

NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Feast of the Pentecost 23rd May: Pentecost not only commemorates the beginnings of the Church but 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, shall:**

- 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**
- Diversity of tongues in the music and the bidding prayers.
- Welcome people in as much tongues as 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.
- Dress code: People's traditional outfit/costumes

Collection for the mission of the Holy Ghost Fathers: At Pentecost, the Diocese authorizes a collection to support the mission of the Holy Ghost Fathers who serve us around the world. Please let us give generously.

First Holy Communion dates: May 16th, June 5th (Saturday) (Reconciliation), 6th, 13th, 20th, 26th (Reconciliation & rehearsals), 27th (Celebration of 1st Holy Communion at 3pm)

100 Club: May prizewinners: 1st £215 to no. 36. 2nd £70 to no. 82. 3rd £35 to no.54. 4th £35 to no. 60. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who took part. £ 365 was raised for parish funds. Next draw after the parish Zoom quiz on Friday 4th June.

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

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/>. 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

Christian Stewardship: (9th May 2021)
 Envelopes: £224 Loose: £385.49. We also receive £520 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

May Diary Sunday 23rd Parish Pentecost Festival

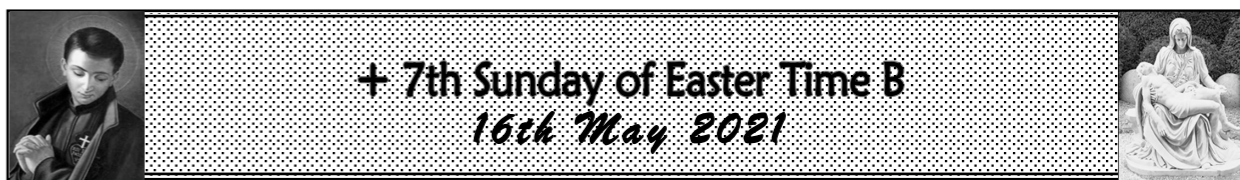
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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

The phone rings at the local police station. "Hello? I'm calling to report my neighbour, Craig. He is hiding marijuana inside his firewood!" "Thank you very much for the call, sir." The next day, policemen descend on the neighbour's house. They search the shed where the firewood is kept. Using axes, they bust open every piece of wood, but find no marijuana. They swear at the neighbours and leave. The phone rings at the neighbour's house. "Hey, Craig, did the police come?" "Yep." "Did they chop your firewood?" "Sure did, Eric. Thanks!" "Great, now it's your turn to call. I need my garden ploughed."



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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

In this Sunday, the Sunday after Ascension, the Sunday before Pentecost. Behind us is the life of Jesus, his death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. In front of us is the unknown, the very new thing that God will do among his people. How do the disciples feel in this sort of no-man's land in time? They don't know how long they're going to be there. All they know is that in his physical form Jesus have finally left them – taken up in the brilliance of the light of heaven – and that he has told them to wait in Jerusalem where God will come to them in a new way. We've probably all experienced similar times – times that can be filled with uncertainty and anxiety. Times when we've lost someone or left something behind but aren't yet ready or able to move on into the unknown. Times between school or college and the world of work and careers. Amidst these chaos of life's experiences Jesus offers prayers for the unity of all the world and in fact of all God's creation. "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." Indeed, what would the world be like if we lived as one, just as the Father and Son live in that complete oneness? The unity that exists in the relationship between the Father and Son is a unity to which we are all called and for which we were all created. When we cease to live in that unity, we are living in a manner that is contrary to how we are called to be in this world. Where there is war, division, discord, hate, and violence, we are living in a manner that goes against the oneness and unity for which we are created to live. When we take steps toward creating peace, unity, and harmony, we are on the path to fulfilling the vocation to which we are called. How then can we as individuals, families, parishioners, and citizens work toward accomplishing these steps toward peace in our own lives? How can we live in the oneness that Jesus prayed for in the gospel so that we live as the Father and Son are one? The answer can seem so simple and obvious that we can sometimes forget or ignore the advice, or rather, commandment, we receive from the scriptures. "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God." We must then love one another so as to be one and to remain in God. Love one another! One for all and all for one!

