

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Mothering Sunday:** Congratulations to our dear mothers and mothering figures. You mean everything to us and we remain eternally grateful. We pray for you today; that you may have the contentment and fulfilment you well deserve in life. As today ties with **March birthday thanksgiving after the 11.30am Mass. March celebrants can bring and share items after the 11.30am mass. All are welcome to join in the meeting room.**

**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** per person based on shared accommodation. For more information contact the parish office.

**First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates in Mar.** 15th, 22nd, Apr. 12th, 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 celebrate.

**100 Club April draw:** The next draw is on **Friday 10th April** during the quiz night session at 7.45pm, please take note of these alterations for **April ONLY.** Subscriptions due in by the weekend of 4th /5th April. New Members Welcome! Application forms at the back of the church or ask in the parish office.

## March Diary

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> **Mothering Sunday/March birthday celebrations:**  
 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> **St. Patrick's Day:** Masses at 12noon and 7pm. (Socials/Refreshments after the 12 noon mass)  
 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> **Third Scrutiny of RCIA candidates** at the 11.30am mass  
 Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> **Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins**  
 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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**SPAT SIGHT PARENTS DEVOUT**  
**PASTE RESTORED DISCIPLES BELIEVE**



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**"Live for the moments you can't put into words ."**  
**"Make everyday a masterpiece."**



**Clocks move back an hour early Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** please take note to avoid missing or being late for the masses.

**Repository:** Our repository is stocked up for the upcoming yearly events. Please ask inside the shop for all your Lenten stations of the cross booklets for children, St Patrick's day shamrock brooches, cards, candles, Mothering Sunday cards, etc. We have you covered.

**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:** 8th March 2026

**Envelopes:** £152 **Loose:** £ 488.57. 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  
**OR**

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

**REPOSITORY IS STOCKED UP!!!!**

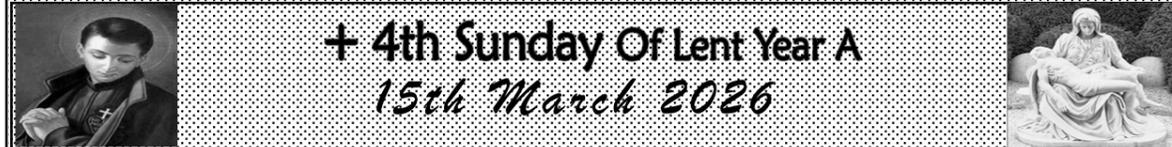


## IMPORTANT DATES

**2nd Scrutiny-**  
15th March  
**3rd Scrutiny-**  
22nd March



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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

If we were to choose a tennis player to represent Great Britain in the next tournament, without a second thought the most likely choice would be the British No. 1. Based on world rankings, he is clearly ahead of the rest. The indicators that guide our natural process of selection would eliminate all the others. In this case, we would be guided by track records. Yet such selection processes have often been proven wrong when upstarts knock out seasoned players and go on to take home the trophy. Our process of selection is limited by our universe of knowledge, which is only a very small fraction of reality. It is often different when God is the one who makes the choice. The choice that emerges is frequently a surprise—even a disappointment—to the experienced mind. At times, it may appear that the best option has been set aside for someone less qualified. Yet the results, willy-nilly, ultimately fulfil God's purpose, even when the choice seems eccentric. In the book *God's Eccentric Choices*, George Kaitholi, an Asian writer, chronicles the life, mission, and message of nine biblical personalities whom God chose in defiance of human reasoning. One striking example is the choice of David in today's first reading, as well as the blind man in the Gospel. God chooses the small, the weak, the forgotten—anyone. The message is this: if we surrender to God and remain docile to Him, He can achieve the unimaginable through us, no matter how small, sick, or insignificant we may think we are. The conditions He gives are unambiguous: try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness, but exposing them by contrast (Eph 5:10-11). Go ahead—take that step you have in mind, for God and for your faith.

