

NEWS AND VIEWS

Catechism Classes for the Sacraments

Confirmation classes have re-started online via Zoom, Fridays 7.30pm. **First Communion Class** will meet this Sunday 28th after the 11.30am Mass.

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. 1st March until Fri. 6th March, is below;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81749157207?pwd=SExTK01SSzBNWU9vRnA1TVZqVmtpdz09>

Meeting ID: **817 4915 7207**
Passcode: **852109**

First Friday Healing Mass, Holy Hour and Benediction will be held this Friday 5th beginning with Stations of the Cross at 9.30am

Parish Quiz on Zoom: Friday 5th March at 8pm. All welcome to join. £5 per person. The zoom link is below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86409381150?pwd=bWlsY0xTZDFGNG51L3lEUXlyYUdOUT09>

Meeting ID: **864 0938 1150**
Passcode: **273884**

100 Club: The next draw will take place after the Parish Quiz on Zoom on Friday 6th March. Please hand your subscriptions in at weekend Masses or at the presbytery by Friday 5th March. Thanks and good luck

How can we serve you better at this time? Parishioners are encouraged to suggest ways we can have a more resourceful pastoral experience during this pandemic and lockdown. Please tell us how we can serve you better. Text 07533726467, email archway@rcdow.org.uk or call 02072728195


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.

Christian Stewardship: (21st February 2021)
Envelopes: £261 Loose: £390.06. We also receive £520 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

March Diary

Fridays of Lent: **Stations of the Cross** at 9.30am followed by Mass at 10am. Online Stations/Mass @ 7pm

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MOUNTAIN PRESENCE BLEACHER WHITE ELIJAH MOSES RABBI THREE TENTS SHADOW BELOVED VOICE

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

A young woman was preparing a ham dinner. After she cut off the end of the ham, she placed it in a pan for baking. Her daughter asked her, "Why did you cut off the end of the ham? And she replied, "I really don't know but my mother always did, so I thought you were supposed to." Later when talking to her mother she asked her why she cut off the end of the ham before baking it, and her mother replied, "I really don't know, but that's the way my mom always did it." A few weeks later while visiting her grandmother, the young woman asked, "Grandma, why is it that you cut off the end of a ham before you bake it?" Her grandmother replied, "Well, dear, that's the only way it would fit into my baking pan."



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

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+ 2nd Sunday of Lent Time
28th 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

Transformed by a changed view of life

The transfiguration experience which took place atop a mountain in today's Gospel helped the disciples Peter, James and John to have the right view of Jesus and by implication the correct reading of what the future holds for them. A few days before the incident, Peter had correctly answered on behalf of the others that Jesus is Christ the Messiah, the Saviour King expected by Israel. It must have been an exciting moment for them all; the realization that among all their fellow countrymen, they are the privileged chosen companions of the Messiah. However, they were still basking in the euphoria of this good news when Jesus literally killed their joy. He announced that he would soon be arrested and nailed to the cross on which he would eventually die. That shocked the hell out of them. They had left everything to follow Him as the Messiah whom they thought would conquer their enemies and restore the fallen Kingdom of Israel, only for him to let them down with such hopeless news. That's not their vision of the Messiah. What kind of Messiah dies like a common criminal? What's the point following him then? Is this all there is? They therefore needed some reassurance and Jesus rose to the occasion. He took them up through the transfiguration experience where they saw Him transformed in a new light, dazzling, amidst guests from heaven (Moses and Elijah), with the voice of the Father confirming that indeed he is the beloved, the Messiah. It was such an awesome experience that Peter couldn't help but ask that they remain there. It was the morale booster they needed; the reassurance that they are on track. But did they really see a new Jesus? Not really. It is still the same good old Jesus but seen now in a new light, with a transfigured (purified) vision, which is possible only from that 'height' on which he elevated them – the implication being that we have to rise to a new height, above the prejudices and primitive tendencies that distort our vision in order to have the right view of things in the broader picture. There are times in our lives when looking at our circumstances, we wonder in frustration like these disciples "Is this all there is?" But the transfiguration experience demonstrates that if we can follow Jesus and rise above our set ways and myopic view of life, we can see the broader picture which holds much more promises from life's experiences. Seen in the light of our distorted and obscured vision, people and things around us may look hopeless, ordinary and sometimes different and repulsive. Indeed, our worries are resolved, more by changed view of life, than by changed circumstances.

