

NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Auction Fundraising and Entertainment Evening on **Saturday 25th 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 are ready, ask in the parish office for it**. Every little helps.

CAFOD *Family Fast Day* Appeal this Harvest

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call **0303 303 3030**. You can also **text CAFOD to 70560** to donate £10.

First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates in Oct. 5th, 19th, Nov. 9th, 23rd, 30th Enrolment Mass @11.30am, Dec. 7th, 14th. More dates to be announced. All should please register before 30th November, no one will be taken after the enrolment Mass.

Spiritans Youth Concert: 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**.

Holy Souls: On All Souls Day Sunday Nov. 2nd, we shall celebrate solemn masses to commemorate the souls of all our faithful departed. All through this month of October, we shall have the opportunity to write down the new or recent names of our departed for whom we want to pray on the sheets provided on the desks behind. Donations to accompany the mass requests will be welcome.

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: 28th September 2025

Envelopes: £149 **Loose:** £359.79. 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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Scan this QR Code here on the newsletter, the ones on the benches and on the doors.



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+ 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time C

5th October 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

"Where your faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you", says Jesus to his Apostles in today's gospel. It means that even if our faith is small like the grain of mustard seed, it can remove mountains of difficulties, mountains of perplexities, mountains of sin. It means that faith can accomplish stupendous achievements. This reminds me of the life and story of Claude Poullart Des Places the Founder of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit (Spiritans), whose feast, the Spiritans celebrated on, the 2nd day of October. He dedicated his life and material resources to the education of poor seminary students who wanted to serve the poor. Although he was still a young seminarian, his life was that of great sacrifice and concern for the disadvantaged and needy. He was a man of faith. The birth of the Spiritans was a simple gathering of students of theology who wanted to train poor priests to serve the poor. The aim was to help these candidates materially and spiritually to help the poor and the sick in their area. With their little faith, they were determined to follow the Holy Spirit wherever God led them just after one year of the foundation. This movement of faith that started like a mustard seed has grown today to be a great evangelical tool of the church and the Holy Spirit. "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*" (Luke 4:18-19). This passage from the Gospel of St. Luke opens the *Spiritans Rule of Life*. It affirms that it is the Lord who anoints and sends us to lose the bonds that tie people in their situation. Working on the margins of society in frontier situations for justice and peace and offering a "preferential option to the poor," Spiritans have been on the frontlines of missionary activities. How does our service and witness free people to be authentically those whom God is calling them to be?

Mass Times & Intentions 5th – 11th October 2025

Sat 4th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Charlotte, Leo & Barran family (INT)

Sun 5th 9:00am: Anne Colins (posthumous 65th birthday) (RIP), Dinah Adjei (ANN), Essien-Oku family, Tunu & Philip, Amy & Laurence, Queeneth & Ekpo (INT)

11:30am: Michael Moore (RIP), Attracta Agnes Murphy, Alan Mullee, Alf Humphreys, Joseph & Peggy Keenan, Tessie Guinan, Brian O'Brennan (ANN), Bernie Carr, Private Intentions, Eddie Gallagher (INT)

6:30pm: Maria Louisa Mena (RIP), Bernie Carr (INT)

Mon 6th St Bruno 12 noon: People of the Parish

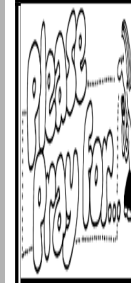
Tue 7th Our Lady of the Rosary 12 noon: Doddy McGee (RIP), Brendan Hehir (ANN), Bingo Club members, Wilfie Barran (INT)

Wed 8th 12 noon: Fr Moses Enehizena (INT)

Thurs 9th St John Henry Newman 12 noon: Miranda Avanzi, Carlo Avanzi (RIP)

Fri 10th St Paulinus of York 12 noon: Giovanna Spittle (3rd) (ANN)

Sat 11th St John XIII 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 Enehizena 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 ...

October Diary

25th @ 6pm: **Parish Auction Evening (NO EVENING MASS)**

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

"Don't waste your beautiful mind on ugly thoughts."

"Kindness changes everything."

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



TODAY’S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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 (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4)

O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you ‘Violence!’ and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. And the LORD answered me: ‘Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ‘Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (95)94: 1-2.6-9)

R. O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come into his presence, giving thanks; let us hail him with a song of praise. **R**

O come; let us bow and bend low. Let us kneel before the LORD who made us, for he is our God, and we the people, the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **R**

SECOND READING (2 Timothy 1:6-8.13-14)

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 17:5-10)

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith!’ And the Lord said, ‘If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you. ‘Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, “Come at once and recline at table”? Will he not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink”? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, “We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.”

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifice instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God that we may be refreshed

and nourished by the sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. 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	Jeanette Fayers	June G	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Paula Zanre	Innocent	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Tracey Mullett	Mary A & Roxanne C	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Maureen Tayler	Michelle C	Joseph Ogbonna

THE GLORIA	THE NICENE CREED
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 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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