

NEWS AND VIEWS

Priest Training Fund Collection: Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for these fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/ donations.

Food Donations for the needy: We are in dire need of food supplies for the needy. We humbly request for tins, confectionery, biscuits, soft drinks, beverages, tea, milk, sugar, coffee, and all non-perishable groceries. Please drop these in the basket under the bulletin desk behind or at the priests' house. The generosity of parishioners have been pivotal in our ministry of care to the needy in our community

Parish Website: Our new parish website is up and running, please visit it and make observations. We would like to thank Florian for seeing this through. Visit us at www.stgabes.uk

100 Club April prize winners: 1st- £205, No.5. 2nd- £70, No.24, 3rd- £35, No.20, 4th- £35, No. 44. Thanks to all who took part. The next draw is after the parish zoom quiz on **Friday 7th May.**

Live-streamed Masses via ZOOM/Facebook on Week-days 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; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85921527142?pwd=L05jUHk4QWovWVQzSVpkNkZ3SGl3dz09> Meeting ID: **859 2152 7142** Passcode: **071411**

First Holy Communion dates: April 18th, 25th, May 9th, 22nd, 23rd, June 6th, 13th, 20th, 26th (**Reconciliation & rehearsals**), 27th (**Celebration of 1st Holy Communion at 3pm**)

Samuel Gumb funeral directors: Full range of services available, please contact them with the following details; Telephone- 020 7263 7763 (24 hrs), 513G Hornsey Rd., N19 3QL samuelgumbs.funerals@gmail.com and www.samuelgumbsfunerals.co.uk

Christian Stewardship: (11th April 2021) Envelopes: £188 Loose: £302.79. We also receive £520 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

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STORY ROAD BREAD FRIGHT
GHOST DOUBTS HANDS FEET
TOUCH BONES FISH PSALMS



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

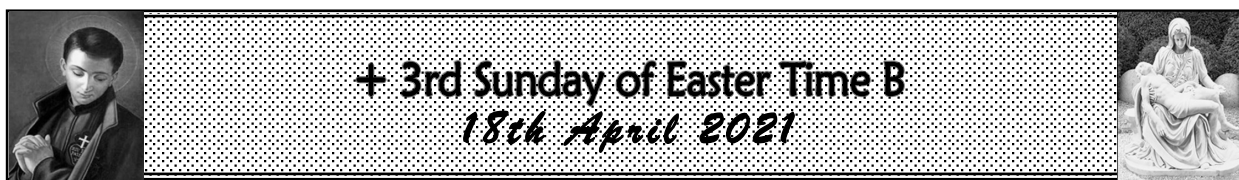


A preacher trained his horse to go when he said, "Praise the Lord," and to stop when he said, "Amen." The preacher mounted the horse, said, "Praise the Lord" and went for a ride. When he wanted to stop for lunch, he said, "Amen." He took off again, saying, "Praise the Lord." The horse started going toward the edge of a cliff. The preacher got excited and said, "Whoa!" Then he remembered and said, "Amen," and the horse stopped at the edge of the cliff. The preacher was so relieved and grateful that he looked up to heaven and said, "Praise the Lord!"



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+ 3rd Sunday of Easter Time B
18th April 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

This Sunday of Easter, the church invites us to celebrate the living Christ, who is our advocate. Through his death and resurrection, he advocates for us. Ignorance and doubt keep us in fear and darkness, while Christ illumines and strengthens our faith. The significant problems of the Jewish leaders who crucified Christ were ignorance. They thought they knew God and were advancing his course. On the contrary, they were working against it. So, they remained stubborn. One important point that all the Sunday readings have in common is the relationship between ignorance and faith. Peter observed the Ignorance of the Jewish leaders and he addressed them: "It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just... Now brothers, I know that neither you nor your leaders had an idea of what you were doing." They were waiting for the fulfilment of God's promises. However, when He came, they ignorantly rejected him. Hence, John writes: "Anyone who says I know him and does not keep his commandments is a liar refusing to admit the truth." Ignorance of God's command and will leaves one with a false impression that he knows the truth. It makes one think that he is fighting for God when the contrary is the case. We should be different because "the time of ignorance is over" (Acts 17, 30-31). It is over through the risen Christ, our advocate. Therefore, we must continuously seek divine counsel and illumination from Christ, our advocate. Most importantly, we must continually repent and receive forgiveness. John assures us today that: "We have an advocate before the Father who is Just, he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away..." Christ continues to strengthen his disciples' faith by illuminating their minds with the scriptures in today's Gospel. Even though they heard him preach and saw his miracles, they were ignorant of what the scriptures said about Him. St Jerome reminds us that: "Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ." Ignorance of God's word and commandments is a major stumbling block to faith. Jesus knew this, so, "He opened their minds to scriptures... you see how it was written..." Hence, Paul always prayed: "May the Lord open the eyes of your minds" (Ep1:18). Indeed, our minds need the illumination from the light and glory of the risen Christ.