## Mass Times & Intentions 15th – 21st March 2026

**Sat 14th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Charlotte Barran, Louis Thomas (RIP), Sharon Gaudio (ANN), Barran family, June Gray, Carmel Cannon, Joan Fitzgerald (INT)  
**Sun 15th 9:00am:** Carlo Avanzi, Miranda Avanzi, Patricia Etim-Bassey (posthumous birthday), Mary Delores McNanny, Avanzi family, Essien-Oku family (RIP)  
**11:30am:** Margaret Togher, Bridie McDaid (Mother's Day), Christian Whalan, Baby Arthur, Nora O'Connell (RIP), William Ronan (4<sup>th</sup>), Brendan Nelson (ANN), Amaobi Maduako & family, Tisha & Jim, Bernadette Reilly (Get Well), June Gray (Special Intention) (INT)  
**6:30pm:** John McEvoy, Sean Macaulay, Mary & Jimmy Kelly (RIP), Anna & Arthur Bradley (ANN), Adrian & Eugene Bradley (INT)  
**Mon 16th 12 noon:** (RIP), (ANN), Sr. Paul de Chartes, Srs. Ursula & Anna, Sr. Roisin, Sr. of Mercy, Bruna Costa (INT)  
**Tues 17th St Patrick 12 noon:** Michael J. & Peter Togher, Alan Mullett, Joe Brickley, William Ronan, Breedge Timoney, John Fitzpatrick (RIP), Josie Amooty, Mary & Andy Bradley (ANN), Private Intention (INT)  
**Wed 18th 12 noon:** Josey Meehan (Birthday) (INT)  
**Thurs 19th St Joseph 12 noon:** Sr. Josephine Grimes, Ann McCarthy (1<sup>st</sup>) (ANN)  
**Fri 20th 11:30am:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass: Paddy Phelan (Birthday) (INT)  
**6:30pm:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass  
**Sat 21st 12 noon:** Margaret Togher (RIP)



Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Phillip Dug-gase, 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 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 Mullett, Elizabeth Ortega, Gomes family, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell, Julie Antwi, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher, Errol Roberts, Louisa Carter, Doreen Timoney, Oliver Chime, Stella Chime, Maura Eivers, Ann Forester, Danielle, Margarita, June Gray, Carmel C

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit  
**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enehizena CSSp, Fr Augustine I.Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp, Fr Henri M. Mvomo 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

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 1 Samuel 16: 1b,6-7,10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons." When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him.", but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart." Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." He then asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" He answered, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes." Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, "Come, anoint him, for this is the one." At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 23(22))

**R. The Lord is my Shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul.

He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name. Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me. Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

**R.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending. **R.**

## SECOND READING Eph 5:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true, and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus.**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

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## GOSPEL John 9: 1-41

At that time: As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'It is he.' Others said, 'No, but he is like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." So I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.' They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?' And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?' He said, 'He is a prophet.' The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, 'Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?' His parents answered, 'We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.' His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, 'He is of age; ask him.' So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, 'Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.' He answered, 'Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He answered them, 'I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?' And they reviled him, saying, 'You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man answered, 'Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.' They answered him, 'You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?' And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and it is he who is

speaking to you.' He said, 'Lord, I believe', and he worshipped him. Jesus said, 'For judgement I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.' Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, 'Are we also blind?' Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, "We see", your guilt remains.'

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlightens everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. 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

Sat. 6.30pm

Sun. 9am

Sun 11.30am

Sun 6.30pm

### Readers

Carmel Cannon

Ann Waldron

Mark Renner

Anna Renner

### Eucharist Minister

Debra

Innocent Teme

Mary A & Joyce McD

Michelle C

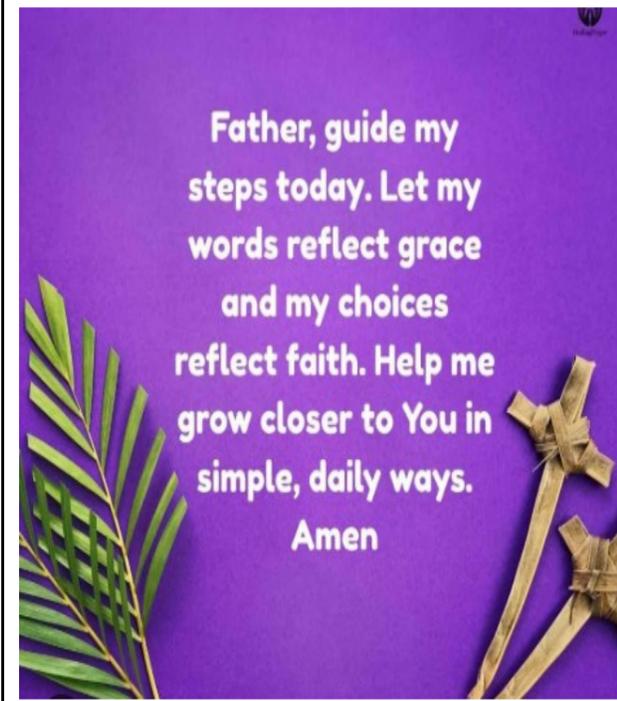
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Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers

Essien Ekpenyong-Oku

Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe

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.

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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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