

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Catechism Classes for the Sacraments** will commence online via ZOOM. **Confirmation** classes will re-start this Friday 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. The **First Communion Class** will meet next Sunday after the 11.30am Mass inside the church. Families/candidates who need support with the online exercise should please speak to the priests or the Parish Office.

**Live-streamed Masses via ZOOM/Facebook on Weekdays at 7pm:** We have successfully started this for our spiritual nourishment even while we are at home or at work. It is also very easy to join the Mass through Facebook @ <https://www.facebook.com/ArchwayParish/> Online Stations of the Cross will be at 6.30pm on Fridays followed by the Mass at 7pm.

God bless you as you join us. The Mass will be quiet, prayerful and in 25 minutes. **Zoom link for weekday evening Masses @ 7pm GMT beginning Mon. 22nd Feb. until Fri. 26th Feb.,** is below;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88670875282?pwd=WUhbXRVVWYrQmtia1R1VU9lU3Y4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 886 7087 5282  
Passcode: 701290

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2021:** Cardinal Nichols thanks us for our generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, especially throughout the unprecedented events of 2020. Your donations help fund initiatives in parishes, schools and charities in three mission areas which are more critical than ever. **Marriage and Family Life, Youth & Evangelisation** and **Caritas Westminster:** putting our faith into action by serving those in need. This year, the Cardinal is asking us to think about families who are struggling to put food on the table. Poverty is deepening across our Diocese and the need for foodbanks and supermarket vouchers has accelerated. Through your generosity we're continuing to provide food for those people most in need. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** on Friday 26th February  
The focus this Lent is on the long journeys people in Ethiopia and

other countries have to make to source safe water. For the collection, people are encouraged to donate online or by text to 70460 *Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) or by using one of our envelopes. You can also easily give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10. \*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to bear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460.*

**Precious Ohiambe our seminarian** will now be with us till August. We are very grateful to have Precious who has quickly settled in with us. Please let's engage with him.

**Parish Registration:** For those who are yet to register should please complete the forms with the Parish Office Team. The Priests and the Parish Office (Team), will be making telephone calls to parishioners who have their details on the parish database. Kindly, update your form details for easy access to you. Thank you.

**Bridget Teresa Redmond (Bridie) RIP:** The death has occurred of Bridie, a long-standing dedicated parishioner. Her funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Julia Ballantyne who has served us exceptionally dutifully through the years has asked to be relieved of the role. She keeps serving us in other capacities. We are very grateful to Julia. We are equally very grateful to Tracey Mullet and Sade Afolabi who have generously accepted to take up the role. Safeguarding is at the heart of the services we provide so please support the officers in your prayers. While we await the confirmation of the new officers, Percy Aggett (02077989350) from St Mellitus, Tollington Park will be covering for us.

**Christian Stewardship:** (14th February 2021)  
Envelopes: £198 Loose: £319.99. Ash Wednesday £134.20 We also receive £520 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

## February Diary

Fridays of Lent: **Stations of the Cross** at 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am. Online Stations/Mass @ 7pm  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> **Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (Patron of our Parish).** Mass at 9.30am

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SPIRIT SATAN ANGELS CLOSE  
WILDERNESS WILD GOOD REPENT  
TEMPTED BEASTS NEWS BELIEVE



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



When the store manager returned from lunch, he noticed his clerk's hand was bandaged, but before he could ask about the bandage, the clerk had some very good news for him. "Guess what, sir?" the clerk said. "I finally sold that terrible, ugly suit we've had so long!" "Do you mean that repulsive pink-and-blue double-breasted thing?" the manager asked. "That's the one!" "That's great!" the manager cried, "I thought we'd never get rid of that monstrosity! That had to be the ugliest suit we've ever had! But tell me, why is your hand bandaged?" "Oh," the clerk replied, "after I sold the guy that suit, his seeing-eye dog bit me."



