

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Parish Community Birthday Celebrations:** To encourage and strengthen our existing, thriving parish community, we will be celebrating the birthdays of parishioners born in each month on one designated Sunday every month, unless advised otherwise. To this effect, any parishioner who wishes to join in the *bring-and-share* after the 11:30am Mass is kindly asked to indicate their name and month of birth at the parish office. **January birthday thanksgiving will take place Sunday 25th after the 11.30am Mass.**

**Parish Pilgrimage To Assisi 2026** This will commemorate with the 800th year of Francis of Assisi, we will also visit the final resting place of the first millennial saint, Saint Carlos Acutti. The itinerary will be pasted in the porch. The dates and cost will be **26th-30th October, 2026. The cost for the trip will be £1440** based on shared accommodation. Initial deposit of **£350 will be made by February 16th**, final payment is expected in **August**. For more information please contact the parish office.

**First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates** in Jan. 25th, Mar. Saturday 7th Reconciliation@10am, 15th, 22nd, Apr. 12th, 19th, 26th, May 10th, 17th, 31st, June Saturday 6th @10am Reconciliation/Rehearsal, **Sunday 7th Celebration of the First Holy Communion.**

**100 Club January draw:** The 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £150 went to no.76; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £60 to no.24; prizes of £30 to nos.53, 59 & 82. The next draw is on **Friday 6th February after the First Friday Service**. Subscriptions are due in by the weekend of 31st Jan/1st Feb. **New Members Welcome!** Application forms at the back of the church.

**Gratitude:** The Togher and Mary Aherne's family would like to thank all priests, parishioners, friends and the Archway community for standing by them while the bid Margaret Togher an emotional farewell. A mass intention will be in for all next Sunday.

**Parish thanksgiving mass for milestone birthdays** will take place during Springtime. If any parishioner here in our parish is turning the following years **30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th & every year after their 90th**. Please kindly send your name and birth month via the parish email or just leave a note with the details. Let us join hands and celebrate each other.

**Donations of Food items for the less privileged:** As we are in the cold season, there is increasing demand on us for food handouts from the less privileged. We count on our parishioners for the generous donations of non-perishable food items; tins, beverages, confectioneries, cereals, grains etc. A plastic container is made available for these under the desk for Mass sheets at the back.

**Christian Stewardship:** 11th January 2026

**Envelopes:** £159 **Loose:** £438.88. 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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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Feb 27th @ 6pm- Feast of St Gabriel**

## January Diary

Sunday 25th after the 11.30am Mass: **January birthday celebration bring-and-share in the meeting room.**

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 Last Sunday of the month: **Parish birthday celebrations for each month.** (except stated otherwise).

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.**

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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

**"Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do."**



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**St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Archway**

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**+ 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A**

**18th January 2026**

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

We may wish to ask ourselves the reason(s) why we enter into any relationship as individuals, as groups, as organisations and even as nations. It would not be strange to posit that most of the times, we enter into relationships based on the interests or benefits we derive from them. As a business tycoon, I would like relationships that add value to my business and my linking up with people is purely that of interest. As a country, we are in a relationship with other nations (bilateral or multilateral relationship) because of the interests we have with these nations and when these interests become conflictual, hostilities begin to emerge leading to an environment of total mistrust and chaos. God's relationship with humanity is completely opposed to that which is obtainable in our world. The terms of God's friendship with his people are simple; "You shall be my people and I will be your God." (Ex. 6:7). This is the guiding principle of the people of Israel, chosen and loved by God. Fidelity is what God wants from his people as he, God, ever remains faithful to his people. History points to us that the people of Israel are never faithful to the terms of the covenant and yet the consolidation of this friendship comes through a radical shift from being a mere servant to being a true friend who serves as a source of illumination for many other nations. Light shines by way of the teachings received through the prophets who constantly shape and reshape Israel. We however know that the words of the prophets are not enough to brighten the nations. True light of the nations is seen in God's singular project saving humanity through the advent of his only begotten son. The letter to the Hebrews clearly expresses this in these terms, "In the past, God spoke to our ancestors many times and in many ways through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us through his son..." (Heb. 1:1-2). Jesus Christ is the true light of the nations shinning to eternity as seen in his acts. He comes to bridge the gap that exists between God and his children, leading all things to God. It is imperative to rethink our friendship with our brothers and sisters especially as people called by God to journey in a faith community, taking a leap from the friendship established between God and his people.

## Mass Times & Intentions

**18th – 24th January 2026**

**Sat 17th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Patrick Lyne (RIP), Bobby Kearns & family, Barran family, Joan Fitzgerald (INT)

**Sun 18th 9:00am:** Deceased members of the Connell family (RIP), Maria Solari née Venti, Stan Connolly (23<sup>rd</sup>)

(ANN), Tiffany Essien-Oku, Ella Humphreys, Bobby Kearns & family (INT)

**11:30am:** Margaret Togher, Patrick Holahan (Month's Mind) (RIP), Private Intention for Mary B for healing (INT)

**6:30pm:** People of the Parish (INT)

**Mon 19th 12 noon:** Margaret Togher (RIP), Andrian Bradley (INT)

**Tue 20th:** Lina Piroli, Margaret Togher, Jack Ronan, Anastasia Olowu (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Joyce McDaid,

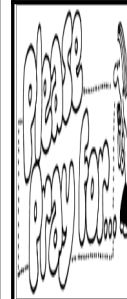
Ella Humphreys, Andrian Bradley (INT)

**Wed 21st St Agnes 12 noon:** Volunteers of the Parish

**Thurs 22nd 12 noon:** Nora Fanning (RIP)

**Fri 23rd 12 noon:** Agnes Quainoo (Journey mercies), Tiffany Essien-Oku birthday, Declan Etukudoh birthday (INT)

**Sat 24th St Francis de Sales 12 noon:** Joyce McDaid (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, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikwuka, 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 L, 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, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega, Gomes family, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher, Errol Roberts, Louisa Carter, Doreen Timoney, Oliver Chime, Stella Chime, Maura Eivers

**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

All the Earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 49:3 5-6

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’  
And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength he says: ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 40 (39))

**R. Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the LORD,  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.

You delight not in sacrifice and offering,  
but in an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.  
Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come.’

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:  
‘I delight to do your will, O my God;  
your instruction lies deep within me.’

Your uprightness I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O LORD.

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes. To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia**  
**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us;**  
**to all who did receive him,**  
**he gave the authority to become children of God.**  
**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL John 1: 29-34

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.” I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John bore witness: ‘I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit.” And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.’

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant us O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished, by

this one heavenly Bread, one in mind and heart. 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	Carmel Cannon	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Ann Waldron	Innocent Teme	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Mark Renner	June G & Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle Carr	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 bon</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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