

NEWS AND VIEWS

Second collection – Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund: Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests’ Fund collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you haven’t had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocese website – look out for the ‘QR Code’ on the envelopes and poster. Please do consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fund is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say ‘Thank you’ to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates in Nov. 23rd, 30th **Enrolment Mass @11.30am, Dec.** 7th, 14th. More dates to be announced. **All should please register before 30th November, no one will be taken after the enrolment Mass.**

Young Adult Gathering this will take place on **Sunday 30th November from 2pm –6pm at the St Gabriel community centre at 21 Hatchard Road,** there will be faith sharing, games and food to entertain them all. Please invite any young adult around you. It is an experience not to miss.

Faith Sharing/Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Every Saturday at 10.30am in the Meeting Room. While candidates to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church (RCIA) will be supported in their faith journey, it will be an opportunity for existing Catholics to share and grow in faith. All who want to join in are welcome.

The Parish Community Christmas Carols Concert is scheduled for **Thursday the 11th of December beginning 6.30pm.** We will welcome St Joseph school choir back . While our choirs and other community choirs prepare, individual parishioners who would like a

solo performance are also welcome. The choirs and all who will be performing should please forward their entries to the Parish Office by the 1st of December. Tickets for Raffles to be drawn on the night will be on sale this weekend. Prizes to be won include; rich Christmas hamper and many consolation prices. Donations of the prices would be highly appreciated.

Memorial mass for the 1st anniversary of Catherine Goba (Mama Goba) on 26th November @ 6.30pm in St Mellitus, Tollington Park road. London N4 3AG. Refreshments follows immediately in the hall. You are all invited.

Donations: Thank you to those who always respond. We are now 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.

Christian Stewardship: 9th November 2025

Envelopes: £132 **Loose:** £360.46. 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
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November Diary

Saturday 29th at 11am: **Baptism preparatory meeting** (Parents and Godparents to attend)
12noon: **Followed by the Baptism.**

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

11th December @ 6.30pm: Parish Community Carol Concert
14th December @ 11.30am: Volunteers Mass
21st December: Nativity Rehearsal starts.

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



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Attract what you want by being who you want”

“Don't let what you can't do stop you from doing what you can do .”



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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

On this last Sunday of the church’s liturgical year, we celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ our King. The celebration in a way sums up all that we have been hearing about Jesus through the year. It celebrates that the Jesus we have heard teach, heal, console and liberate people is our Lord and King. However, while the Jews were expecting a warrior king who would restore the kingdom of Israel that had fallen to Rome at the time, Jesus declared before Pilate that his kingship is not like that of the world. So what is the difference? First, the kings of the world rule from palaces, some adorned in gold. Christ reigns from human hearts which he desires to be transformed to be golden. The kings of this world grow their kingdoms through fighting and overthrowing of rival kingdoms. The kingdom of God, on the other hand, is grown through fighting and overthrowing of the evils within us; greed, selfishness, corruption, wickedness. The kings of this world are crowned to exercise executive or coercive powers. They are served by hosts of aides and servants. They receive tributes and royalties. In some kingdoms, the entire state revenue belongs to the Royal Majesty. In Christ, on the other hand, we have a servant King who washed the feet of his followers; a king who rather gives and gives to the scandalous extent of totally emptying himself - hanging naked on the cross. Yet, that moment of utter degradation is in truth the most glorious moment in his life; the moment when he gave the ‘utmost proof of his love’. So, matching his words with example, this King enjoins us that it is by the way we love that the world will know that we are his subjects. The way we give of ourselves. A selfish Christian is therefore a contradiction. In the end, this King will judge us only on the extent we have given of ourselves, on the extent we have loved him in others. To embrace this view of life is to live life to the full. In other words, for us to achieve ultimate contentment, we must follow in Christ’s footsteps to live lives of emptying ourselves. We have all been wired for God, that is, for infinite happiness, none these finite or passing goods will ever satisfy the longing of our heart. In fact the more relentlessly we seek them, the less satisfying and more addictive they become. So, to live the fullness of life, we must aim to make our lives a gift to all who encounter us.

Mass Times & Intentions 23rd-29th November 2025

Sat 22nd Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Danny Brady, Mal Brady, Giovanna Spittle (RIP), Barran family (INT)

Sun 23rd 9:00am: Giovanna Spittle (RIP), Inwang family, Ugo Pedro, Pedro family, Essien-Oku family (INT)

11:30am: Giovanna Spittle (RIP), Peter Emmanuel Christopher (25th), Caroline Earley de Vasconcelos (4th), Tom Slattery (1st) (ANN), Kathleen Panayiotou, Freda Glackin (Birthday) (INT)

6:30pm: Young People of the Parish

Mon 24th St Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions 12 noon: Funeral Mass for Mary Kelly

Tue 25th 12 noon: J.J McGrath, Michael Schorfield, Maria Therese Ogbonna (RIP), Rose McGrath (10th), Christopher Parker (4th), Delia & Patrick Hansberry (ANN), Bingo Club members (INT)

Wed 26th 12 noon: Maria Therese Ogbonna (RIP), Louise Phelan (Get well) (INT)

Thurs 27th 12 noon: Carolina Medina (INT)

Fri 28th 12 noon: Tom & Kitty Waldron (ANN)

Sat 29th 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Miranda Avanzi (RIP)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnelly, 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 Fairban, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, 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, Padra Williams, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura O’Leary, Artoro Davila, Mary Brady, Teresa cDonagh, Dee-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega, Gomes family, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher, Errol Roberts, Louisa Carter, Doreen Timoney, Irada Fracassi

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

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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

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 (2 Samuel 5: 1-3)

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, ‘Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, “You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.” ’ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 122 (121))

R. *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD*

I rejoiced when they said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

R

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.
As it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

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SECOND READING (Colossians 1: 12-20)

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inher-

itance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 23:35-43)

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, ‘Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.’ And he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ And he said to him, ‘Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord that, glorifying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with

him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever.

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	Carmel Cannon	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Ann Waldron	Olga M	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Mark Renner	June G & Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle C	Joseph Ogbonna

THE GLORIA	THE NICENE CREED
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.	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, (<i>all bow</i>) 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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☐ 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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