

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady Of Sorrows:** This year our feast day (27th February) will be celebrated with the only Mass on that day being at 6pm. We will also launch our **Pilgrim's Year of Hope (Jubilee Year)**. Followed by refreshments and entertainment at our 722 Holloway road, parish centre 2. Raffle tickets will go on sale from this weekend. **If any parishioners will like to bring refreshments to share on the day, please kindly put your names on the sheet at the back.**

**Car Park Management:** The new system as provided by the company is already working, it has gone 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.

**Confirmation Classes 6.30pm** in the Parish Meeting Room. Confirmations Classes are as follows on Wednesdays, Feb. 12th, 26th, 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 Feb. 9th, 16th, Mar. 9th, Sat. 22nd @ 10am **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, Sun. 23rd, 30th, April 27th. All meetings are 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.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 17th May 2025 at 2:30pm** The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th (and any year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please give your parish these details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email).

**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

**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 February draw** will take place after the First Friday Service on 7th February. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by this weekend. New members welcome, especially as a number of members have not carried on into the new year. Application forms at the back of the church.

**Christian Stewardship:** 26th January 2025

**Envelopes:** £156 **Loose:** £398 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**

## FEBRUARY DIARY

Thursday 27th at 6pm: **Feast of St Gabriel's Mass/ Launch of Pilgrim's Year of Hope**  
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**

March 16th:  
**Children's Mass @ 11.30am**

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

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**"Don't waste your beautiful mind on ugly thoughts."**

**"What lies behind you and what lies in front of you pales in comparison to what lies inside of you."**



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## The Presentation of The Lord Year C

2nd February 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

On this feast of the presentation we contemplate about the Lord Jesus, whom Mary & Joseph bring to the Temple "to present Him to the Lord." Simeon the old man identifies Him as "a light for Revelation to the Gentiles", and announces with prophetic words his supreme offering to God, and His final victory (Luke 2: 32-35). This is the meeting point of the old and the new Testament. Jesus enters the ancient temple, He who is the **New Temple** of God. He comes to visit his people, thus bringing to fulfilment obedience to the Law and ushering in, the last times of salvation. It is interesting to note, that with all the comings and going at the temple including Priests and Levites, taking their turns doing duty there, as well as devout people and pilgrims all anxious to encounter the God of Israel, none of them noticed anything special. Jesus & his parents just passed in like any other family. The Messiah our Saviour was there. Only two old people, Simeon & Anna discovered the divine reality. Led by the Holy Spirit, they find **the fulfilment of their long waiting & watching, in this child Jesus**. We, today, must try to experience something of joy at their encounter with the Redeemer.

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

**Sat 1st 6:30pm:** Bridie Redmond (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Margaret Togher, Ann-Marie Lydon (INT)

**Sun 2nd 9:00am:** Fr Sean Carroll, Geoff Burden, Sheila Dillon (RIP), Margaret Togher, Pedro family (INT)

**11:30am:** Martin Flanagan, Paul Carey, Fr Sean Carroll (RIP), Etukudoh family, Margaret Togher (INT)

**6:30pm:** Mary Murtagh, David Fenton, Margaret Togher (INT)

**Mon 3rd Sts Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore 12 noon (Blessing of St Blaise on throats):** Kitty Reid, Luigi Novocelli (RIP), John McAndrews, Christy Columb (ANN), Margaret Togher (INT)

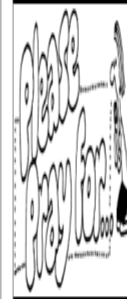
**Tue 4th 12 noon:** Moji Marshall (RIP), Margaret Togher, Bingo Club members, Maura Eivers (INT)

**Wed 5th St Agatha 12 noon:** Margaret Togher (INT)

**Thurs 6th St Paul Miki and Companions 12 noon:** Bridie Redmond (posthumous birthday) (ANN), Margaret Togher (INT)

**Fri 7th 12 noon:** First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction

**Sat 8th 12 noon:** John Byrne (RIP), Tom Waldron (30th) (ANN), Margaret Togher (INT)



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, 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, Dec-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi

## 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 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

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

## Opening Prayer

Almighty ever-living God, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. 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

**Malachi 3:1-4**

Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

## Responsorial Psalm (Ps 24)

**The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!**

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?  
The LORD, the mighty, the valiant;  
the LORD, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is this king of glory?  
He, the LORD of hosts,  
he is the king of glory.

## Second Reading

**Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the

power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore, he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**A light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**Luke 2:22-40**

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.' And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed and a sword will pierce through your own soul also so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.' And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to

speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

## Prayer over the gifts

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten son be offered to you for the life of the

world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

## Communion Antiphon

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

## Prayer after communion

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. 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

June Gray  
Olga Monpeke  
June G & Joyce McD  
Roxanne C

## Stewards

Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald  
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku  
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe  
Maria Okereafor

## 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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