

NEWS AND VIEWS

The Parish Office will be running on skeletal capacity till Monday 1st of February. Masses and essential pastoral services continue as normal.

Fr Ugo's Annual Leave begins after Christmas till the end of January.

Winter Shelter for the Homeless: This has been cancelled due to the restrictions imposed on gatherings and movement of people as a result of the Covid19 pandemic. Food parcels will be given at the Presbytery door daily to cushion this effect.

First Holy Communion classes start in January after the Christmas break, dates will be communicated shortly.

Christian Stewardship: Many parishes survived the covid era because parishioners responded to supporting the parish steadily through standing orders. We got some support in that way too as our weekly income from standing orders moved from £120 to £400 which is good. But the honest fact is that we can do better. A lot

of costs, both recurrent and capital, still go into the running of the parish at this time. So, could we please do more by standing orders. Here, we have the parish bank details for those who will be moved to set up standing orders for your Sunday offerings or freewill donations: Name: **WRCDT St Gabriels Parish, Upper Holloway.** Sort code **40-05-20** Acc. No. **01097024.** God bless you abundantly for your kindness.

Christian Stewardship: (3rd January 2021) Envelopes: £257.18 Loose: £142. We receive £460 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

E G N I H C A E R P
S A N D A L I C E O
P A R T S R E T A W
I S T N N K D V O E
R A R H E E N Y E R
I O O E V O D E O F
T J E O A O H S E U
P O L I E C I N A L
A E V E H V O C E N
B A P T I S E D E D

JOHN STRAP WATER DOVE
POWERFUL SANDAL SPIRIT VOICE
KNEEL BAPTISED HEAVENS BELOVED



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



A man realized he needed to purchase a hearing aid, but didn't want to spend a lot of money. "How much do they cost?" he asked the salesman. "Anything from \$2 to \$2,000." "Can I see the \$2 model?" said the customer. The salesman put the device around the man's neck, and said: "You just stick this button in your ear and run this little string down into your pocket." "How does it work?" asked the customer. "For \$2, it doesn't work," said the salesman. "But when people see it on you, they'll talk louder."



spiritans

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Archway
Contact: 15 St John's Villas, N19 3EE Tel: 02072728195 (option 2) 07533726467 (text only)
Email: archway@rcdow.org.uk



+ The Baptism Of The Lord 10th January 2021

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

Today is the 1st Sunday of ordinary time, year B. It is also the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This Sunday is like a bridge between two great cities. Officially, it marks the end of Christmas season as well as the beginning of the ordinary time of the year. Through this feast, the Church reminds us that Jesus was baptized with water and the Holy Spirit in order to bring healing and salvation to all nations. Today's celebration affords us the opportunity to reflect both on the efficacy of Christ's baptism as well as on ours. The gospel highlights the core of our celebration today, the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. Christ had to be baptized in order to make a way for us, and in order to purify our water of baptism. This is because, as the first among his brothers (Rom 8, 29), he always takes the lead in order to show us the way. Hence, He came from heaven to earth to show and lead us through the way. The baptism of Christ therefore is the stepping stone for our own baptism. He healed the water. Thus, giving it the capacity to clean us from Original Sin. Therefore, today's celebration reminds us of God's saving help to us. It reminds us that what Adam and Eve destroyed through Original Sin, was restored by Christ through the water of baptism. At Christ's baptism, the Spirit of the Father bore witness that he is truly the son of the Father. This is equally what happens to us, not only at baptism, but daily. As we continue to walk with God by fulfilling our baptismal promises, the Holy Spirit, continues to testify: "This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased." Finally, today's celebration affords us the opportunity to reflect on our Baptism. So, let us renew those promises we made to God in the name of Jesus Christ. Today, let us recommit ourselves to Christ in whose name we were baptized. With joy let us draw living water from Christ, the well of salvation (Is 2, 3). **Peace be with you!**