Mass Times & Intentions 16th – 22nd May 2021
Sat 15th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Martin Gibbons, Margaret McHale (RIP), May Fayers (INT)
Sun 16th 9:00am: Charles Heading, Anthony McDonagh, Jill Fellerman (RIP), Margaret McNulty (ANN), Michael McNulty, Sylvia Traynor, Mary Curran, Louis Thomas, Alan Ross, Stephanie Collins (INT)
11:30am: Martin Gibbons, Margaret McHale, Nancy Prendergast (RIP), Martin O'Dea (ANN), Stephanie Okereafor, Stephen Etukudoh, Elvira Mota, Tom & Phil McGowan (INT)
6:30pm: Udoh family, Tunu & Phil, Uche & Ekanem, Ushang & Larry, Essien-Oku family (INT)
Mon 17th 9:30am: Udoh family, Tunu & Phil, Uche & Ekanem, Ushang & Larry, Essien-Oku family (INT) 7:00pm (Online)
Tue 18th St. John I 9:30am: Udoh family, Tunu & Phil, Uche & Ekanem, Ushang & Larry, Essien-Oku family (INT) 7:00pm (Online)
Wed 19th 9:30am: Udoh family, Tunu & Phil, Uche & Ekanem, Ushang & Larry, Essien-Oku family (INT) 7:00pm (Online)
Thur 20th St. Bernadine of Siena 9:30am: Udoh family, Tunu & Phil, Uche & Ekanem, Ushang & Larry, Essien-Oku family (INT) 7:00pm (Online)
Fri 21st St. Christopher Magallanes 9:30am: Denis O'Gorman (ANN), Paani Dias (INT) 7:00pm (Online)
Sat 22nd St. Rita of Cascia 9:30am: Jeremy Platten (INT)

Please Pray for...
 Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Anne Quinlan, Ann Larkin, 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 Munnelly, 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, Tony, Frances Quinn

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 Lord, hear any voice, for I have called to you; for you my heart has spoken; Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia

OPENING PRAYER

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. In the book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling around with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’ Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 102)

R. The Lord has set his sway in heaven

My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

R.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all. Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

R.

SECOND READING John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in Him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth, your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence that, through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished, in the body of the whole Church, what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mass

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

Readers

Jeanette Fayers
Rachel McGonigal
Mark Renner
Joseph Ogbonna

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers/Bernie S
Precious Ohiambe / Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Precious Ohiambe/Joseph Ogbonna

FEAST OF THE WEEK



St Rita of Cascia

Feast Day: 22nd May

Rita of Cascia, born Margherita Lotti in 1381, – 22 May 1457) was married at the age of twelve to a nobleman named Paolo Mancini, known to be a rich, quick-tempered, immoral man. She endured his insults, physical abuse and infidelities for many years but through humility, kindness and patience, was able to convert him into a better person; he renounced a family feud known at the time as La Vendetta, but he was stabbed to death a few years later, as his allies betrayed him. Rita prayed that her sons, who wanted to avenge his death, be removed from the cycle of vendettas and they died of dysentery a year later. After these deaths, she joined an Augustinian community of religious sisters, where she was known both for practicing mortification of the flesh and for the efficacy of her prayers. She died on 22 May 1457. She is often portrayed with a bleeding wound on her forehead, said to indicate a partial stigmata. Pope Leo XIII canonised Rita on 24 May 1900 and she was bestowed the title of *Patroness of Impossible Causes*, while in many Catholic countries, Rita came to be known as the patroness of abused wives and heartbroken women. Her incorrupt body remains in the Basilica of Santa Rita da Cascia.

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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Parish Security Reps: Maurice Richards 07904021798 and Essien Ekpenyong-Oku 07305608832