

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**First Friday Healing Mass, Holy Hour and Benediction** comes up this Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am.

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May is **Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse**. There are plenty of helpful prayer resources available on the Bishops' Conference website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/safeguarding/day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse/day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2021/>

**Parish Feast of the Pentecost 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Since the Holy Ghost Fathers started serving our Parish in 2014, we have made the feast of the Pentecost our parish feast. This is most fitting since Pentecost celebrates our diversity. Giving the constraints of the covid era, we may not be able to celebrate as elaborately as we used to do. However, we would like to make the most of the opportunity we have. **For the Pentecost weekend therefore, we plan to:**

- Have only three Masses: the Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.30pm and the two Sunday morning Masses at 9am and 11.30am. **No evening Mass**
- There will be some diversity of tongues in the music and the bidding prayers.
- We would like about three people who could speak a variety of languages to lead the bidding prayers for us. Please indicate if you can.
- We would also welcome people in as much tongues as possible. So please send us the words of welcome in your language to the Parish Office.
- If possible, we would serve take-away snack packs in the car park at the end of the Masses. Donations towards sourcing these would be highly appreciated. Other ideas are welcome.

**100 Club :** Subscription for the May draw need to be handed in by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at the latest. The draw takes place after the parish zoom quiz on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May**. See link below;

## ST GABRIEL'S QUIZ NIGHT

Time: May 7, 2021 08:00 PM London

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**First Holy Communion dates:** April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> (Enrolment Mass @11.30am), 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> (Reconciliation & rehearsals), 27<sup>th</sup> (Celebration of 1st Holy Communion at 3pm)

**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](http://www.stgabes.uk)

**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 8<sup>th</sup> March**, is below;

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**Christian Stewardship:** (25<sup>th</sup> April 2021)

Envelopes: £175 Loose: £392.49. We also receive £520 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

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VINE BRANCH FRUIT PRUNES  
WORD HOME PLENTY THROWN  
FIRE BURNT GLORY DISCIPLES



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



Tom went to the liquor store Friday afternoon on his bicycle, bought a bottle of Scotch and put it in the bicycle basket. As he was about to leave, he thought to himself, "What if I fell off my bicycle, the bottle would break". So, he drank all the Scotch before he rode home. It turned out to be a very good decision, because he fell off his bike seven times on the way home



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**+ 5th Sunday of Easter Time B**  
*2nd May 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

### Reaching our potential: The sure springboard

In today's Gospel, Jesus declares, "I am the vine and you are the branches... cut off from me, you can do nothing." Jesus is not just one inspiring guru or teacher. No other religious leader ever made such claims. And it is not the first time he will be making such absolute sweeping claims. He had once declared, "Unless you eat my body and drink my blood you will not have life in you." This made many of his disciples to abandon him. But, instead of retracting or amending his statement, he rather asked the twelve if they too wanted to leave. It was then that Peter responded, "To whom shall we go Lord, you have the word of eternal life." Peter could have been more pointed and say "You ARE the word of eternal life" because Jesus is the "Word made flesh." He is the very embodiment of the word which is the power by which God made and sustains the world. The prologue of St John's Gospel clearly recognised that "All that exist came to be through him." He is the ground for the order and the structure of the universe. In this sense, every human being is rooted in Christ whether they know it or not. Christians have the rare privilege of knowing this "Word made flesh" in a personal way. Why then in the world would we wander away from the one who is the foundation of the universe? The fact is that wherever we go from him in our quest for truth, goodness, beauty or love is a step down, a declining, because in him is the perfection of everything that is good. Only rooted in God can we truly flourish, can we grow to our full potential. That's the insight from the following sad American Indian story. A young man once found an eagle's egg. He puts it into the nest of a broody chicken and the eaglet hatched with the chickens. All her life, she thought that she was a chicken, scratching dirty surfaces in search of food and flying no more than a few feet off the ground. One day, the misplaced eagle saw a magnificent bird soaring gracefully on strong golden wings high above in the sky. She exclaimed, "What a magnificent bird!" She was told that it was an eagle, the chief of the birds and that she should better stop dreaming that she could ever be like her since she was only a chicken. So, the poor eagle never gave it a second thought; she lived and died thinking that she was a chicken. This story underscores that what we identify ourselves with can help bring out the best in us or, on the contrary, help kill the potential in us. The eaglet identified herself with chickens and ended up not being able to fly even though she had all the potential. Jesus defines himself as the "true vine" and we, his followers, as the branches. To flourish, the vine branches must be grafted unto the "true vine" for, as he said, "cut off from me, you can do nothing."