- Mass Times & Intentions 18 - 24 April 2021**
- Sat 17th Vigil Mass 6:30pm** Basil McDermott, Sarah Brittle, Christine Kelly, Catherine O'Meara (ANN), Jean Moran (INT)
 - Sun 18th 9:00am:** Romeo Chiesa (RIP), Mary McAndrew, Patrick McAndrew (ANN), Fr Kevin (INT)
 - 11:30am:** Ann Breslin, Danny Talvey, Patrick Murphy (RIP), Lady S. N. Uyanna (ANN), Amaobi Maduako, Fr Jude Nwachukwu & family, Fr Ugo Ikwuka & family (INT)
 - 6.30pm:** Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Ushang & Larry (INT)
 - Mon 19th St. Alphege 9:30am:** Mary Mullarkey (RIP), Kathleen Law (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**
 - Tue 20th 9:30am:** Michael Doherty (RIP), Mary Wiltshire (ANN) **7:00pm (Online)**
 - Wed 21st St. Anselm 9:30am:** Louis Coelho Snr (RIP), Jack Hunter (ANN) **7:00pm (Online)**
 - Thur 22nd 9:30am:** Inyang Nyong Inyang (ANN), Jeremy Platten (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**
 - Fri 23rd: St. George 9:30am:** Anastasia Shackell (ANN), Rosemary & Richard Hill (INT) **7:00pm: (Online)**
 - Sat 24th Sts. Erkenwald & Mellitus 9:30am:** Ann & Colin Moon (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 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
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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

Cry out with joy to God, all the Earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

May your people exult for ever O, God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 4)

R. **Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.**

When I call, answer me,
O God of justice;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! **R.**

It is the Lord who grants favours
to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me
whenever I call him. **R.**

'What can bring us happiness?'
many say.
Lift up the light of your face
on us, O Lord. **R.**

I will lie down in peace
and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord,
make me dwell in safety. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive, O Lord we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations, alleluia.

Mass

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

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Rachel McGonigal
Mark Renner
Tracey Shevlin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look, with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord

Stewards

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Gabriel Essien-Oku / Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Precious Ohiambe

FEAST OF THE WEEK



St George

Feast Day: 23rd April

George was born to Gerontios and Polychronia, a Roman officer and a Greek native of Lydda and was raised as a Christian. When he was old enough, he was welcomed into Diocletian's army. By his late 20s, George had become a Tribune and served as an imperial guard for the Emperor at Nicomedia. On 24 February 303, Diocletian announced that every Christian the army passed would be arrested and every other soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods. George refused to abide by the order. Diocletian attempted to convert him to believe in the Roman gods, offering him land, money and slaves in exchange for offering a sacrifice to the Roman gods, and made several other offers that George refused. Finally, after exhausting all other options, Diocletian ordered his execution. In preparation for his death, George gave his money to the poor. He was tortured and required resuscitation three times, but still he did not turn from God. On 23 April 303, he was decapitated. His body was sent to Lydda for burial. St. George is known and revered by both Muslims and Christians. He is the patron saint of England and Catalonia. It is said St. George killed the dragon near the sea in Beirut, thus Saint George Bay was named in his honour. In older works, St. George is depicted wearing armour and holding a lance or fighting a dragon, which represents Christ's enemies.

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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