

NEWS AND VIEWS

Flirting with God: Refreshing Sunday Homilies for all Cycles. This book from Fr Ugo has just been published. It is a fruit of his 20 years of priestly ministry and covers all the Sundays of the Church's three liturgical year cycles. It is a great spiritual resource that helps to dispose us to get the most from the lessons of every Sunday. It is 380 pages. The book has been significantly discounted so that EVERY parishioner can grab a copy for only £15. Please get copies for family and friends too. It has been adjudged one of the best and the writing is very elegant. Congratulations to Fr Ugo

Spiritan Assembly in Chester: Our priests will be away in Chester for the elective assembly of the Holy Ghost Fathers. Keep them in your prayers. Fr David Atuanya CSSp will be standing in during the period so all pastoral activities will run as normal.

Ann Quinlan & Bridie McGahern RIP. The death has occurred of Ann and Bridie, longstanding and distinguished parishioners. We commiserate with their families and keep them in our prayers. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Weekday Masses will be back at 12noon from this Monday 19th of July. We thank all, especially the stewards, who made the sacrifice that helped us to have weekday Masses earlier at 9.30am during the times of lockdown

Basic Covid Secure Protocols will remain in place in our Church until the time of uncertainty is over. We therefore require that people sanitise their hands, have their face masks and maintain the 1m social distance for sitting in the Church. People from a bubble could sit together. Thanks for your understanding.

Online Masses during the weekday have ended. Thanks to all who joined the Masses and the Parish Office for facilitating it.

Contactless Giving: The Diocese has launched a card/contactless giving to help make our offertory collection safer. It will not replace the other means of giving but is considered a safer alternative. Please find the unit by the left as you exit the Church. Thank you.

First Holy Communion & RCIA (Adult programme of Christian initiation) 2022: Please pick the forms for Children who will be seven by the 31st of August. RCIA is for adults who want to convert to or be fully received into the Catholic Church. The forms are also available in the Parish Office.

Endorsement/Signing of Documents: The Parish Priest is happy to endorse/sign documents at no cost for IDENTIFIABLE PARISHIONERS ONLY. Please encourage non-parishioners to please see an attorney or their GP.

Important Note for our Diaries: On 15th of Sept (Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows), at 7pm, the Auxiliary Bishop Nicholas Hudson will be celebrating a Mass in our Church and he will also unveil the painting of Our Lady of Sorrows that was donated to our Church by the renowned English artist Alexander Talbot-Rice. All should please endeavour to be present at the Mass.

100 Club July draw: The 1st prize of £220 went to no. 45. 2nd prize of £75 to no. 10. 3rd prize of £35 to no. 82 and the 4th prize of £35 to no. 3. £365 was raised for parish funds. August draw is on Friday 6 August after the Holy Hour.

Christian Stewardship: (11th July 2021)

Envelopes: £288.80 **Loose:** £401.76. **Contactless Loose:** £124.94. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

July Diary

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd **Spiritan Provincial Assembly in Chester.**

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



Martin had just received his brand new driver's licence. The family troops out to the driveway, and climbs in the car, where he is going to take them for a ride for the first time. Dad immediately heads for the back seat, directly behind the newly minted driver.

"I'll bet you're back there to get a change of scenery after all those months of sitting in the front passenger seat teaching me how to drive," says the beaming boy to his father.

"Nope," comes dad's reply, "I'm gonna sit here and kick the back of your seat as you drive, just like you've been doing to me all these years."



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+ 16th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B
18th July 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

Choosing like Jesus

We face moral dilemmas every day whereby one must consider two or more moral values or duties but can only honour one of them. Jesus has a way with resolving moral dilemmas. He applies discretion whereby empathy goes with a call to responsibility. Today's Gospel gives us two seemingly contradictory images of Jesus as he resolves a moral dilemma. His disciples have just returned from their hectic first missionary journey, so he calls them away to catch some rest from the persistent crowd. However, hardly have they settled down to rest than the crowd finds them out again. Taking pity on them – "they looked lost like sheep without a shepherd," Jesus abandons his rest and begins to minister to them. Thus, we have an initial image of Jesus as uncompromising; switching off on a needy and helpless crowd to have his break once it was time. Thereafter, we have the image of Jesus as compassionate; abandoning his well-deserved rest to attend to a persistent needy crowd. So, which of the two is the true image of Jesus? As the model Good Shepherd, here, Jesus helps to resolve the kind of tension that exists in the life of every committed Christian who struggles today to adapt to the demanding pace of life. Jesus demonstrates that, on the one hand, in spite of the people's demands, there is the need to withdraw intermittently into a quiet place to recollect oneself and recharge one's spiritual batteries. He is not stampeded into action. Sometimes, he even seems to deliberately 'waste time' in prayer while they look for him. We gain so much from such retreats both physically and spiritually. Such times to chill out are important for all but it is even more important for religious ministers who must constantly stay in contact with the Source of the message they preach. Hence, there will be times when, in spite of the criticism it may generate, we ought to say 'No' to those who WANT our attention. We need to retain that capacity for critical separation which allows us to be in control in the face of the often chaotic circumstances of daily living. However, like Jesus in the later part of the Gospel, there will be times when we have to respond generously and empathetically to those who NEED our attention even at some inconvenience to ourselves. The emphasis is on 'real need' and not just on wants or our own desire to be in demand. Thus, a Christ-like response is not to have a principle of ignoring others when their needs conflict with one's own plans. Time comes when we must go out of our way and give up our rights for the sake of love. Yet, we must not be among those who cannot say 'No' because they want to preserve a good image. Knowing when we should show compassion by giving all the help we can, even at some inconvenience to ourselves, and when we show equal compassion by making people stand on their own feet requires discernment; great sensitivity, honesty and firmness.

