

NEWS AND VIEWS

Car Park Management: The new system as provided by the company is already working, but it will go live from the 1st of February for our parishioners. 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. For any further clarifications, please speak with the parish priest or the office.

Christmas Decoration will be brought down on Monday 13th January from 10am. Please volunteers are needed.

Confirmation Classes 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Dates for subsequent Confirmations Classes are the following Wednesdays **January** 15th, 29th, **February** 12th, 26th, **March** 12th, 26th, **Easter break.** April 23rd, **May** 7th, 21st, **June** 4th, 18th, **July** 2nd, **Satur-day 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 January 2025
Sunday 12th @ 10.15am in the Meeting Room. **Attendance and punctuality is being emphasized.**

Parish Pilgrimage 2025: FATIMA 27th—31st October 2025. **£960** per person, shared room. Enrolment is ongoing. Details of the itinerary has been pasted in the porch notice board.

Food 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.

Christian Stewardship: 5th January 2025

Envelopes: £179 **Loose:** £366.80 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

Contactless Machine Update: We are still awaiting our new contactless machines, 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

JANUARY DIARY

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

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Focus on all the good."

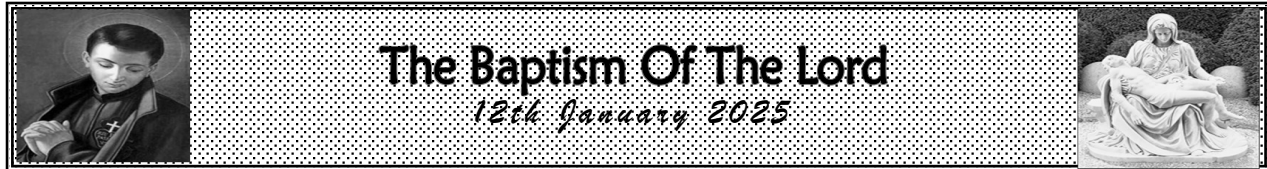
"Every day is another chance."

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



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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

Most of those coming to John the Baptist for baptism were repentant sinners. Our baptism, too, is partly to rescue us from the power of sin. How does Jesus himself fit into this? There are two answers we can give to this question: 1. By being baptised in the River Jordan with all those self-proclaimed sinners, Jesus shows his total solidarity with us. "The Word was made flesh and lived among us," says John's gospel. This solidarity was indicated by the criticism of the Pharisees that Jesus spent so much time eating and drinking with sinners and outcasts. 2. Something different is happening here beyond an ordinary baptism. The Gospel says significantly that Jesus was at prayer when his baptism took place. At all the significant moments in his public life, Jesus is presented as praying. It was at this moment that the Spirit of God in the visible form of a dove comes down on him. And then came the voice of the Father clearly endorsing the work that Jesus is about to begin. So, through his baptism, Jesus is being officially commissioned to begin his public work of teaching, healing and liberating enslaved souls up to the climactic moment of his passion, death and resurrection. Today is an opportunity for us to reflect on our own baptisms too. It is not something which happened a long time ago and which "made" us Catholics. It is not just a ceremony lasting a few minutes which produces magical effects; it is the beginning of a lifelong journey. It is the beginning of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as its members. It involves active participation in the life of the Church and not just passive membership. Our baptism is a never-ending call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel: to be the salt of the earth, a city on a hill, a lamp radiating light for all.

Mass Times & Intentions

12th – 18th January 2025

Sat 11th 6:30pm: Muriel & George Roberts, Elizabeth Doyle, Danny McGivern, Moji Higgin-Marshall (RIP), Sarah Connolly (2nd), (ANN), Lisa Richer (Birthday), Ita Prendergast (Get Well) (INT)

Sun 12th The Baptism of the Lord 9:00am: Stan Connolly (22nd) (ANN), Amy Essien-Oku, Wendy Farrell (INT) 11:30am: Peter Togher (RIP), Mary Mullee, Margaret Nelson, Catherine McCabe (80th birthday), Parish Office Team, Joyce McDaid (INT)

6:30pm: Frances Coelho (RIP), Sarah Connolly (2nd) (ANN)

Mon 13th 12 noon: Parish Volunteers

Tue 14th 12 noon: Peter Togher, Phil Kelly, David Lewis (RIP), Denis Kirk (1st), Lady Susan Uyanna (ANN), Thanksgiving Mass from the Kirk family, Maureen Currie, Patricia Essien-Oku, Joyce McDaid (INT)

Wed 15th 12 noon: Stan Connolly (ANN), Joyce McDaid (Birthday) (INT)

Thurs 16th 12 noon: William Beisty (RIP), Private Intention (INT)

Fri 17th St Anthony 12 noon: Jiwa (birthday) (INT)

Sat 18th 12 noon: Leo Baker, Maria Solari (née Venti) (ANN)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, 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, Maureen Esspay, John Alan, Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis, Innocent Teme, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Susie Burrows, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura Eivers, Artoro Davila, Margaret Nelson

Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £17,900 + VAT- bal. £9,900. Trinity Fund £8,000 granted
 2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by National Lottery Fund
 3. 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 Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp

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

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, whom I am well pleased.

Opening Prayer

Almighty, eternal God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that you children by adoption, reborn of water and Holy Spirit, may always be 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

Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, 'Behold your God!' Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103)

R. Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

O LORD my God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and honour, wrapped in light as with a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

R.

On the waters you lay the foundation for your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers, flame and fire your servants.

R

How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures. Vast and wide is the span of the sea, with its creeping things

past counting, living things great and small. R.

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up; you open wide your hand, they are well filled. R.

You hide your face, they are dismayed; you take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. R.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14. 3:4-7

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness, and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

He who is mightier than I is coming, said John. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:15-16. 21-21

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, 'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'

Prayer over the gifts

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

Prayer after communion

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	June G.	Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	Mary A & Roxanne C	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle C	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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