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**St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Archway**

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+ 1st Sunday of Lent Time  
21st February 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 first Sunday of Lent, a season of Renewal. The season of Lent provides us a great opportunity to shed off our "spiritually tired and weak skin." This is in order to wear a more durable one for our Journey. Therefore, on this first Sunday of Lent, the church invites us to renew our covenant with God. Our gospel from Mark narrates the temptation of Jesus, and the sacrifice he made in order to prepare himself for his mission and journey. To be a worthy lamb for the renewal of God's covenant with his people, Jesus had to be tested. Peter states this clearly: "As gold is tested by fire so shall your faith be (1 Pt 1, 7). Therefore, today's gospel reminds us that, as Christ was tested, so shall we all be tested. Every day of our lives, the devil tempts us, and he will continue doing so. However, this should not frighten us, because the Holy Spirit that helped Christ is always available to help us. It is also a reminder, that temptation is inevitable in our Christian journey. As we prepare to renew our covenant with God, just like Christ, we must persist in prayer, fasting and abstinence. We must ask God to grant us the strength to endure till the end of our own test as Christ did. Also, we must ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with humility, courage, and patience this season. Finally, let us sincerely make use of this period of Lent to ask God for forgiveness for all the moments we have not been faithful to our covenant with him and to heal our world of the pandemic.

### Mass Times & Intentions 21st -- 27th February 2021

**Sat 20th Vigil 6:30pm:** Bridie Redmond, Thelma Monisse (RIP), Margaret Haines, Mary Slattery, Michael & Agnes Heneghan, Michael Togher, Michael & Delia Lavin (ANN), Special intentions, Steven Groves, Mary O'Neill (INT)

**Sun 21st 9:00am:** Louis von Bock, Holy Souls (RIP), Andy & Mary Brady (ANN), Fr Kevin McDevitt (INT)

**11:30am:** Tess McNaney, Bridie Redmond, Michael Foley, Katie Howard, Frances Herlihy (RIP), Martin & Ellen Togher, Rose & JJ McGrath (ANN), Etukudoh family, Fr Kevin McDevitt (INT)

**6:30pm:** Patricia Etim-Bassey, Pat Quinn, Tess McNaney (RIP) The Arthur family (INT)

**Mon 22nd The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle 9:00am:** Margaret Darragh, Helen Hart, Tess McNaney, Bridie Redmond (RIP), Jeremy Platten, Tom Kearne (INT)

**7:00pm (Online): People of the Parish**

**Tue 23rd 9:00am:** Edith Tayler (RIP), (ANN), Philip Hill, Tom Kearne (INT)

**7:00pm (Online): People affected by the Covid pandemic**

**Wed 24th 9:00am:** Special intentions (INT)

**7:00pm (Online): For many suffering from the negative effects of conflicts.**

**Thur 25th 9:00am:** Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi (RIP), Trudy Smith (ANN), Millie Perris (10<sup>th</sup> wed. anni) (INT)

**7:00pm (Online): Special Intentions**

**Fri 26th 9:00am:** Roza Merzer, Bridie Redmond, Fatima Stone (RIP), Margaret & Frank Shiel (15<sup>th</sup>), Tom & Alice Allen (ANN), Paani Dias & family, Ann Marie & family, Gabby Mehmet (INT)

**7:00pm (Online): Spiritan Community & Marist Sisters (Archway)**

**Sat 27th 9:00am:** Jeremiah Denison, Janet Coelho, Roza Merzer, Ellen & Martin Togher, Bridie Redmond (RIP), Brian Colquhoun, Rica Coelho, Maureen Coelho, Sam Haslam, Marie (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, 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 Munnely, 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 McKeane, 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, Paani Dias, Anonymous

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

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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

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory. I will grant him length of days.

## OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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 Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24)

**R. Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.**

Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

## SECOND READING 1st Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**R. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**  
Man does not live on the bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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## GOSPEL Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. 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

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers/Bernie S  
Gabriel Essien-Oku / Essien Ekpenyong-Oku  
Precious Ohiambe/Bernie S  
Precious Ohiambe

## FEAST OF THE WEEK



### The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

#### Feast Day: 22 February

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has been long celebrated at Rome, on 22 February. As in Rome, a chair was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. This Feast celebrates the papacy and St. Peter as the first bishop of Rome. It brings to mind the mission of teacher and pastor conferred by Christ on Peter, and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. We celebrate the unity of the Church, founded upon St. Peter's, whose original name was Simon. Jesus bestowed to Peter a special place among the apostles. Peter, in turn, often spoke on behalf of the apostles. When Jesus asked the apostles: "Whom do men say that the Son of Man is?" It was Simon who replied: "You are Christ, the Son of the Living God." And Jesus said: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona: because flesh and blood have not revealed it to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I say to you: That you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven

### 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:** Percy Aggett (Temporary) 02077989350 **Email:** tollingtonparksg@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

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