Mass Times & Intentions

18 – 24 July 2021

Sat 17th Vigil Mass 6:30pm Bridie McGahern, Brian Addlinton, Adrian Earley, Nora Earley (RIP), Louise McDonnell, Pamela & Gareth Heazell (INT)

Sun 18th 9:00am: Ann Quinlan, John Earley, Elizabeth Earley (RIP), Paddy Keenan, Dec-Arn Sewell, (INT)

11:30am: Tony Glackin, Bridie McGahern, Assunta Turin, Philomena Hynes, Maura Lynch (RIP), Nora Mansell (5th), John Tobin (50th), Tommy Moran (26th) (ANN), Maria Okerefor (thanksgiving), Etukudoh family, Muzey Zeray (INT)

6:30pm: Tony Glackin (RIP), Udoh family, Essien-Oku family, Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Ushang & Larry, Paddy & Emo (INT)

Mon 19th 12noon: Tony Glackin (RIP), Essien-Oku family, Ikoro family (INT)

Tue 20th St. Apollinaris 12noon: Fr. Noel Boylan (RIP), Essien-Oku family, Ikoro family (INT)

Wed 21st St. Lawrence of Brindisi 12noon: Tony Glackin (RIP), George Roberts (ANN), Essien-Oku family, Ikoro family (INT)

Thur 22nd St. Mary Magdalene 12noon: Tony Glackin (RIP), Edith Tayler (ANN), Jeremy Platten (INT)

Fri 23rd St. Bridget of Sweden 12noon: Tony Glackin (RIP), Janet Coelho (ANN)

Sat 24th St. Sharbel Makhlufl 12noon: Tony Glackin, Bridie McGahern (RIP)



Please Pray for: Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, 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 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, 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, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Fr. Aodh, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritan) 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. 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am

Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays (New time) 12noon 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

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

OPENING PRAYER

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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 Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered - it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds - it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them, any more; not one shall be lost - it is the Lord who speaks! See, the days are coming- it is the Lord who speaks - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practicing honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 23)

**R. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness

no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house
shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
**The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord. I know them and they follow me.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, "You must come away to some lonely place by yourselves and rest for a while"; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd and he set himself to teach them at some length.

R.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mass

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

Readers

Carmel Cannon
Rachel McGonigal
Mark Renner
Joseph Ogbonna

Stewards

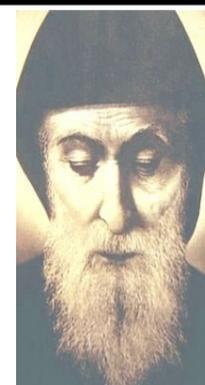
Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers/Bernie S
Ann Waldron/ Essien E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Joseph Ogbonna

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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.

FEAST OF THE WEEK



St Sharbel Makhoul
13th July

Youssef Antoun Makhoul was born on 8 May 1828. Raised in a pious home, he became drawn to the lives of the saints and to the hermit life. In 1851, he entered the Lebanese Maronite Order at the Monastery of Our Lady in Mayfouq to begin his training as a monk and he was ordained six years later, on 23 July 1859, in Bkerke. In 1875, he was allowed to live as a hermit at the Hermitage of Sts Peter and Paul, until his death from a stroke on 24 December 1898. Between 1950 and 1976, his tomb was opened several times; each time his was body intact, but in 1976, at the opening of the grave, only the skeleton remained. He is known among Lebanese Christians as the 'Miracle Monk of Lebanon' because of the miraculous healings they receive in answer to prayers to him, especially those said at his tomb, and for his ability to unite Christians and Muslims. On 5 December 1965, Pope Paul VI presided at the beatification of Makhoul at the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council and on 9 October 1977, at his canonisation..

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: Tracey Mullett 07957158861, Joan Fitzgerald (To be confirmed) **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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