

NEWS AND VIEWS

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. We will also launch our **Pilgrim's Year of Hope**. Refreshments and entertainment at our 722 Holloway road, parish centre 2. Raffle tickets are on sale. In our usual manner if any parishioner would like to bring refreshments to share on the day, please kindly put your names on the sheet at the back. Thank you to those who have made donations already. God bless.

Car Park Management: For those parishioners who park in the car park outside the Mass times. Please kindly go into the parish office to validate your cars each time you park briefly.

Confirmation Classes 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Confirmations Classes are as follows on Wednesdays, Feb. 26th, March 12th, 26th, Easter break. April 23rd, May 7th, 21st, June 4th, 18th, July 2nd, Saturday 5th (Rehearsal for the ceremony). Bishop Hudson will celebrate the Confirmation Mass on 6th July at 11.30am Mass

First Holy Communion Lesson Dates in Mar. 9th, 16th, Sat. 22nd @ 10am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Sun. 30th (Children's Mass/Mothering Sunday) Sun. 23rd, 30th, April 27th. All meetings are in the Meeting Room.

Rehearsal Dates for Children's/Mothering Sunday Mass: Saturday 8th, 15th and 29th March @ 10am. Sunday 23rd March after 11.30am Mass

Parish Pilgrimage 2025: FATIMA 27th—31st October 2025. £960 per person, shared room. Enrolment is ongoing. Details of the itinerary are available.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2:30pm

The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please give your parish these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email).

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.

Baby Joes: This takes every Wednesday at St Joseph's School from 10-11am. It is £ 5 per session. You connect over a coffee with other parents and carers and bring your little ones for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more. Music and movement. Please text or email to reserve your place: 07399720412

100 Club March draw will take place after the First Friday Service on 7 March. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by next weekend. New members welcome. Application forms at the back of the church.

Christian Stewardship: 16th February 2025

Envelopes: £141 **Loose:** £365.43 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

Contactless Machine Update: In the meantime, anyone who wants to make a donation can pay into the parish account with the details provided below.

Parish account details below: **WRCDT St Gabriels Upper Holloway** Sort Code: 40-05-20 Account No: 01097024



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7th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C

23rd February 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

What is compassion? What is love? And how do we live them out in our own age? These are the questions that spring from the Gospel today. In many ways this is the hardest teaching Jesus offers us, because it goes against so much of what the "modern world" would have us believe. Look at the first reading: David and Saul are enemies, and Saul is suddenly in David's power. The logic of the modern world would say "Strike while you can." But David chooses another path. He is com-compassionate. We can all think of times when we were in a position to take revenge, score a victory over someone, take it out on them. Our measure of our faith is whether or not we were compassionate - especially with our enemies - as Jesus taught us.

Mass Times & Intentions 23rd February – 1st March 2025

Sat 22nd 6:30pm: Margaret Reilly (RIP), Gerry Lennon (ANN)

Sun 23rd 9:00am: Lina Piroli (RIP), William Sherlock (ANN), Rose McCorley (pray for healing), Rita Avanzi, Maria & Joe Piroli (INT)

11:30am: Dennis Goulding, Margaret Reilly, Michael Farrell (RIP), Brendan Nelson (3rd) (ANN), Margaret Togher, Maura O'Leary, Joan Fitzgerald, Etukudoh & family (INT)

6:30pm: Rose McCorley (INT)

Mon 24th 12 noon: Lina Piroli (RIP), Maria & Joe Piroli (INT)

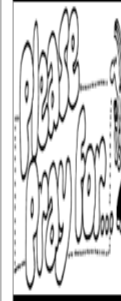
Tue 25th 12 noon: Maureen O'Sullivan, Margaret Reilly, Lina Piroli (RIP), Margaret Togher, Bingo Club members (INT)

Wed 26th 12 noon: Teresa McDonagh, Lina Piroli (RIP), Brendan Nelson (3rd) (ANN)
3pm: Memorial Mass for Lucie Nsolo

Thurs 27th St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows 6:00pm only. No midday Mass

Fri 28th 12 noon: Martin & Ellen Togher (ANN), Michael Osijo (birthday) (INT)

Sat 1st 12 noon: People of the Parish



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Phillip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, 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 Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, 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, Eddy Renwick, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Prince Henshaw, John Alan, Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis, Innocent Teme, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura O'Leary, Artoro Davila, Margaret Nelson, Mary Brady, Anne-Marie Lydon, Teresa McDonagh, Dee-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Patricia & Christopher Howe, Mary Mullee

Parish Projects

1. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by National Lottery Fund
 2. 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 £40,201.83 Thanks.
WRCDT St Gabriels Parish, Upper Holloway Sort Code- 40-05-20 ACCT: 91099450 (Church Development Fund Acct)

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

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enehizena CSSp, Fr Augustine Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba 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 ...

FEBRUARY DIARY

Thursday 27th at 6pm: **Feast of St Gabriel's Mass/ Launch of Pilgrim's Year of Hope**

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

February 27th—**Feast of St Gabriel's Mass @ 6pm**

March 30th:

Children's Mass @ 11.30am

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ENEMIES

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RECEIVE



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"You can do it if you put your mind into it."

"Only look back to see how far you've come."

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



TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant, we pray almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you. 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 26:2, 7-9, 12-13

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them. Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the LORD's anointed.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 102)

R. The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.
The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.
As a father has compassion on his children,
the LORD's compassion is on those who fear him. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Brothers and Sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Mass

Sat. 6.30pm
Sun. 9.00am
Sun. 11.30am
Sun. 6.30pm

Readers

Ann Heekin
Paula Zanre
Joseph Baffoe
Eugenia Ackah

Eucharist Minister

Debra
Olga Monpeke
Mary A & Joyce McD
Michelle C

Stewards

Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
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.

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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 and Youth Club.
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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