### Mass Times & Intentions

2nd – 8th May 2021

**Sat 1st Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Mary Costello (RIP), Martin McDonagh, Les Rawlings, (ANN), Thomas Evans, Paul & Pat Scarfe, Anthony McDonagh, May Fayers (INT)

**Sun 2nd 9:00am:** Louis & Ivy Coelho, Frances Moss, Bobby Sewell (RIP), Obuekwe Ejike, Florence Ejike, Akuabata Ejike, OzoEjike OzoNze (ANN), Fr Kevin, Glackin family, Coelho family, Dee-Arn Sewell, Dorothy Carr, Gill Sturdy, Thomas Jackson (INT)

**11:30am:** Chioma Maduako Young, Catherine O'Malley (RIP), Joe Brickley (5th), Mary Slattery (ANN), Martin Gibbons, Frances Quinn (INT)

**6:30pm:** Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Ushang & Larry (INT)

**Mon 3rd Sts. Philip & James 9:30am:** Maria Zante (Felicity) (posthumous birthday), John Hayes (RIP), Obuekwe Ejike, Florence Ejike, Akuabata Ejike, OzoEjike OzoNze (ANN), Hayes family (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**

**Tue 4th The English Martyrs 9:30am:** Nancy Blazic (RIP), Joe Brickley (ANN), Wendy Winsor (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**

**Wed 5th 9:30am:** Eddie Costello (RIP), Karen Brennan (1st) (ANN), Rita Rawlings, Paani Dias, Theresa, PJ & family, Mullee family, Aherne family (INT) **7:00pm (Online)**

**Thur 6th 9:30am:** Josie Corbett (ANN) **7:00pm (Online)**

**Fri 7th 9:30am:** First Friday Healing Mass

**Sat 8th 9:30am:** Maureen Cleary (4th) (ANN), Mary Stephens, Kanny Inyang (INT) **7:00pm: (Online)**



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 Munnally, 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, France Quinn

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

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 21)

**R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

**R.**

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

## SECOND READING 1 John 3: 18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.**  
**Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.**  
**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant we pray, that as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the

Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

### Mass

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

### Readers

Jeanette Fayers  
Rachel McGonigal  
Mark Renner  
Joanna Hemmingway

### Stewards

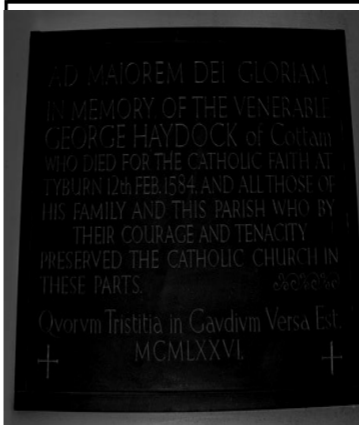
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Gabriel Essien-Oku / Essien Ekpenyong-Oku  
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh  
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## FEAST OF THE WEEK

### Beatified Martyrs of England & Wales

#### Feast Day: 4th May

The Eighty-five Martyrs of England and Wales, also known as George Haydock and Eighty-four Companion Martyrs, are a group of men who were executed on charges of treason and related offences in the Kingdom of England between 1584 and 1679. Of the eighty-five, seventy-five (sixty-one priests and fourteen laymen) were executed under Jesuits, etc. Act 1584. They were **beatified** on 22 November 1987 by Pope John Paul II. Queen Elizabeth I was excommunicated by Pope Pius V, on 25 February 1570. Once this declaration was made, a number of Catholics were implicated in plots against Elizabeth. In the eyes of Elizabeth and her ministers, such opposition was nothing less than high treason. But a large number of English Catholics refused to go so far as rebellion. The next Pope Gregory XIII, made another statement on 14 April. He maintained the excommunication, but did not oblige Catholics to do anything that led to their disadvantage. The laws were tightened after an uprising in the north. Among other things, religious acts were interpreted as treason.



### 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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