- Mass Times & Intentions 10th – 16th January 2021**
- Sat 9th Vigil 6:30pm: Lil Harnett, Christian Annan (RIP), Louise McDonnell (INT)
 - Sun 10th 9:00am: Patricia Etim-Bassey, Frances Moss, Winnie (Outreach) (RIP), (ANN), Robert Fernando, Etim-Bassey family, Amy Essien-Oku, Patricia Essien-Oku and family (INT)
 - 11:30am: Patricia Brooke, Michael Togher, Joe Brickley, Aidan Clerkin, Winnie (Outreach) (RIP), Peggy Conlon & family, The Glynn family, Nancy Quirke (INT)
 - 6:30pm: Spiritans, Archway
 - Mon 11th: Patricia Etim-Bassey (RIP), Essien-Oku family, Etim-Bassey family, Marian Hayes (INT)
 - Tue 12th St. Aelred of Rievaulx: Patricia Etim-Bassey (RIP), Merlyn Munro, Rebecca Quainoo (ANN), Essien-Oku family, Etim-Bassey family (INT)
 - Wed 13th St. Hilary of Poitiers: Patricia Etim-Bassey (RIP), Essien-Oku family, Etim-Bassey family, Vivien Mallindine (INT)
 - Thur 14th: Patricia Etim-Bassey (RIP), Lady Uyanna (9th) Ernest Bennetts (ANN), Essien-Oku family, Etim-Bassey family (INT)
 - Fri 15th: Patricia Etim-Bassey (RIP), (ANN), Essien-Oku family, Etim-Bassey family (INT)
 - Sat 16th: Patricia Etim-Bassey (RIP), (ANN), Essien-Oku family, Etim-Bassey family (INT)

Please Pray For: Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Tess McNaney, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Anne Quinlan, Ann Larkin, Philip O'Connor, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Rebecca Ononogbo, Magdalene Koronyo, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnally, Tom Rochford, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Maria Cecile Perine, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Caroline de Vasconcellos, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Diane Sewell, Geraldine McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Special intention, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Fr Kevin

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit
Parish Priests: Fr. Dr Ugo Ikwuka CSSp, Fr. Benedict Baka CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp
Parish Office Team: Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald, Karen Birot
Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri - (9am - 3pm). Tue, Thur. - (9am-1pm)
Contact: 15 St. John's Villas, Archway, London N19 3EE. Tel: 020 7272 8195, M: 07533726467 - (TEXT ONLY)
Email: archway@rcdow.org.uk Web: parish.rcdow.org.uk/archway (Reg. Charity No.233699)
Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat. 11.30am & 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am, Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays (New time) 9.30am - 10.45pm. Legion of Mary: First Wed. 6.30pm, Monday Prayer Group: 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm
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, with whom I am well pleased.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living 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 your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well 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, forever and ever.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:1-11

Oh come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what was sent to do.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 147: 12-15. 19-20)

R. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my

saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name. **R.**

Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING St. John 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth - so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia!

John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia

Alleluia

GOSPEL John 1: 1-18

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

PRAY 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.

PRAY 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

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

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Rachel McGonigal
Mark Renner
Tracey Shevlin

Stewards

Precious Ohiambe/Bernie Shevlin
Precious Ohiambe/Gabriel Essien-Oku
Precious Ohiambe/Bernie S /Ignatius E/Keisha H
Precious Ohiambe

FEAST OF THE WEEK



The Epiphany Of The Lord Feast Day: 6th January

In Western Christianity, the feast of the Epiphany commemorates principally, but not solely, the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. The traditional date for the feast is January 6. However, since 1970, the celebration is held in some countries on the Sunday after 1 January. In some denominations, the feast of the Epiphany also initiates the liturgical season of Epiphanytide. In many Western Christian Churches, the eve of the feast is celebrated as Twelfth Night. The Monday after Epiphany is known as Plough Monday. As well as attending church services, popular Epiphany customs include Epiphany singing, chalking the door, having one's house blessed, consuming Three Kings Cake and winter swimming. It is customary for Christians in many localities to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve (Twelfth Night,) although those in other Christian countries historically remove them on Candlemas, the conclusion of Epiphanytide. According to the first tradition, those who fail to remember to remove their Christmas decorations on Epiphany Eve must leave them untouched until Candlemas, the second opportunity to remove them; failure to observe this custom is considered inauspicious.

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.

Key Notes:

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Juliea Ballantyne 07985694199 Email: archwaysg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk

- 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.

Parish Health and Safety Team: Maria Okereafor 07830000919, Jeanette Fayers 07738929756, Joan Fitzgerald 07811419531

Parish Security Reps: Maurice Richards 07904021798 and Essien Ekpenyong-Oku 07305608832