

NEWS AND VIEWS

Transitions: With election of Fr Ugo as the Provincial Superior of the Holy Ghost Fathers (the Spiritans) in the UK, he will be resuming office in Manchester 1st of Sept. Fr Ugo's last Sunday Mass with us will be in the weekend of 28/29 of August. In place of Fr Ugo, Fr David Atuanya has been appointed the Parochial Administrator of our Parish for one year following which a substantive appointment of a Parish Priest will be made. We welcome Fr David and enjoin all to accord him the necessary support.

Parish Safeguarding Team: We are happy to announce that Joan Fitzgerald has been cleared for work as one of our Parish Safeguarding Officers. Joan will be working with Tracy Mullet in this role. We thank Joan and Tracy for their generosity of spirit in accepting to serve us in this very critical role. All who work with minors and the vulnerable in our Parish including those who visit the sick and the housebound should please work with the Safeguarding Officers to ensure that they are DBS-checked before the end of Sept.

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 homilies for 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 to be outstanding in all respects. Congratulations to Fr Ugo

First Holy Communion & RCIA (Adult programme of Christian initiation) 2022: Please pick the forms for Children who would 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.

Future Matters is a free service for Islington residents. It offers one-to-one support to help ensure you are covered for both your health and also your financial decisions in the future avoiding unnecessary costs in the future for you and your loved ones. **This is vital for everyone particularly in view of the ongoing Covid situation.** Please refer to: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/islington/our-services/future-matters-service/> Alternatively, you can contact **Maria Piroli** who is our parishioner with over 7 years, experience as a Future Matters volunteer. Contact Maria via her **Email:** projects@gentledusk.org.uk **Mobile:** 07986 637702.

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.

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.

100 Club August draw: The 1st prize of £210 went to no. 2, 2nd prize of £70 to no. 38, 3rd prize of £35 to no. 68, and the 4th prize of £35 to no. 75.. £365 was raised for parish funds. September draw is on Friday 3rd September.


Christian Stewardship: (8th August 2021)
Envelopes: £203 **Loose:** £225.46. **Contactless:** £73.75. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

August Diary


Weekend of 28th/29th August: **Fr Ugo's last Sunday Masses with us**

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JEW'S FATHER MOTHER DRAWN PROPHETS HEAR LEARN BELIEVES MANNA DESERT DEAD LIFE




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



Agency: Sir, we found 3 candidates as per your requirements. How do you want their placements, sir?
MD: Put about 100 bricks in a closed room. Then send the candidates into the room and close the door, leave them alone and come back after a few hours and analyse the situation:
1. If they are counting the bricks, put them in Accounts department.
2. If they are recounting the bricks, put them in Auditing.
3. If they messed up the whole room with the bricks, put them in Engineering.
4. If they are arranging the bricks in some strange order, put them in Planning.
5. If they are throwing the bricks at each other, put them in Operations
6. If they are sleeping, put them in Security.
7. If they broke the bricks into pieces, put them in Information Technology.
8. If they are sitting idle, put them in Human Resources.
9. If they say they have tried different combinations yet not a single brick has been moved, put them in Sales.
10. If they have already left for the day, Put them in Marketing.
11. If they are staring out of the window, put them in Strategic Planning. And...
12. If they are talking to each other and not a single brick has been touched, Congratulate them and put them in Top Management.




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+ 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B

