

NEWS AND VIEWS

Sunday 11.30am Mass streaming link: You can also scan with the QR Code below. <https://bit.ly/st-gabriel> Sunday Masses will be streamed during **11.30am**



Gratitude: We want to thank all parishioners who supported selflessly to make our Parish Charity Event a huge success. May God bless us all.

Solemnity of All Saints Friday 1st Nov. (Holy Day of Obligation): Masses at 12 noon & 7pm. The 12 noon Mass will be followed by the First Friday Holy Hour/Prayers & Anointing of the Sick/Benediction.

Holy Souls: Saturday the 2nd of Nov. will be the commemoration of the Holy Souls. The Book of Memorial and sheets has been provided on the desk behind for people to write down names of their departed. Names previously written need not be repeated.

Children's Mass 24th November: We would like to invite the children of the parish (aged 4-14yrs) to come to the church on the following dates;

♦ **Saturdays 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd Nov—1.30pm-2.30pm** This is to prepare for the **24th November** during the 11.30am Mass which is the **Feast of Christ the King**. The children will take active part during the Mass.

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: October 27th, November 10th, 24th (Enrolment Mass at 11.30am)/ Children's Mass, December 1st, 8th, 15th.

Parish Pilgrimage 2025 proposals: The majority of parishioners have chosen to go with Fatima and the details of the itinerary has been pasted in the porch notice board. **FATIMA** 20-24th October 2025. **£960** per person, shared room.

RCIA 2025 is for adults who want to be fully received into the Catholic Church. The sessions has start from the **19th of October**. Please endeavour to fill up your forms and submit them in the Parish Office for documentation.

Food Donations: Thank you to those who always respond. We are still 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.

100 October draw: The next draw is on **Friday 1st November after the All Saints' Day Mass**. Subscriptions due in by the week-end of 26th/27th Oct. New Members Welcome!

Divine Mercy Music: Martina Keany is an Irish Catholic Singer Songwriter living in West London. Martina will visit Our Church this weekend on the **2nd/3 rd November 2024**. She will attend all masses to promote her Novena, Prayer and Music CDs. You can download Martina's CDS in digital format as Mp3 files from her **website:www.divinemercymusic.com** Her CDs are £10 each. Martina will leave a donation to the church before she leaves.

Christian Stewardship: 20th October 2024
Envelopes: £149 **Loose:** £330.57 **Contactless:** £0.00 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

October Diary

Saturday 26th at 6pm —**Parish Charity Auction/Fundraising Event**
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**


Important Diary Dates

- **Nov. 24th— Children's Mass @ 11.30am**
- **Dec. 13th @ 6.30pm -Parish Carol Concert**
- **Dec. 15th @ 11.30am — Volunteers Mass**
- **Dec. 17th @ 7pm—Penitential service**

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




Food For Thought

"Today is a new day."

"Life is the best gift."




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+ 30th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year B

27th October 2024



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.

EXCERPT FROM THE PASTORAL LETTER ON ASSISTED SUICIDE

The healing of the blind man Bartimaeus in this Sunday's Gospel reveals two kinds of blindness; the physical blindness of Bartimaeus and the moral blindness of the crowd who tried to stop him from getting across to Jesus for help. While physical blindness could be managed, with spiritual blindness, one is lost. How often has Jesus passed us by and we fail to recognise and call on him, all because, too often, we have fixed ideas as to where we are likely to see him or the forms under which he will appear. In his physical blindness, Bartimaeus sees better with his heart than many of those around him because he has faith and hope. He could spiritually see that the crowd stopping him was wrong so he refused to be hushed. That's how society hushes the church to silence her. That's how society shouts you down when you want to express your faith. Like that crowd that stood in the way of Bartimaeus, many people, things and concerns, can also prevent us from coming to Jesus. How often have we got no time for Mass, for prayer, for charity and for getting involved in Church activities? Worse still, how often have we blocked someone from approaching Jesus through our words and actions? Bartimaeus eventually caught Jesus' attention and Jesus invites him to come forward. He jumps up, throwing off his cloak, his only possession. Compare this with the well-dressed rich man in last Sunday's Gospel, who could not follow Jesus because, with his wealth, he thought he had a lot to lose. Jesus asks him: "What can I do for you?" Bartimaeus answers: "Lord, that I may see." The secret of life is to be people of vision, to be able to see life's real meaning and direction, to know where God is to be found. It is therefore a prayer that is sure to be answered. So Jesus responds: "Go, your faith and trust in me has saved you." Immediately, Bartimaeus was able to see and we have a man with vision, who knows very clearly where he should be going. And that was exactly what he did - following Jesus on the road. Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. And this is a road that leads to Jerusalem, in other words, to suffering, death and resurrection.

Mass Times & Intentions 27th October – 2nd November 2024

Sat 26th No Vigil Mass

Sun 27th 9:00am: Peggy Green (1st), Joseph Foley (12th) (ANN), Avanzi family, Piroli family, Mary Mullee, Private Intention, Berty Kenny (Peace of mind) (INT)

11:30am: Nan & Arthur Franks, Tessie Guinan (ANN), Etukudoh family, Jide Maduako, Anastasia Nervais (INT)

6:30pm: Thanksgiving For A Successful Parish Charity Event

Mon 28th Sts Simon & Jude 12 noon: Ikpeme Basse, Essien-Oku family (INT)

Tue 29th Blessed Martyrs of Douai 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Mary McGovern (RIP), Avanzi family, Piroli family (INT)

Wed 30th 12 noon: Charlie McFadden (RIP)

Thurs 31st 12 noon: Funeral Mass of Fabian Charles

Fri 1st All Saints Masses at 12 noon and 7:00pm

Sat 2nd The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) 12 noon:

Please Pray For

Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Emo Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Ola Gam-Ikon, Eddy Renwick, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Sr Joseph, Prince Henshaw, Maureen Esspay, John Alan, Private Intentions. Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis, Innocent Teme, Winston Fernando

Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £17,900 + VAT= bal. £9,900. **Trinity Fund £8,000 granted**
2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by **National Lottery Fund**
3. New Security Gate around Parish Carpark/ Exit on Holloway Road (Harling Security Solutions) £25,522 + VAT

Donations towards the projects would be highly appreciated. Donations so far received **£36,201.83** Thanks.

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

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enechizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Nduhuisi CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp

Parish Office Team: Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald, Jerrico Luna 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

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

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty 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. **Amen**

FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout! 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!' See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of the earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 125)

**R. What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them?'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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. **Amen**

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. **Amen**

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Sun. 9.00am	Isaac Bibilian	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Tracey Mullett	June G & Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Maureen Tayler	Michelle C	Joseph Ogbonna

The Spiritual Communion Prayer (For Online Mass) ONLY

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.

THE GLORIA

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. 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 and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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