

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Home Mission Appeal (Evangelii Gaudium):** There will be second collection this weekend. Please give generously to support the mission of the Church in England and Wales. Thank you.

**First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates** in Sept. 28th, Oct. 5th, 19, Nov. 9th, 23rd, **30th Enrolment Mass @11.30am, Dec. 7th, 14th. More dates to be announced**

**Spiritans Youth Concert:** This will take place on the **25th October** and doors will open at 9am. It will be refreshing to worship God through praise and worship. Kindly scan the QR code on the poster in the porch for your **free tickets**.

**Parish Project collection** will be taken **27th/28th weekend**. Please pick up the envelopes for this. Thank you.

**100 Club Draw:** The next draw is on **Friday 3rd October after the First Friday Service**. Subscriptions due in by the weekend of 30th/31st August. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!** Application forms at the back of the church.

**Parish Auction Fundraising and Entertainment Evening on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October @ 6pm. Doors open from 5pm. This event is to help sponsor our Parish Outreach Services.**

- A highlight of the evening is **10 sponsored tables** at **£200 per table of 8**. Families/Friends should please sponsor and take up the limited tables. Notify the Parish Office. The single tickets for the event are now on sale: £20 ticket only **40 tickets available**.
- The fundraising is for the following services:
- Daily breakfast for approximately 30 people
- Weekly lunch for approximately 40 people

- About 70 food parcels per week
- These services cost over £5,000 a year to run. The needs are increasing, so it has become necessary to appeal for support from our community. We are pleased to invite you to an evening of entertainment, featuring our Jazz band, the auctioned items, raffle tickets and sponsorship forms for individuals, workplaces/companies who would like to offer their support. Every little helps.

## Secondary Schools Open Days Events:

**St Aloysius:** 22nd 9am-11.30am

**LaSainte Union (LSU):** September 30th, October 14th & 16th, visit <https://www.lasainteunion.org.uk/Admissions/Open-Day>

**Finchley Catholic Boys(FCHS):** September 30th 5pm-7pm

**Bishop Douglas:** September 23rd 5.30pm-7pm

**Maria Fidelis:** September 24th 4pm-6pm

**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:** 14th September 2025

**Envelopes:** £175 **Loose:** £350.09. 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**

**Sort Code:** 40-05-20 **Account No:** 01097024

OR

**Scan this QR Code here, the ones on the benches and on the notice board.**



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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

The prophet Amos preached long before Christ came; behind the glitter of political and religious life of the time, he could observe a world of injustice and exploitation of the poor. Though he wrote his disapproval then, they sound perfectly familiar to anyone living in any prosperous city today. Cheating on weights and measures, tampering with scales, inflating the value of goods and deflating the value of money, buying up the poor for money, finding someone gullible enough to pay for what is basically trash! In over 2,000 years of "civilisation" and "religion", hardly anything has changed. In our capitalist society built on competitiveness, it seems to be an accepted norm to have winners and losers. Indeed, many of us Christians have dire need to become more aware of what Christian love and compassion actually entails. It can never be accepted as "normal" for people to live in inadequate housing, to have to work in intolerable conditions, to have to work twelve or more hours a day seven days a week just to make ends meet, to have to endure hunger, malnutrition over long periods, to have to sell their bodies in prostitution or near slavery! Nor can it be accepted as "normal" that others live in comfort and luxury, while people live in such deplorable conditions. No Christian who is worth the name can accept such a situation or, still less, be a contributor to such imbalances. Unfortunately, wittingly or unwittingly many of us are contributors. We show it by the frenzy to climb to the top and pushing our children to do as much. While we can't advocate for total equality, on the level of dignity and rights, no one can claim superiority over another person. Any diminution of human dignity cannot be tolerated by the conscientious and loving Christian. Granted that some have been given more talents than others, these gifts are to be used not to get more for oneself but to offer more for the building up of the Kingdom community. The greater our gifts, the greater our responsibility to share them with those who have less. That is why Jesus used the metaphor of the steward in today's Gospel to remind us that we are the stewards and never the owners of what we possess. We have no absolute right to anything we have. The question of a successful life is not "How much did you make?" but "How did you use what you had constructively for the common good?" That is the way to make the friends Jesus talks about in the Gospel.

## Mass Times & Intentions 21st – 27th September 2025

**Sat 20th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Joan Fitzgerald (INT)

**Sun 21st 9:00am:** Noel Rooney, Ijeoma Nwokike (RIP), Essien-Oku Family, Pedro family, Nsikan Udoh family (INT)  
**11:30am:** Ann Reilly, Baby Arthur, Noel Rooney (RIP), Sally & Patrick Sweeney (ANN), Anastasia Nervais (Birthday), Patricia & Jim, Joyce McDaid, Ella Humphreys, Mary Aherne (INT)

**6:30pm:** Maureen Tayler (INT)

**Mon 22nd 12 noon:** Con O'Leary (32<sup>nd</sup>), (ANN)

**Tue 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina 12 noon:** Irada Fracassi, Anne Breslin, Bingo Club members (INT)

**Wed 24th Our Lady of Walsingham 12 noon:** Alf Humphreys (39<sup>th</sup>) (ANN)

**Thurs 25th 12 noon:** People of the Parish

**Fri 26th 12 noon:** Spiritans Community

**Sat 27th St Vincent de Paul 12 noon:** Volunteers of the Parish



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikuku, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, 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, Margaret Nelson, Mary Brady, Teresa McDonagh, Dee-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega, Gomes family, Private Intentions, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher, Errol Roberts

**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 ...*

## September Diary

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.**

## DIARY DATES

**25th October:** Parish Auction Event

**12th December:** Parish Community Carol Concert

**14th December :** Volunteers Mass @ 11.30am

**21st December:** Nativity Rehearsal starts.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Believe you can and you are half way there."

"Everyday I learn, I improve."

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



# TODAY’S READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 (Amos 8:4-7)

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?  
And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?’  
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: ‘Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.’

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps (113)112:1-2.4-8)

### R. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!  
May the name of the LORD be blest  
both now and for evermore! **R**

High above all nations is the LORD,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the LORD, our God,  
who dwells on high,  
who lowers himself to look down  
upon heaven and earth? **R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the ash heap he raises the poor,  
to set them in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people. **R**

## SECOND READING (1 Timothy 2:1-8)

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may

lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gen- tiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Jesus Christ, though he was rich,**  
**yet for your sake he became poor,**  
**so that you by his poverty might become rich.**  
**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL (Luke 16:1-13)

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’” And the manager said to him- self, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the man- agement away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’” So, summoning his mas- ter’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘‘How much do you owe my master?’’ He said, ‘‘A hundred measures of oil.’’ He said to him, ‘‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’’ Then he said to another, ‘‘And how much do you owe?’’ He said, ‘‘A hundred measures of wheat.’’ He said to him, ‘‘Take your bill and write eighty.’’ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.’ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ‘One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.’

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with the Sacrament, that we may come to possess your

redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. 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	Readers	Eucharist Minster	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Ann Heekin	June G	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Ann Waldron	Innocent	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June G & Roxanne C	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	Michelle C	Joseph Ogbonna

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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.	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, ( <i>all bow</i> ) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was cruci- fied 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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☐ 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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