Mass Times & Intentions 28th February — 6th March 2021

Sat 27th Vigil 6:30pm: Bridie Redmond, Thelma Monisse, Karen Wojick, Fortunatos Ikwuka, Anamay Muotagh, David Banks (RIP), Louise McDonnell, Irene Ginty (get well), Ikwuka Family (INT)

Sun 28th 9:00am: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Fortunatos Ikwuka, Padraig McFadden, Oliver Keohan, Bridie Redmond (RIP), Jim O'Meara (ANN), Michael Osijo (25th birthday), McDonnell family, Ikwuka family (INT)

11:30am: Bridie Redmond, Michael Togher, Romario Opia, Martha McGavern, Kitty Shannon, Fortunatos Ikwuka, Patricia Etim-Bassey, Eileen O'Donoghue (RIP), Martin & Ellen Togher, Tom & Alice Allen (ANN), Etukudoh family, Private Intentions, Mary Furey, Babs Kavanagh, Gabby Mehmet, Ikwuka family (INT)

6:30pm: Bridie Redmond, Tim Keenan, Fortunatos Ikwuka, Tess McNaney, Michael Sweeney (RIP)

Mon 1st St. David 9:30am: Agnes & Michael Heneghan, Mary Slattery, Joe Brickley (RIP), Ikwuka family (INT)
7:00pm (Online): Priests & Parishioners

Tue 2nd 9:30am: Rose & J.J. McGrath, Bridie Redmond (RIP), Julie Ruffhead (ANN), Ikwuka family (INT)
7:00pm (Online) Special Intentions

Wed 3rd 9:30am: John Snowling, Teresa Harrington, Maria Judith Gomes (RIP), Ikwuka family, W. Ronan (bday) (INT)
7:00pm (Online): People affected by the Covid pandemic

Thur 4th St. Casimir 9:30am: Patricia Etim-Bassey (RIP), Raymond Tomlinson (ANN), Wendy Winsler, Billy Ronan (bday)
7:00pm (Online): For many suffering from the negative effects of conflicts

Fri 5th 9:30am: Stations of the Cross followed by *First Friday Healing Mass*

6:30pm (Online) Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

Sat 6th 9:30am: Romuldina Barretto (5th), Michael Togher (ANN), Rita Rawlings (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 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, 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

Parish Office Team: Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald, Precious Ohiambe CSSp (Seminarian)

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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

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not your face from me.

OPENING PRAYER

O God who has commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your 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 Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 115)

R. **I will walk in the presence of the Lord
In the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
Is the death of his faithful. R.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I:
You have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. R

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem R

SECOND READING Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!" Glory and praise to you O Christ!

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

PRAY OVER THE GIFTS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

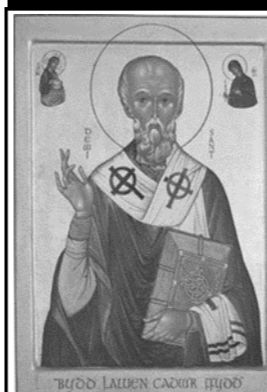
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers/Bernie S
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Gabriel Essien-Oku / Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	Precious Ohiambe/Bernie S
Sun. 6.30pm	Tracey Shevlin	Precious Ohiambe

FEAST OF THE WEEK



St David

Feast Day: 1st March

According to tradition, St. David was the son of King Sant of South Wales and St. Non. He was ordained a priest and later studied under St. Paulinus. Later, he was involved in missionary work and founded a number of monasteries. The monastery he founded at Menevia in Southwestern Wales was noted for extreme asceticism. David and his monks drank neither wine nor beer - only water - while putting in a full day of heavy manual labour and intense study. Around the year 550, David attended a synod at Brevi in Cardiganshire. His contributions at the synod are said to have been the major cause for his election as primate of the Cambrian Church. He was reportedly consecrated archbishop by the patriarch of Jerusalem while on a visit to the Holy Land. David died at his monastery in Menevia around the year 589. He is revered as the patron of Wales. Many monasteries flourished as a result of his leadership and good example.

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.

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