

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.

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.

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.

Death: It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Peggy Brouder who died peacefully at home on 18th September 2025. To celebrate her life, we would like to invite her friends and church family to a funeral service to be held here in St Gabriel's on Thursday 23rd October at 12.00 noon. Flowers from only family are permitted. May Peggy's soul rest in perfect peace

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: 5th October 2025

Envelopes: £149 Loose: £395.79. 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
Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 01097024
OR

Scan this QR Code here on the newsletter, the ones on the benches and on the doors.



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+ 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time C
12th 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

Lepers at the time of Jesus were objects of both fear and contempt; treated as outcasts and forced to live on the fringes of society. Maintaining the distance in today's Gospel they called out to Jesus in desperation: 'Lord! Take pity on us!' Their only hope was the compassion of Jesus, who is the face of the mercy and compassion of God; a mercy and compassion they had long ceased to expect from their fellow-citizens. With faith, they followed the instructions of Jesus and they were cured. But it was not the God's chosen Jews who returned to express thanks but only the Samaritan among them who is considered a goddess pagan and an inferior outsider. Jesus strongly acknowledged this; a person who is presumed to be far from God is the one who is most deeply aware of God's action in his life. We too, in our time must have met non-Christians who had a much better sense of God working in their lives than some of us who carry the label "Catholic". Jesus affirms the man "Rise up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you." The man is called to resurrection, to new life. There is far more here than physical healing. The whole person has been fully restored in his relationships both with God, his neighbours and the community. Today, leprosy as terrifying disease has largely disappeared with modern treatments. However, leprosy of different kinds are still endemic in every society with people being marginalised, sometimes by subtle neglect or outright discrimination. Racism is still displayed, sometimes openly, some other times in more subtle but equally hurtful ways. Yet, we need to recognize that prejudice and non-acceptance occurs in all directions, not just from the majority towards the minority. Medically speaking, AIDS is seen as the new leprosy in our day. People with AIDS and even those known to be HIV-positive have been treated in ways very similar to lepers in the Bible. And as with the lepers, the main factors are ignorance and fear. For instance, while it is easy to contract AIDS through sex or body fluids, it is also virtually impossible to get it in the normal everyday interactions. But, whether it is AIDS victims, or people who are different to us, we need to re-examine our attitudes in the light of the values Jesus portrayed in his interaction with people of all kinds. Physical leprosy could lead to loss of feeling on the affected body part but prejudice, which is leprosy of the spirit leads to loss of human feeling.

Mass Times & Intentions 12th – 18th October 2025
Sat 11th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Sr Andrena (birthday), Barran family (INT)
Sun 12th 9:00am: Miranda Avanzi (posthumous birthday), Nwanne Emele, Roger O'Kelly (RIP), Essien-Oku family, Odeyemi family, Paddy Essang family, Ekanem Ekanem (INT)
11:30am: Max Arnul (RIP), Alf Humphreys (39th) (ANN), Private Intention, Mary Heavin (85th birthday), Richard McCaffety, Fr Moses Enehizena (INT)
6:30pm: Mary Forde (RIP), FGGC Owerri Alumni (INT)
Mon 13th St Edward the Confessor 12 noon: Margret Ruxton (INT)
Tue 14th 12 noon: Noel Rooney, Sally Healy (RIP), Bingo Club (INT)
Wed 15th St Teresa of Jesus 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish
Thurs 16th 12 noon: Priests and Parishioners
Fri 17th St Ignatius of Antioch 12 noon: Eddie McCormack (9th) (ANN)
Sat 18th St Luke 12 noon: Kevin & Bing Batchelor (50th wedding anniversary) (INT)

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 Ikwuka, 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, Louisa Carter

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

18th/19th—World Mission Sunday Collection
25th @ 6pm: Parish Auction Evening (NO EVENING MASS)
26th : End of British Summer Time Clocks go back an hour
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
26th October: Clock changes
12th December: Parish Community Carol Concert
14th December : Volunteers Mass @ 11.30am
21st December: Nativity Rehearsal starts.

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BORDER VILLAGES
TEN
LEPERS
MASTER
PRIESTS
CLEANSED
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NINE
PRAISE
FOREIGNER
FAITH



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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

OPENING PRAYER

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 (2 Kings 5:14-17)

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, ‘Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.’ But Elisha said, ‘As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.’ And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, ‘If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 98(97):1-4)

R. The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

O sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R**

The LORD has made known his salvation,
has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his truth for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song,
and sing out your praise. **R**

SECOND READING (2 Timothy 2:8-13)

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 17:11-19)

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.’ When he saw them he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, ‘Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your

Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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	Bridget O’Dea	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga M	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	Mary A & Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	Roxanne 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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