

NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Community Birthday Celebrations: 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 this Sunday 25th after the 11.30am Mass.**

Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady Of Sorrows: This year our feast day (**27th February**) will be celebrated with the only Mass on that day **being at 6pm**. Followed by refreshments (*bring and share*) and entertainment at our 722 Holloway road, parish centre 2.

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, **Feb.** 1st, 8th, **Mar.** 1st, 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 1st prize of £150 went to no.76; 2nd 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.

Death: The family of Kathleen Panayiotu sadly announce her peaceful demise, her funeral arrangement will be announced shortly. May her soul rest in peace.

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: 18th 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

Sort Code: 40-05-20 **Account No:** 01097024

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Scan this QR Code here on the newsletter, the ones on the benches and on the doors.



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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GALILEE	CAPERNAUM	ZEBULON
NAPHTALI	JORDAN	ISAIAH
SIMON	PETER	ANDREW
JAMES	ZEBEDEE	JOHN



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Being kind is never wasted."

"Kindness changes everything."

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



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+ 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

25th 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

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shine. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder"(Isa 9,2-3). Jesus has started calling those who will help him in his mission of dispelling darkness from human world. "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people"(Mt 4,18-20). The Apostles, Peter, Andrew, James, John and others were ordinary people. They were not twelve copies of the same type. Jesus did not destroy their individuality. Each after his own kind was needed to enrich the kingdom of God. Jesus did not obliterate their distinctiveness. He gathered them all into an orchestra of praise. They were friendly, honest, enthusiastic people. Jesus counted on them. He gave much of his time and energy to instruct them and form them. These men were courageous. They realize that their boat is so small and the sea is large. But they are ready to risk and face the fury of the sea. Once there came to Socrates a very ordinary man called Aeschines. "I am a poor man," said Aeschines. "I have nothing else, but I give you myself. " "Do you not see" said Socrates, "that you are giving me the most precious thing of all." What Jesus needs is not wealth or scholarship but ourselves. Jesus can do everything with people who give themselves to him. We are called to be fishers of men. Like good fishermen we have to be patient. With patience and perseverance we shall succeed to effect a change and bring light in ourselves and in others.

Mass Times & Intentions 25th – 31st January 2026

Sat 24th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Barran family, Joan Fitzgerald (INT)

Sun 25th 9:00am: Kathleen Panayiotou (RIP), Eyoeoyo Okon Eyo (birthday), Essien-Oku family (INT)

11:30am: Margaret Togher, Martin Tunney, Anthony Togher, Ann & Paddy McDonagh (Month's Mind) (RIP), Ann & Patrick Peters, Catherine Meegan (ANN), Joyce McDaid, Eileen Scott, January Birthday celebrants, Thanksgiving from the Aherne & Togher families (INT)

6:30pm: Kathleen Panayiotou (RIP), Paula White (Special Birthday), Jerrico Luna, David Haslam (INT)

Mon 26th Sts Timothy & Titus 12 noon: Jack McAndrew (ANN), Adrian Bradley, Special Intention for Theresa Noone (INT)

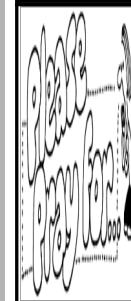
Tue 27th: Adrian Bradley, Bingo Club members, Inyang Etim (birthday) (INT)

Wed 28th St Thomas Aquinas 12 noon: Jack McAndrew, Christy Columb (ANN), Chisom Anakor (birthday) (INT)

Thurs 29th 12 noon: Mary Brennan (RIP)

Fri 30th 12 noon: Joe McElroy (RIP)

Sat 31st St John Bosco 12 noon: Edward Costello (ANN)



Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, 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, 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 Alvis, 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

O sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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 9:1b-4

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 27(26))

R. The LORD is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? R.

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple. R.

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD! R.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom
and healed every affliction among the people.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 4 12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ‘The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.’ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that receiving the grace by which you brings us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

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 Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	June G	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Ann Waldron	Innocent Teme	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Mark Renner	Roxanne & Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle Carr	Joseph Ogbonna

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 NICENE CREED

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, (*all bon*) 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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