

NEWS AND VIEWS

Car Park Management: The new system as provided by the company will need parishioners who attend week-day Masses to validate their cars before they go in for Mass. We will prompt everyone when the time comes.

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**

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.

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.

Christian Stewardship: 29th December 2024
Envelopes: £239 **Loose:** £413.80 **Contactless:** £0.00
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 .

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



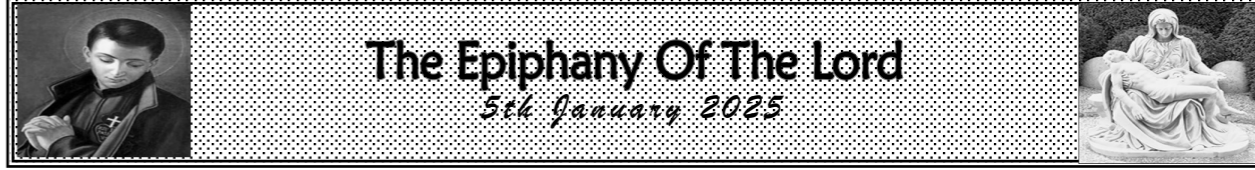
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Being happy doesn't mean being perfect."

"There's something in you that the world needs."



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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

The story of the visit of nature worshippers (the Magi) from the East to pay homage to the new born King is a foreshadowing of the rejection of Jesus by the religious and political leaders of his own people and his acceptance by the Gentiles. Although Bethlehem was very close to Jerusalem, no Jewish leader is found making his way to visit the Child. Herod's apparent interest is altogether sinister because when he heard about the birth of the 'King of the Jews', he was greatly troubled – and all Jerusalem with him. His only concern is to get rid, as soon as possible, of a possible rival. On the other hand, we have these foreigners, these outsiders coming from a distance to worship the Child. The contrast is deliberate and is a foretaste of what will very soon happen when the new Church gets under way. So in today's Second Reading from Ephesians we read: "This mystery [about Christ] that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any in past generations. It means that Gentiles now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the Gospel. Today's celebration then is reminding us that for God there are no foreigners, no outsiders. Everyone can pray "our" Father. There is not one single exception. And if God is Father/Mother of every single person, then every single person in this world is my sister or brother. The call then today is to live my life in such a way that in my words to people and about people, in my actions with people, I will never act in any way except as a caring brother or sister.

Mass Times & Intentions 5th - 11th January 2025
Sat 4th 6:30pm: Elizabeth Ortega (healing mercies), Adrian Bradley (INT)
Sun 5th The Epiphany of the Lord 9:00am: Rita Avanzi family, Lina Piroli family, Ekanem family (INT)
11:30am: Joe Mahony (RIP), Jerome Ngonadi, Mary Mullee (INT)
6:30pm: Charmaine von Bock (RIP)
Mon 6th 12 noon: Private Intentions (INT)
Tue 7th 12 noon: Thanksgiving For Our Young People
Wed 8th 12 noon: Thanksgiving For Our Volunteers
Thurs 9th 12 noon: Thanksgiving For The Spiritans Community
Fri 10th: 12 noon: Julieta Ruica (special birthday) (INT)
Sat 11th 12 noon: Inyang Nyong (posthumous birthday) (RIP) Tony Doyle (1st) (ANN), Patricia Essien-Oku (INT)

Please pray for

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 Munnelly, 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

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

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come ; and kingdom is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Opening Prayer

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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 60:1-6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes all round, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 71

R. All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth.

The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him.

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry, the poor who have no one to help. He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy.

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mathew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

- R.** Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.'
- R.** After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Prayer over the gifts

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the east, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord

Prayer after communion

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Ann Heekin	June G.	Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald
Sun. 9.00am	Paula Zanre	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June & Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Eugenia Ackah	Roxanne 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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father; God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven. By the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again, in fulfillment of 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for 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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