

NEWS AND VIEWS

Priest Training Fund – Next Weekend

On Good Shepherd Sunday, there will be a second collection for the Priest Training Fund. This fund plays a crucial role in supporting men who are discerning and preparing for the priesthood. Their formation includes academic study, spiritual development, and pastoral training — all of which are essential for their future ministry. As we reflect on Christ as the Good Shepherd, we are reminded that He continues to call shepherds for His Church today. Please keep our seminarians and those considering this calling in your prayers. Next weekend, you will have the opportunity to support this important work. Thank you for your generosity.

Planning Committee October Fundraising Event will take place tomorrow 20th April at 7pm. All volunteers are welcome.

May Devotion: There will be rosary said on Fridays through out the month of May at 11.30am before 12noon mass and 6.30pm before 7pm mass. Let us avail ourselves of this opportunity to pray as a community.

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 dates and cost will be **26th-30th October, 2026. The cost for the trip will be £1440** For more information please contact the parish office.

Parish Community Birthday Celebrations: April birthday thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 26th after the 11.30am Mass.

First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates in Apr. 19th, 26th, May 10th, 17th, 31st, June Sat. 6th @10am Reconciliation/Rehearsal, Sunday 7th Celebration of the First Holy Communion.

Parish thanksgiving mass for milestone birthdays will take place in July. 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.

Death: Maura Eivers was a dedicated member of this parish community, she served our Food & Friends outreach with so much passion and empathy. She sadly passed away on the 1st of April. Her funeral mass will take place on Friday 15th May at 12noon here in our parish. May her soul rest peacefully.

Donations of Food items for 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.

100 Club May draw: The next draw is on Friday 1st May and it will take place after the First Friday service. Subscriptions should be put in by 25th / 26th April weekend. New Members Welcome! Application forms at the back of the church or ask in the parish office.

Legacy: A gift in your will, left to a registered charity such as the Church, is exempt from inheritance tax and reduces your overall residual tax rate. Legacies may be left either for general purposes or for a specific use. Please remember to include your parish in your will, to continue the good works of our forbearers

Christian Stewardship: 12th April 2026

Envelopes: £171 **Loose:** £ 1629.33. 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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+ 3rd Sunday Of Easter Year A
19th April 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 adeptness of a master storyteller is seen in how they create or recreate images in the minds of the listeners that they become drawn into the universe of the story being told. They are taken through a spectrum of emotional expressions as the adept weaves the story. A new dimension is added when the storyteller is Jesus, the Word of God. Literally, the listener is drawn into the mysteries of God. So, it was that the two disciples who encountered Jesus on their way to Emmaus did not recognise him but his explanation of the Scriptures infused them with a divine light that dispelled their darkness. Indeed, their hearts burned within them as they listened to his explication. The puzzle came together perfectly as they recognised him when he took the bread and broke it. They could not resist the urge to return to the others in Jerusalem with the tale of their extraordinary experience. Perhaps, one enduring aspect of the Emmaus Story is the is that Jesus still walks with us and talks to us. He does this every time we read or hear the gospel readings. The whole idea of the homily is for us to hear the Gospel enfolded in our contemporary language and symbols. Not only the vicissitudes of the recent happenings in Jerusalem but the wider picture of the salvific mission of Jesus became clear to the two disciples through their contact with the Word. The Sunday Liturgy provides us with the arena to encounter Jesus again in the Scriptures and in the Breaking of the Bread. This can only happen if we personalise the encounter the liturgical encounter by an effective presence during the mass.

Mass Times & Intentions 19th – 25th April 2026

Sat 18th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Barbara Gomes, Derek Gomes, Brian Robinson (Posthumous birthday) (RIP), Anna Marie Lydon (1st), Nancy McLoughlin, Catherine Flynn (38th) (ANN), Ita Prendergast (Get Well) (INT)

Sun 19th 9:00am: John Sherlock (Posthumous birthday), Maura Eivers (RIP), Essien-Oku family, Ann Breslin, Karen Kershaw, Raiza Millano & family (INT)

11:30am Maura Eivers (RIP), Colin Restall (3rd) (ANN), Eddy Renwick (90th birthday), Pat Togher (INT)

6:30pm: Young People of Our Parish

Mon 20th 12 noon: Mary Asforis (RIP)

Tues 21st St Anselm 12 noon: Maura Eivers (RIP), Anna Marie Lydon (ANN), Fr Martin (Birthday) (INT)

Wed 22nd 12 noon: Mary & Patrick McAndrew (ANN)

Thurs 23rd St George 12 noon: Mary & Patrick McAndrew (ANN)

Fri 24th Sts Erkenwald & Mellitus 12 noon: Bruna Costa, Fr. Jim Overton (INT)

Sat 25th St Mark 12 noon: People of the Parish



Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, 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, 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 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, Julie Antwi, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher, Errol Roberts, Louisa Carter, Doreen Timoney, Oliver Chime, Stella Chime, Ann Forrester, Danielle, Margarita, June Gray, Carmel Cannon, Dominic Roberts, Maria Cruz, Maria Minodora

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

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enechizena CSSp, Fr Augustine I.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 ...

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Impossible is just is just one person's opinion."

"Diamonds are coal that did well under pressure."

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



TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 Acts 2:14.22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 16 (15))

R. O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

O Lord, you will show me the path of life.
Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, 'You are my Lord.'
O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot. **R.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the LORD before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R.**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they

told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. 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	Bridget O'Dea	June G/Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Ann Waldron	Innocent Teme	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Tracey Mullett	Mary A & Roxanne C	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Maureen Tayler	Michelle C	Joseph Ogbonna

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.

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

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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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