

# NEWS AND VIEWS

The Parish Office will be running on skeletal capacity till Monday 1st of February. Masses and essential pastoral services continue as normal.

Fr Ugo's Annual Leave begins after Christmas till the end of January.

**Winter Shelter for the Homeless:** This has been cancelled due to the restrictions imposed on gatherings and movement of people as a result of the Covid19 pandemic. Food parcels will be given at the Presbytery door daily to cushion this effect.

**First Holy Communion** classes start in January after the Christmas break, dates will be communicated shortly.

**Christian Stewardship:** Many parishes survived the covid era because parishioners responded to supporting the parish steadily through standing orders. We got some support in that way too as our weekly income from standing orders moved from £120 to £400 which is good. But the honest fact is that we can do better. A lot of costs, both recurrent and capital, still go into the running of the parish at this time. So, could we please do more by standing orders. Here, we have the parish bank details for those who will be moved to set up standing orders for your Sunday offerings or freewill donations:

Name: **WRCDT St Gabriels Parish, Upper Holloway.**  
Sort code **40-05-20**  
Acc. No. **01097024.**  
God bless you abundantly for your kindness.

**Parish Quiz on Zoom:** Friday 5 February at 8pm. All welcome to join. £5 per person. Contact Michelle 07811 942 029

**100 Club:** The next draw will take place after the Parish Quiz on Zoom on Friday 5 February. Please hand your subscriptions in at weekend Masses or at the presbytery by Sunday 3 February. Thanks and good luck!

**Join CAFOD online** this coming Saturday 30th January from 1030am to 1230 and listen to CAFOD's representative live from Ethiopia talking about how your support is enabling communities gain access to clean water. Contact [westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminster@cafod.org.uk) for registration link and further information.

**Christian Stewardship: Apologies that the figures in last week's newsletter referred to Sunday 3 Jan.** (10th January 2021) Envelopes: £123.95. Loose: £214.49. (17th January 2021) Envelopes: £173.00. Loose: £283.95. We receive £460 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

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ARRESTED NEWS BELIEVE JAMES GALILEE HAND CASTING ZEBEDEE GOOD REPENT FOLLOW BOAT



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



Walking along the street, a young man heard screams coming from a house. Rushing in, he found the mother frantic because her son had swallowed a penny. Seizing him by the heels, the man held the boy up and gave him a few shakes and the coin dropped to the floor. The grateful mother said to the man, "You certainly knew how to get it out of him. Are you a doctor?" "No, Madam, he replied, "I'm from the Inland Revenue" \*

(\*Now known as HMRC)



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

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+ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
24th January 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

On this third Sunday of Ordinary Time, the church reminds us of a particular urgency, the shortness of our time in this world. This is the theme that runs through the three readings of this Sunday. If time is short, we must not hold tenaciously to this world that is quickly passing away. Instead, we must believe the good news and live for the Kingdom of God that is already with us here on earth. In today's gospel, Christ preached the same urgent message preached by Jonah and John the Baptist "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe the good news." Like the Ninevites, the disciples of Christ heard this message responded to it with urgency, each being sensitive, and knowing that there was no more time to waste. The disciples listened to the master's word: "Follow me," and they simply obeyed and followed Him. So, Jesus continues to invite us to participate in his mission, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." This is a life-transforming invitation and mission. Our response to it should be urgent and positive. This is because it is for our good and that of others. Fishers of Men simply mean partners in the kingdom. They are those who are willing to go the extra mile to help others. They are those ready to collaborate with Christ in his ministry. Finally, my brethren, if our time is short, if our world is passing away, if we have only forty days left, and if the kingdom of God is close at hand, why waste the little time we have in hating, sinning, and running only after material things? We must use it to seek, serve and worship our God; live in peace and love with others; and positively affect others and our society. We must take advantage of this short time to "Seek what is good and pure, what is noble and true" (Phil 4:8).

### Mass Times & Intentions 24th – 30th January 2021

**Sat 23rd Vigil 6:30pm:** Thelma Monisse, Muriel & George Roberts, Philip Cross, Pat Quinn, Mark Hawkins (RIP), Louise McDonnell, Fr Kevin McDevitt (INT)

**Sun 24th 9:00am:** Peter McAree, Maria Passafonti (RIP), Kathleen Shaughnessy, Mary Farragher (100th Birthday), Eddie Gallagher, Nancy Quirke (Get Well), Fr Kevin McDevitt (INT)

**11:30am:** Derek Turner, Peter McAree, Pat Quinn, Mary Slattery, Kathleen Preston, Elizabeth Horgan, Patricia Etim-Bassey, Tita Castialone (RIP), Hon. Justice FGC Uyanna (16th), Frank & Eileen Hughes, Kate Howard (ANN), Margaret Togher, Eileen Scott, Anna Marie Lydon, Maire, Fr Kevin McDevitt (INT)

**6:30pm:** Mary Duffy (RIP), Jean, Fr Kevin McDevitt (INT)

**Mon 25th The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle:** Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi (RIP)

**Tue 26th Sts. Timothy & Titus:** Ursula Stevens (ANN), Renée Evans (INT)

**Wed 27th St. Angela Merici:** Elizabeth Horgan (RIP)

**Thur 28th St. Thomas Aquinas:** Paani Dias & family (INT)

**Fri 29th:** Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli (RIP), John McAndrew (ANN)

**Sat 30th:** HOLY GHOST FATHERS



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Tess McNancy, 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, Shicla 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

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

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

## FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-5.10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 24)

**R. Lord, make me know your ways.**

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 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia**  
**The kingdom of God is close at hand;**  
**believe the Good News.**  
**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

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.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray; and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

## 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

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Stewards

Precious Ohiambe/Bernie Shevlin  
Precious Ohiambe/Gabriel Essien-Oku  
Precious Ohiambe/Bernie S /Ignatius E/Keisha H  
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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**St. Thomas Aquinas**  
**Feast Day: 28 January**



Thomas is believed to have been born in what is now known as the Lazio region of Italy, in 1225. At the age of 5, he began his education at Monte Cassino, where he remained until the military conflict between Emperor Frederick II and Pope Gregory IX reached the abbey. He was then transferred and enrolled at the *studium generale* in Naples. When Thomas's family learned of his decision to join the religious life, his mother, Theodora, arranged for him to be moved to Paris. When he was travelling to Rome, his brothers captured him and returned him to their parents at the castle of Monte San Giovanni Campano. He was held captive in the castle for one year as his family tried to keep him from joining the Dominican Order. In the year he was held, Thomas tutored his sisters and communicated with members of the Dominican Order. Thomas wrote his most famous work, *Summa theologiae*. He died on 7 March 1274 during a commentary on the Song of Songs. His remains were placed in the Church of the Jacobins in Toulouse on 28 January 1369. Pope John XXII canonised him on 18 July 1323.

### 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:** Julia Ballantyne 07985694199 Email: archwaysg@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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