

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady Of Sorrows:** A huge thank you to all of us for taking part in this year's unique celebration **God bless.**

**Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent): 5th March: Masses at 12noon & 7pm.** On Ash Wednesday, Catholics are obliged to observe the laws of fasting and abstinence. Fasting means eating of only one main meal with two smaller ones permitted, and applies to all who have reached their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday until they reach their 60<sup>th</sup> year. Abstinence means abstaining from meat and applies to all who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> birthday with no upper age limit. Please remember to observe these important obligations on Wednesday.

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday in Lent at 11.30am before noon mass and 6.30pm before 7pm mass.

**Confirmation Classes 6.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Confirmations Classes are as follows on Wednesdays, **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) 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.

**Appreciation:** The Reilly family would like to thank Fr Moses, the parish team and all the parishioners who sympathised on the recent death of our mother Margaret Reilly. Thank you to everyone who sent Mass cards and offered prayers. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**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 7th March. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by next weekend. New members welcome. Application forms are at the back of the church.

**Christian Stewardship:** 23rd February 2025

**Envelopes:** £169 **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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**8th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C**  
2nd March 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

We have many sayings about results being more important than promises, such as "the proof of the pudding is in the eating". Today's scripture readings are all about this – the ways in which our words and actions will reveal who we truly are. There is a wonderful mosaic of poetic wisdom in the readings this Sunday – images and parables and similes that can sit in our heads and hearts, and make us think about the sort of people we are, and the words we use and the fruits we produce by them. And we should pray that we will always produce good, sound fruit, so that we may keep on working at the Lord's work always, and so share in Christ's victory over death itself.

**Mass Times & Intentions 2nd – 8th March 2025**

**Sat 1st 6:30pm:** Laurence Whitehead (RIP), Tom McDonnell, Anne Heekin (INT)

**Sun 2nd 9:00am:** Lina Piroli (RIP), Essien-Oku family (INT)

**11:30am** Flan Breen, Lina Piroli, Kitty Hennehan, Maureen Elliott (RIP), Brendan Nelson (3<sup>rd</sup>) (ANN), Etukudoh & family, Margaret Togher, Parishioners, Priests and Parish Office Team, Tom McDonnell (INT)

**6:30pm:** Michael Brady, Michael Conroy (RIP), Anne Heekin (INT)

**Mon 3rd 12 noon:** Lina Piroli (RIP), Prince Henshaw (INT)

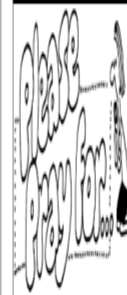
**Tue 4th 12 noon:** Margaret Reilly (Month's Mind) (RIP), Raymond Tomlinson (ANN), Bingo Club members. Maureen & Gabby (INT)

**Wed 5th Ash Wednesday:** Masses at 12 noon and 7:00pm

**Thurs 6th 12 noon:** Michael Togher, Ann Fitzgerald (ANN)

**Fri 7th 12 noon :** Stations of the Cross followed by First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction  
**7pm Mass:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

**Sat 8th 12 noon:** Margaret Reilly (Month's Mind) (RIP), Reilly family (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwanski, Philip 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

**Parish Office Team:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald, Jerrico Luna CSSp

**Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri. -(9am – 3pm). Tue, Thur. -(9am-1pm)

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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 ...*

### MARCH DIARY

Saturday 8th: **Rite of Election Ceremony at Westminster @ 2.30pm**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> **Feast of St. Patrick:** Masses at 12 noon & 7pm.

Sunday 23rd **First Scrutiny of RCIA candidates** at the 11.30am mass

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> **Children's Mass/Mothering Sunday / Second Scrutiny of RCIA candidates** at the 11.30am mass

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

March 30th:  
**Children's Mass /Mothering Sunday celebration @ 11.30am**

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DISCIPLE  
TEACHER  
SPLINTER  
PLANK  
HYPOCRITE  
TREE  
GRAPES  
THORNS  
GOODNESS  
BADNESS  
STORE  
HEART



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**"Kindness changes everything."**

**"We rise by lifting others."**

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



# TODAY'S READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

## OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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

Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person's filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person's mind. Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 92)

**R. It is good to give thanks to you, O LORD.**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning, and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just one will flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a Lebanon cedar. Planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

Still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the LORD is upright. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia**

Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

Luke 6:39-45

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: 'Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye. 'For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.'

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit's reward. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

### Mass

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

### Readers

Carmel Cannon  
Ann Waldron  
Mark Renner  
Anna Renner

### Eucharist Minister

Debra  
Olga Monpeke  
Mary A & Joyce McD  
Roxanne 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.

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

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**Parish Security Reps:** Essien Ekpenyong-Oku 07305608832 and Maurice Richards 07904021798