

NEWS AND VIEWS

End of British Summer time: Clocks will move back one hour this weekend.

Parish Auction Fundraising and Entertainment Evening: We thank all our volunteers, parishioners and our community as a whole for the support and engagements.

Spiritans Youth Concert: This was also a huge success. To God be all the glory.

First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates in 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.

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.

100 Club October draw: The 1st prize of £142 went to no.14; 2nd prize of £57 to no.35; prizes of £28 to nos.70, 45 & 09. The next draw is on Friday 7 November after the First Friday Service. Subscriptions are due in by the weekend of 1/2 November. New Members Welcome! Application forms at the back of the church.

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: 19th October 2025

Envelopes: £140 Loose: £399.79. 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.

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+ 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time C
26th October 2025

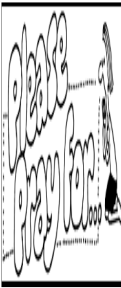
We welcome all to today's mass especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector” (Lk 18, 10). We have to enter the temple to pray. We must enter the temple to be reconciled with God. We must leave the temple” justified” with God. We must enter the interior mystery of the Church, the mystery of reconciliation. The temple is a sign of reconciliation of man with God in Jesus Christ. The Pharisee entered the temple with pride, full of himself. He was present in the material temple. But God was not present in the temple of his heart. He returned from the temple not justified. The publican went away justified because he humbly recognised the need of being justified. He did not judge others. He judged himself. He recognises God's majesty, His transcendence. He knows that God is great and full of mercy, that he yields to the cry of the poor and humble. “Humility is the foundation of prayer. It is only when we humbly acknowledge that ‘we do not know how to pray as we ought’ (Rome 8, 26) that we are ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. ‘MAN IS A BEGGAR BEFORE GOD’ (St. Augustine). The first movement of prayer of petition is asking for forgiveness. It is a prerequisite for righteous and pure prayer. A trusting humility brings us back into the light of communion between the Father and his Son Jesus Christ and with one another so that ‘we receive from him whatever we ask. Asking for forgiveness is prerequisite for both the Eucharistic liturgy and personal prayer” (CCC2631). May God bless us with the grace to be humble and acknowledge that we are sinners so as to be reconciled with him.

Mass Times & Intentions 26th October – 1st November 2025

Sat 25th No Vigil Mass
Sun 26th 9:00am: Pat Taff, Mary Shaughnessy (RIP), Roy Hepper, Barran family, Essien-Oku family, Odeyemi family, Maura Eivers (INT)
11:30am: Michael Grennan, Peggy Brouder (RIP), John Foley (2nd), Paddy Doyle, Francis Keenan (ANN), Mary Mullee, Margaret Togher, Private Intention (INT)
6:30pm: Priests and People of the Parish
Mon 27th 12 noon: Bruna Costa, Josie Meehan, John & Ann Phelan, Fr Andrew O'Connell, Fr Jim Overton, Fr Gerard King (INT)
Tue 28th Sts Simon & Jude 12 noon: Eamonn Fleming, Mary Lehan (RIP), Fr Danny Horan, Kathleen Horan (ANN), Helen Nolan, Bernard Hughes, Bingo Club members (INT)
Wed 29th Blessed Martyrs of Douai 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Miranzi Avanzi (RIP), Ikpeme Bassey (INT)
Thurs 30th 12 noon: Fitzpatrick family, Tony & Kathleen O'Shea, Eileen Murphy (RIP), Micko McDonagh (17th) (ANN)
Fri 31st 12 noon: Pat Quinn (Posthumous birthday) (RIP)
Sat 1st 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 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

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

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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VIRTUOUS TAX MANKIND BREAST
TWO COLLECTOR FAST SINNER
TEMPLE GRASPING TITHES EXALTS



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you."

"We only regret the chances we didn't take."

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



TODAY’S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 (Sirach 35 12-14. 16-19)

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 34)

R. The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
the humble shall hear and be glad.

The LORD turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,
and rescues him in all his distress.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned.

SECOND READING (2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18)

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 18:9-14)

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ‘Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: “God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.” But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. 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	NO EVENING MASS		NO EVENING MASS
Sun. 9am	Ann Waldron	Olga M.	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Mark Renner	June G & Joyce McD	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Anna Renner	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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