

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Mass Intentions For The Bulletin:** All entries for Mass intentions for the bulletin till **4th January 2025 @ 12 noon** should be entered in the parish office by **Monday 23rd December**. The next publication will be when the parish office resumes. **Any other intentions within this period could be handed over to the priest in the presbytery.** Please take note of these dates.

**Parish Office closes** from Tuesday 24th at 3pm to reopen on Friday 3rd Jan. The priests will be available for essential services and Masses during the period would be held as usual. We want to thank our Parish Office Team (POT)/PAT for their gracious and selfless service through the year.

**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**

**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.

**100 Club December draw:** The **January draw will take place after the First Friday Service on 3rd January.** Subscriptions should be handed in at church by the weekend of **28th/29th Dec** At the latest. New members welcome, especially as a number of members are not carrying on into the new year. Application forms at the back of the church.

**Christian Stewardship:** 8th December 2024


**Envelopes:** £196.00 **Loose:** £411.71 **Contactless:** £0.00 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish. Parish account details below:

**WRCDT St Gabriels Upper Holloway Sort Code: 40-05-20 Acct No: 01097024**

## DECEMBER DIARY

Tuesday 31st @ 11.30pm: **Vigil Mass to usher in the new year**  
 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



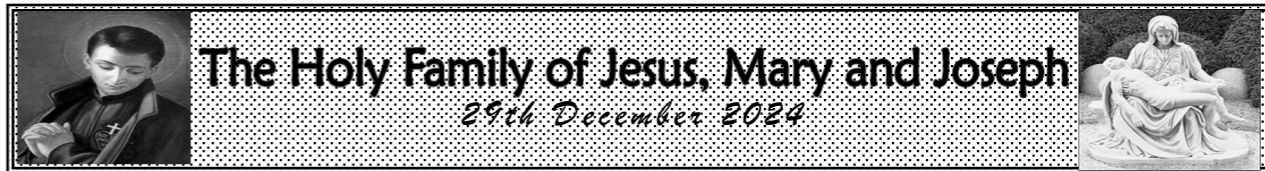
## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

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

**"Everyone you meet has something to teach you."**



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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

You know your boy is growing up when he stops asking where he came from and begins to tell you where he is going. As we can see, Jesus was no exception. To celebrate his coming of age he attends the Temple Bible class without informing his parents. When his parents catch up with him after two days of searching for him everywhere, all he tells them is, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Even holy families do have their occasional tensions and misunderstandings. The most puzzling part of the story, however, is the way it ends with Jesus going down with them to Nazareth, and being obedient to them. The twelve-year old adult Jesus already knows that his mission is to be in his Father's house and be about his Father's business. From the test-run he did in Jerusalem earlier that day, it was clear that he was already capable of doing it very well, because "all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers". The puzzle then is this: If Jesus, already at the age of twelve, was ready to begin his public mission, and was evidently well prepared for it, why would he go down with his parents and spend the next eighteen years in the obscurity of a carpenter's shed only to begin his public ministry at the age of thirty? Were those eighteen years wasted years? Certainly not! In a way that is hard for us to understand, Jesus' hidden life in Nazareth was as much a part of his earthly mission as his public life. We are reminded that it was at this time that "Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour". And when we reflect on the fact that for every one year of his public life Jesus spent ten years in family life, then we shall begin to understand the importance and priority he gave to family life.

**Mass Times & Intentions 29th December 2024 – 4th January 2025**  
**Sat 28th 6:30pm:** People of the Parish  
**Sun 29th The Holy family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 9:00am** Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli (RIP), Manny & Lilian Ekong family, Odeyemi Family, Pedro family, Adiele family, Essien-Oku family, Sr Margaret Healey, Sr Adrena & Marists sisters (INT)  
**11:30am:** Peter Mahoney (Joe) (RIP), Jerry Reilly, Eileen & John Kane (ANN), Mazzolla family, Roxanne Carter & family, Jerome Ngonadi(get well) (INT) **6:30pm:** Charmaine Girsham (ANN), Ann Neave, Winston Fernando (INT)  
**Mon 30th 12 noon:** (ANN), Sr Anna/Ursula, Sr Paula-Marie, Sr Monique, Sr June, Manny & Lilian Ekong family (INT)  
**Tue 31st 12 noon:** Spiritans Archway Community  
**Wed 1st Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God 12 noon:** Ellen Sherlock (ANN)  
**Thurs 2nd Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 12 noon:** Cara Brett (ANN), Edmina Odeyemi (INT)  
**Fri 3rd: 12 noon:** *First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction*  
**Sat 4th 12 noon:** Alf Humphreys (RIP)



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

**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 Enechizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi 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

Drop down dew from above you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

## Opening Prayer

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may be his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

## First Reading 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

**'Samuel, as long as he lives, is lent to the Lord.'**

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked for him from the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there for ever.' And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD.' And he worshipped the LORD there.

## Responsorial Psalm Psalm 84(83)

**R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord**

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts.  
My soul is longing and yearning  
for the courts of the LORD.  
My heart and my flesh cry out  
to the living God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house,  
for ever singing your praise.  
Blessed the people whose strength is in you,  
whose heart is set on pilgrim ways.

O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob.

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
look on the face of your anointed.

## Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

**'We are called children of God; and so we are.'**

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Luke 2:41-52

**Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers.**

The parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. After three days they found him in the Temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, 'Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress.' And he said to them, 'Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

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## Prayer over the gifts

We offer you Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among them.

## Prayer after communion

Bring those you refresh with this Heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

## Mass

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

## Readers

Joanna Hemingway  
Paula Zanre  
Ignatius Etukdoh  
Maureen Tayler

## Eucharist Minister

June G.  
Olga Monpeke  
June & Joyce  
Michelle C

## Stewards

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

## 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 APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**The Nicene Creed will replace the Apostles' Creed from January 2025 !!**

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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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