual trip to either one of the following pilgrimage places; Assisi, Rome or Medjugorje. It is being proposed for next autumn half term. More details to be provided before Christmas. Those who might be interested should please indicate in the Parish Office.

Donations: Thank you to those who always respond. We are now taking in food items for our friends at the door, such as biscuits, soups, fizzy drinks, tea & coffee, sardines, pot noodles and any food on the go. We appreciate this donations. Thank you and God bless.

Christian Stewardship: 23rd November 2025

Envelopes: £175 **Loose:** £499.37. We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish. In the meantime, anyone who wants to make a donation can pay into the parish account with the details provided below.

WRCDT St Gabriels Upper Holloway
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CHRISTMAS CARDS & ADVENT CALENDARS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH SHOP FROM NEXT WEEKEND !!!!

DIARY DATES

11th December @ 6.30pm: Parish Community Carol Concert
14th December @ 11.30am: Volunteers Mass
21st December: Nativity Rehearsal starts.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Only look back to see how far you've come"

"Make the rest of your life the best of your life."



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+ 1st Sunday of Advent Year A
30th November 2025



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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

In Advent, we prepare for the coming of the Lord. We can actually speak of God's coming in three ways. The first is when Jesus came to be born in the stable at Bethlehem; the second is the final coming of Jesus at the end of the world and there is still the third kind whereby every single experience can be an opportunity to encounter God. We are reminded of that ongoing contact with God especially in the celebration of the sacraments, including this Eucharist. The first coming of Jesus in Bethlehem is to help us prepare for this final coming. We may not find it pleasant thinking about how or when we will leave this world but it is the one future fact of our lives of which we can be absolutely certain. Today's readings remind us of the final purpose of our lives. Many of us are like the people Noah's time mentioned in today's Gospel: "Before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing till the flood came and swept them all away..." These people were doing their everyday things exactly as we do. But they were so busy doing them that they failed to give any thought to where their lives were ultimately heading and what was the goal of that life. Maybe they were very successful in their business but, in the end, they were not ready for the most important appointment of their lives. The question is: how ready am I right now? This question is made even more disturbing since we do not know when the Lord will come. The Gospel therefore enjoins us to "Stay awake ..." How do we stay awake? How do we prepare? To be watchful and ready is to be awake to our duties as responsible children of the world and of God. If, in our words and actions, our daily lives are full of the spirit of Jesus, then we have prepared. Then, we do not have to fear no matter when Jesus makes his final call because we know he is going to say: "Come, my friend. I want to call you now; I want to share with you my life that never ends." And we will respond: "Yes, Lord, I am ready. I have been waiting for you all this time." It will be an encounter, not of strangers, but of two old friends. May our church Golden Jubilee Year provide us the opportunity to increase in this awareness.

Mass Times & Intentions 30th November – 6th December 2025

Sat 29th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Joe McLoughlin (ANN), Barran family, Joan Fitzgerald (INT)

Sun 30th 9:00am: Souls in Purgatory, Margaret Togher (RIP), Essien-Oku family, Etim-Bassey family (INT)

11:30am: Margaret Togher (RIP), Romie Wallace, Young Adult of the Parish (INT)

6:30pm: Maria Theresa Ogbonna (RIP), Hanora Mary Lavelli (2nd) (ANN)

Mon 1st 12 noon: Hans Kodwo Neizer (50th Birthday), Laurence Akoshile (50th Birthday) (INT)

Tue 2nd 12 noon: Maria Theresa Ogbonna, Terrance Murphy, Margaret Togher (RIP), James Condron (3rd) (ANN), Thanksgiving Mass, Bingo Club members (INT)

Wed 3rd St Francis Xavier 12 noon: Maria Theresa Ogbonna, Margaret Togher (RIP)

Thurs 4th 12 noon: Patricia Etim-Bassey (5th) (ANN), Ahano Aroko-Ekhaton (INT)

Fri 5th 12 noon: First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction

Sat 6th St Nicholas 12 noon: People of the Parish



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikhwuka, Mary Dunne, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Eddy Renwick, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Prince Henshaw, John Alan, Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis, Padra Williams, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura O'Leary, Artoro Davila, Mary Brady, Teresa McDonagh, Dee-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega, Gomes family, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher, Errol Roberts, Louisa Carter, Doreen Timoney, Irada Fracassi

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

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr Augustine Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp, John Duong 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

To you, I lift my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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 2: 1-5)

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 122 (121))

R. *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.*

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as it is decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. There were set the thrones for judgement, the thrones of the house of David. **R**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray, ‘May they prosper, those who love you.’

May peace abide in your walls, and security be in your towers. There were set the thrones of judgement. of the house of David **R**

For the sake of my family and friends, let me say, ‘Peace upon you.’ For the sake of the house of the LORD, our God, I will seek good things for you. **R**

SECOND READING (Romans 13: 11-14)

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Show us, O LORD, your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Matthew 24:37-44)

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: ‘For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk

amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (For Online Mass)

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.

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9am
Sun 11.30am
Sun 6.30pm

Readers

Bridget O’Dea
Paula Zanre
Tracey Mullett
Maureen Tayler

Eucharist Minster

June G
Innocent T
Mary A & Roxanne C
Michelle C

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Joseph Ogbonna

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.

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*all bow*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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
- ☐ Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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