

# NEWS AND VIEWS

## Catechism Classes for the Sacraments

**Confirmation** classes have re-started online via Zoom, Fridays 7.30pm.

**First Communion Class** will meet Sunday 14th March after the 10.15am 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 **Monday 8th March**, is below;

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921527142?pwd=Ij05jUHK4QWovWVQzSVpkNkZ3SGl3dz0z>  
 Meeting ID: 859 2152 7142  
 Passcode: 071411

**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](mailto: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: (28th February 2021)

Envelopes: £206 Loose: £399.56. 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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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



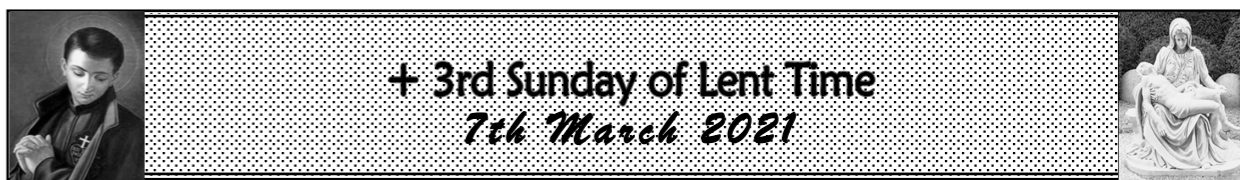
"The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will and the other from a strong won't."

Three elderly men were talking about what their grandchildren would be saying about them fifty years from now. The first one said, "I would like my grandchildren to say, 'He was a hard worker.'" The second one said, "50 years from now, I want them to say, 'He was a loyal family man.'" Turning to the third person, he asked, "So what do you want people to say about you in fifty years?" "Me?" the third one replied. "I want them to say, 'He certainly looks good for his age!'"



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**+ 3rd Sunday of Lent Time**  
**7th March 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

As we continue our journey this season, on this third Sunday of Lent, we celebrate Christ the fullness of the Law and the wisdom of God. Today, the church calls us to re-dedicate ourselves to Christ. This is because He is the fulfillment of God's commandment. In today's gospel, John narrates Jesus' encounter with those profaning God's Sanctuary. His action simply demonstrates that He is actually God's wisdom and the fullness of the Law. His zeal distinguishes Him, from the authorities. Instead of representing God's interest, they represent their selfish economic and social interests. It also, distinguishes Him from temple pilgrims who simply visited the temple without real devotion to God. What do we learn from today's gospel? First, we are not supposed keep quite or remain indifferent while things go wrong. This is especially in the house of God, our homes, offices or any place we find ourselves. Also, we must not allow our inordinate appetite destroy the sanity of our church, family, state, or country. The Church is the house of God and a place of worship. We must keep it holy and respect it. Also, it reminds us that our body is the Temple of God. So, we must not defile it. Finally, today Christ prophesied about his own death and resurrection: "Destroy this temple and I will raise it up in three days." This prophecy will be fulfilled during the paschal mystery. Therefore, today's gospel keeps the events of this season in perspective. It reminds us of where we are heading to this season, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. So, as we march forward this season, let us continue to abide by the commandments of God fulfilled in Jesus Christ, the perfect wisdom. Let us acclaim Christ: "You, Lord, have the message of eternal life!"

- Mass Times & Intentions 7th-13th March 2021**
- Sat 6th Vigil 6:30pm:** Bridie Redmond, Thelma Monisse, Mary Maughan, Fortunatos Ikwuka (RIP), Mary Curran, Sharon Gaudio(10th) (ANN), Louise McDonnell (INT)
- Sun 7th 9:00am:** Fortunatos Ikwuka, Mary Duffy (RIP), Bernadette Ikwuka (INT)
- 11:30am:** May McMahon, Samuel Owusu-Aborkwah, Stephen Kodwo Yawson, Bridie Redmond (RIP), Michael Togher (ANN)
- 6:30pm:** Jack McTiernan, Michael O'Brien (RIP)
- Mon 8th St. John of God 9:30am:** Bridie Redmond, Mary Slattery, Joe Brickley, Mary Duffy, Magdalene Koronyo (RIP), Tony Glackin, Mary Stephens, Private Intentions (INT)  
 7:00pm (Online) Priests and Parishioners
- Tue 9th St. Frances of Rome 9:30am:** Muriel Roberts, Bridie Redmond, Mary Duffy, Fortunatos Ikwuka (RIP), Tony Glackin, Beryl Tamsett, Carol Belsten, Ikwuka family (INT)  
 7:00pm (Online) People affected by the Covid pandemic
- Wed 10th 9:30am:** Mary Duffy, Bridie Redmond, John Brabley (RIP), Sharon Gaudio, Cait Murphy, Cathlen Paul Lavelle, John Patten (ANN), Tony Glackin, Alan Harrison & family (INT)  
 7:00pm (Online) For many suffering from the negative effects of conflicts
- Thur 11th 9:30am:** Mary Duffy, Tracey Tomlinson (RIP), Tony Glackin, John & Lucie Thompson, Ronan Mc Grevy (birthday) (INT)  
 7:00pm (Online) Spiritans & Marist Archway Communities
- Fri 12th 9:30am:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass: Mary Duffy, Cecilia Baka (RIP), Tony Glackin, Paani Dias & family, Baka family (INT)  
 6:30pm (Online) Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
- Sat 13th 9:30am:** Mary Duffy, Patricia Etim-Bassey (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Nancy Tamsett (ANN), Tony Glackin & family (INT)

*Please Pray for:*

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, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozvatski, 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

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 18)

R. **You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. R.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R.

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold

And sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. R.

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.

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## GOSPEL John 2: 13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, the swallow finds a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. 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

Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh

Precious Ohiambe

## FEAST OF THE WEEK



### St Frances of Rome

#### Feast Day: 9th March

Born in Rome in 1384 into a wealthy noble family, Frances wanted to be a nun, but had been promised to Lorenzo, and was forced to adopt the social life of her wealthy in-laws. Eventually she collapsed from the strain, close to death for months. On recovering, she discovered that her sister-in-law, Vannoza, had also wanted to devote her life to God, so the two spiritual friends went to Mass together, visited prisons, served in hospitals and set up a secret chapel in an abandoned tower of their palace. Soon after the birth of her first son and the death of her mother-in-law, she was thrust even more into society and worldly duties. When a flood brought disease and famine to Rome, she and Vannoza went out to the poor with corn, wine, oil and clothing. Her father-in-law, furious that she was giving away their supplies during a famine, took the keys of the granary and wine cellar away from her and sold off their extra corn. However, a couple of miracles occurred, where corn and wine appeared as from nowhere and her father-in-law and husband became drawn to her cause. Civil war came to Rome and she turned the ruins of her house into a makeshift hospital and a shelter for the homeless. When the wars were over her husband returned, broken in mind and body. With his support and respect, she started a lay order of women, the Oblates of Mary. Eventually they bought a house where the widowed members could live in community. Frances nursed Lorenzo until he died. After his death, she moved into the house with the other Oblates. She died four years later.

### 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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