

NEWS AND VIEWS

Second collection – Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund

Today’s second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a ‘QR Code’ that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates in Nov. 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.**

Faith Sharing/Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Every Saturday at 10.30am in the Meeting Room. While candidates to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church (RCIA) will be supported in their faith journey, it will be an opportunity for existing Catholics to share and grow in faith. All who want to join in are 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.

Memorial mass for the 1st anniversary of Catherine Goba (Mama Goba) on 26th November @ 6.30pm in St Mellitus, Tollington Park road. London N4 3AG. Refreshments follows immediately in the hall. You are all invited.

The Parish Community Christmas Carols Concert is scheduled for **Thursday the 11th of December beginning 6.30pm.** We will welcome St Joseph school choir back . While our choirs and other community choirs prepare, individual parishioners who would like a solo performance are also welcome. The choirs and all who will be performing should please forward their entries to the Parish Office by the 1st of December. Tickets for Raffles to be drawn on the night will be on sale from next weekend. Prizes to be won include; rich Christmas hamper and many consolation prices. Donations of the prices would be highly appreciated. All are invited.

Christian Stewardship: 9th November 2025

Envelopes: £132 **Loose:** £360.46. 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
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November Diary

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

11th December @ 6.30pm: Parish Community Carol Concert
14th December @ 11.30am: Volunteers Mass
21st December: Nativity Rehearsal starts.

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HAPPINESS

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



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Diamonds are coal that did well under pressure”

“We rise by lifting others.”



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+33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time C
16th November 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

“Some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts”. Herod the Great altered and enlarged the temple complex. He expanded and beautified it to such an extent that it could pass for a new temple. He began to build it about the year 19 BC, and the workmen were not discharged until the procuratorship of Albinus in 63 AD. Some of the stones in the building of the temple were sixty-seven and half feet in length, seven and half feet in height and nine feet in breadth. The exterior of the temple was covered on every side with massive plates of gold, so that as soon as the sun rose, it radiated a fiery flash that those straining to look at it were forced to avert their eyes as from the rays of the sun. The Jews used to say: “He who has not seen the temple in its full construction has never in his life seen a glorious building.” Of this temple Jesus spoke: “As for these things that you see, the day will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down” (Lk 21, 6). The temple was destroyed in 70 AD. The Jews trusted in the material building of the temple. We must not place our trust in material things. Often we are concerned about putting up a beautiful building. What is more important is the people. The Church is the people of God. We must be more concerned with the people than with the building. Jesus tells us today: “By your endurance you will gain your souls”. Each of us has a soul. Having a soul is different from gaining it. We can gain it only by practising virtue. As we are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of our church building, Jesus is using it to call us to build a church for him in Archway: a church that is a family of people of God, based on solidarity, love, caring, sacrifice, and charity. The temple of Jerusalem did not last, although it was very beautiful and costly. We are God’s temple (1 Cor 3, 16). We are destined to last forever.

Mass Times & Intentions 16th – 22nd November 2025

Sat 15th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Brian & Val Weston, Kathleen & Peter Harte, Kitty Hayes, Joan O’Shea, Baby Arthur (RIP), Hannah Holden (Birthday) (INT)
Sun 16th 9:00am: Ukpong Ogundalu (RIP), Essien-Oku family, Inwang family, Odeyemi family, Pedro family, Geri O’Kelly (INT)
11:30am: P.J Heavin (10th) (ANN)
6:30pm: Priests and People of the Parish
Mon 17th 12 noon: Paddy & Ida Phelan, Sr. Roisin, Fr. Alexandra (INT)
Tue 18th 12 noon: Tom Mehmet (4th) (ANN), Bingo Club members (INT)
Wed 19th 12 noon: Brian Robertson (RIP), Kay Stokes (4th), Brendan O’Donnell (ANN)
Thurs 20th 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish
Fri 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12 noon: Young People of the Parish
Sat 22nd St Cecilia 12 noon: Fr Ugo Ikwuka (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 Fairban, 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 cDonagh, Dee-Arn 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, Irada Fracassi

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

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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 (Malachi 4:1-2)

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 98)

R. The Lord comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of song. With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the King, the LORD.

Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world, and those who dwell in it. Let the rivers clap their hands.

The hills ring out their joy at the presence of the LORD, for he comes. He comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with justice, and the peoples with fairness.

SECOND READING (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12)

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night

and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL (Luke 21: 5-19)

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, ‘As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.’ And they asked him, ‘Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?’ And he said, ‘See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, “I am he!” and, “The time is at hand!” Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. 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	Ann Heekin	June G	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Paula Zandre	Innocent .	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June G & Joyce McD	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Eugenia Ackah	Michelle C	Joseph Ogbonna

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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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☐ 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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