22nd August 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

The message of eternal life

The Jews have problems coming to terms with the claims of Jesus in today's Gospel. They must have wondered, "We know this fellow, he is Joseph's boy from Nazareth. How can he say he came down from heaven?" "What a blasphemy!" They moreover mistake his sacramental language, "How can he offer us his flesh as bread and his blood as drink?" Doesn't that sound cannibalistic? Clearly, Jesus seems to have crossed the line. For many who followed him, this was too hard to accept. The Twelve call his attention to this, possibly pointing out that he was losing followers and that he should tone down his teaching. But instead of "seeing with them" he rather raises the bars. He asks, "Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?" So where was the Son of Man before? The prologue to John's Gospel tells us that: "In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God.... The Word was made flesh, and he lived among us...." We can therefore see that the problem the Jews had with the idea of flesh becoming bread was basically an extension of their problem with the idea of the Word becoming flesh. If we can relate to the mystery of God's love for us which prompted the Almighty and Eternal God to take flesh and become an ordinary mortal man like us, then we are more likely to relate to the mystery of this man becoming bread, again as an act of love for us. Jesus would neither rescind a word nor soften his stance. He rather turns to the Twelve, his most intimate friends and asks them, "Do you want to leave too?" It was a dicey moment as his entire mission hung in the balance. Peter responds on behalf of the others: "Master, to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life..." This is evocative of his similarly decisive response at Caesarea Philippi where Jesus conducted opinion to clarify his identity. He had asked them: "Who do you say the Son of Man is?" Peter responded: "You are Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." What you make of what Jesus says depends on who you think he is. It was clear from Peter's tone that his group did not stick with Jesus because the message was clear to them any more than it was to those that left but rather because of their belief in him. Hence, the critical difference between the two groups lay in Peter's understanding that difficulty with a particular teaching of Jesus is not enough grounds to give up on him. Things might not make sense but it is better to follow Jesus on trust than to lose Jesus in the quest for certainty.

Mass Times & Intentions 22nd – 28th August 2021
Sat 21st Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Tony Glackin (RIP), Bernie Carr (INT)
Sun 22nd 9:00am: Ann Quinlan, Michael Kennedy (RIP), Sixtus Abetianbe, Udoh family, Essien-Oku family, Fr Kevin McDevitt, Michelle Carr, Jeremy Platten, Norman & Christine Wilks (INT)
11:30am: Michael Kennedy, Jean Carter (RIP), Fr Danny Horan (1st), Jimmy & Maureen Cleary (ANN), Gabriel Essien-Oku, (INT)
6:30pm: Michael Kennedy (RIP), Amy & Dele, Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Eyo & Theresa (INT)
Mon 23rd St. Rose of Lima 12 noon: Fr Danny Horan (1st) (ANN), Sixtus Abetianbe, Michelle Carr (INT)
Tue 24th St. Bartholomew 12 noon: Sixtus Abetianbe (INT)
Wed 25th St. Louis 12 noon: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi (RIP), Sixtus Abetianbe, Russell family, Nk Ikwuka, Christy & Maria Christopher (28th wedding anniversary) (INT)
Thur 26th Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God 12 noon: Frank Cheah (22nd)(ANN), Sixtus Abetianbe (INT)
Fri 27th St. Monica 12 noon: Sixtus Abetianbe (INT)
Sat 28th St. Augustine 12 noon: Derek Biddis (RIP), Sixtus Abetianbe (INT)



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 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, 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, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie

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. 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

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods. Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 33)

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

R.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal.

R.

They call and the Lord hears
And rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
Those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

R.

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken.

R.

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace to your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord

Mass

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

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Rachel McGonigal
Mark Renner
Joseph Ogbonna

Stewards

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

FEAST OF THE WEEK



25th August

St. Louis

Louis IX was born in Poissy, France in 1214 to Louis VIII and Blanche of Castille. Following the death of his father, he was crowned in Reims at the age of 12, although his mother ruled the kingdom until he assumed full kingship on his twenty-first birthday. He was well known for protecting the French clergy from secular leaders and for strictly enforcing laws against blasphemy. Louis generally remained neutral in international disputes. However, because of a dispute between the Count of Le Marche and the Count of Poitiers, in which Henry III supported the Count of Le Marche, he was forced to go to war with England. In 1242 Louis defeated Henry III at Taillebourg. After the war, he made restitution to the innocent people whose property had been destroyed. He established the Sorbonne (1252) and the monasteries of Rayaumont, Vavert, and Maubuisson. He led two crusades, the Sixth and the Seventh Crusades. He was captured and imprisoned during the Sixth (1244-1249). At the onset of the Seventh Crusade in 1270, he died of dysentery. Pope Boniface VIII canonised him in 1297. He is the patron saint of the Third Order of St. Francis, France, French monarchy; hairdressers.

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:

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- 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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