

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.

- The Deputy Mayor of Islington will be present
- A highlight of the evening is **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

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. 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.**

Parish Office 27th– 31st October will be closed after the 12noon mass. Take note.

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 will be celebrated on Monday Nov. 3rd, we shall celebrate solemn masses at 12noon and 7pm 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: 12th October 2025

Envelopes: £170 **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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+ 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time C
19th 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

When we raise our hands in prayer, we totally surrender to God who then takes control of our situation. Today's First Reading describes the prayer of Moses in time of battle. As long as he kept his arms up (which signifies prayer), the Israelites were winning; but as soon as his arms grow tired and drop (which signifies losing hope), they begin to lose. Eventually his hands were supported in that praying position until victory was won. Similarly, the gospel presents us with a woman of faith, a widow, who refused to accept the oppressive and abusive situation in which she found herself. She kept her hope in final justice alive and did everything in her power to right the wrongs inflicted on her by her oppressive neighbours. Finally her dogged determination paid off and she was vindicated. The person of faith knows that there are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about their situations. Yet, this does not mean that we can keep asking for just anything. The widow asked for justice - something which God would certainly want for her. Elsewhere, Jesus had compared God to a decent, caring parent. Would such a parent give a child a stone when he asked for bread? Would a parent give a scorpion to a child who asked for an egg? If even human parents will give their children what they need, says Jesus, how much more will a loving God give good things to those who ask him. What are these "good" things? Surely it means asking for those things which will bring us closer to God; what helps us to know, love and serve him better; what helps us reach a deeper understanding of his teaching... It means above all asking to know what is his will for us and the strength to carry it out. It is asking that his will become our will so that there is a complete harmonising of the two. If God's will and mine are one, then in doing what God wants me to do, I end up doing what I want! Isn't that wonderful?! Yet, the parable could be read even more meaningfully in an opposite way whereby we are seen as the judge and God as the widow? Like the judge we persist in refusing to listen to the cries of the poor all around us. But God is the persistent widow who will not go away. God keeps badgering us, refusing to accept our no to love as final.

Mass Times & Intentions 19th – 25th October 2025
Sat 18th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Seamus Conaty (RIP), Maureen Currie, Barran family (INT)
Sun 19th 9:00am: Essien Ekpenyong-Oku, Sr Margaret Healey, Essien-Oku family, Odeyemi family (INT)
11:30am: Noel Rooney, Nally (RIP), Natalie Richard Aloma (9th) (ANN), Private Intention, KC Maduako & family (INT)
6:30pm: Priests and People of the Parish
Mon 20th 12 noon: Lina Piroli (RIP), Volunteers of the Parish (INT)
Tue 21st 12 noon: Bingo Club members, Beda Hunter (INT)
Wed 22nd St John Paul II 12 noon: James Parmanand (ANN)
Thurs 23rd 12 noon: *Funeral Mass for Peggy Brouder*
Fri 24th 12 noon: Young people of the parish
Sat 25th 12 noon: Sammy Ekong (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, Mary Brady, Teresa McDonagh, Dee-Am 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

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 ...

October Diary

18th/19th—World Mission Sunday Collection
25th @ 6pm: **Parish Auction Evening (NO EVENING MASS)**
Bingo group (CLOSED)
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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PRAY
JUDGE
FEAR
RESPECT
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EARTH



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"There's something in you that the world needs."

"Enjoy being yourself and you'll feel no need to copy others."

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



TODAY’S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I will call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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 (Exodus 17:8-13)

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, “Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.” Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses's arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 120)

R. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. **R**

He will keep your foot from stumbling. Your guard will never slumber. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel’s guard. **R**

The LORD your guard, the LORD your shade at your right hand. By day the sun shall not smite you, nor the moon in the night. **R**

The LORD will guard you from evil; he will guard your soul. The LORD will guard your going and coming, both now and for ever. **R**

SECOND READING (2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2)

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 18:1-8)

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, “Give me justice against my adversary.” For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, “Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.” And the Lord said, ‘Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord. COMMUNION ANTIPHON Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Grant O Lord, we pray that, benefitting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are	eternal. 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.
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Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minster	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Ann Heekin	June G	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Paula Zanre	Innocent T	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June GMary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Eugenia Ackah	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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