

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.** For more information about the service 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.

Christian Stewardship: (8th August 2021)
Envelopes: £218.00 **Loose:** £325.46. **Contactless:** £113.10. 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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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



Three guys, a Polish guy, a Jewish guy and an Italian guy sign up for the police academy. The Jewish guy goes in first and the Captain says to him, "We have to ask you one question before we admit you in to the academy, Who killed Jesus?" The Jewish guy says "The Romans did it." The Captain says, "Right, you're admitted." The Italian guy goes in next. The Captain asks him the same thing. "We have to ask you one question first before you're admitted to the Police Academy. Who killed Jesus?" The Italian guy says "The Romans did it." The Captain says, "Right, you're admitted." The Polish guy goes in and the Captain repeats the question. The Polish guy says "Gee, I don't know." The Captain tells him to go home and think about it for a week and come back and tell him. The Polish guy goes home and his wife asked him how his first day went at the academy, and he says to her, "You won't believe it! My first day on the job and they assigned me to a murder case!"



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+ The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary Year B 15th 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

Salvation is for the whole person

Today, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary which holds that at the end of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken body and soul into heaven. Pope John Paul II further explains that this is a way of saying that because of the dignity of her motherhood and her own personal submission to God's will at every stage of her life, Mary takes precedence over everyone in the sharing of God's glory which is the destiny of all of us who die united with Christ her Son. Mary faced the mystery of God and said "Yes" – "May it be done to me according to your word." Her greatest privilege as mother of the Saviour presupposes this radical trust and generosity on her part. Hence, her true greatness is not in the privilege but in her unconditional acceptance of everything God asked of her. The Catechism of the Catholic Church further notes that "By her complete surrender to God's will, her cooperation with his son's redemptive work, and her disposition to every prompting of the Holy Spirit, Mary is the Church's model of faith and charity." The foregoing explains why Catholics treasure devotions to Mary and shows that when properly made, they don't lead Christians away from Jesus as some would suppose, but they rather lead Christians more deeply into the mystery of Christ. This harmony is clearly demonstrated at the Wedding Feast at Cana where Mary commands us to do whatever Jesus tells us. On the other hand, the Assumption underscores the sacredness of the human body which we have neglected for so long because we are used to a spirituality that stresses on the soul which is recommended for redemption and eternity while the body is associated with vanity. St Paul reminds us that our body is the Temple of the Holy Spirit (1Cor. 6:19). It is not an inessential element of human beings but an integral part. The body was created directly by God, assumed by the Word in the incarnation and sanctified by the Spirit in baptism. Christianity preaches the salvation of the body, not salvation from the body. Bodies disfigured by sickness and death will be ransomed. Writing to the Philippians (3:21), St Paul assures that: "The Lord Jesus will transfigure our miserable body, conforming it to his glorious body." The tragic negligence of the human body today is demonstrated in the subjection of the body to different forms of trauma and abuse. And when the body is so traumatised, it affects the spirit. That's why the hungry man is an angry man. Assumption teaches that we should care for our bodies as salvation is for the whole person – body and soul, and for both genders – male and female.

- Mass Times & Intentions 15th – 21st August 2021**
- Sat 14th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Mrs Shilabees, Brendan Miles, Anne Quilan (month's mind) (RIP), Jacqueline Roberts (INT)
 - Sun 15th 9:00am:** Margaret O'Flynn, Raymond Tomlinson (RIP), Gabriel Essien-Oku, Kaydian Richards & family, Ogo Chime & family, Maureen Currie, Gabby Mehmet (INT)
 - 11:30am:** Carly & family, Gabriel Essien-Oku, KC Maduako & family (INT)
 - 6:30pm:** Marie Fitzgerald, Helen Bonfil (ANN), Teresa Carter (INT)
 - Mon 16th St. Stephen of Hungary 12 noon:** Gabriel Essien-Oku (18th birthday) (INT)
 - Tue 17th 12 noon:** Maeve McAllister (ANN), Richard Hill (INT)
 - Wed 18th noon:** Dee-Arn Sewell (INT)
 - Thur 19th St. John Eudes 12 noon:** Maurice Lewis (ANN)
 - Fri 20th St Bernard 12 noon:** Charmaine Tomlinson (INT)
 - Sat 21st St. Pius X 12 noon:** Nanny Franks (100th posthumous birthday) (RIP), Lucie Thompson, Dorothy Carr (INT)

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 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

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. 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. Amen.

FIRST READING (Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6.10)

The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire for ever have been won by our God and all authority for his Christ.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 44:10-12.16)

R. On your right stands the queen, in garments of gold.

1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones.

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. **R**

2. So will the king desire your beauty: he is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. **R**

SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 15:20-27)

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet - though when it is said that everything is subjected, this clearly cannot include the One who subjected everything to him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Mary has been taken up into heaven; all the choirs of angels are rejoicing.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 1:39-56)

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.' And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy - according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

PRAY OVER THE GIFTS

May this oblation, our tribute of homage, rise up to you, O Lord, and, through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love, constantly long for you. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has great things for me.

Mass

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

Readers

Joanna Hemmingway
Rachel McGonigal
Joe Baffoe
Joseph Ogbonna

PRAY AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the Sacrament of salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stewards

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

FEAST OF THE WEEK



16th August

St. Stephen of Hungary

Stephen I was the last Grand Prince of the Hungarians between 997 and 1000 or 1001, and the first King of Hungary from 1000 or 1001. Although both of his parents were baptised, Stephen was the first member of his family to become a devout Christian. In a series of wars against semi-independent tribes and chieftains he unified the Carpathian Basin. He established at least one archbishopric, six bishoprics and three Benedictine monasteries, leading the Church in Hungary to develop independently from the archbishops of the Holy Roman Empire. He encouraged the spread of Christianity by meting out severe punishments for ignoring Christian customs. Hungary enjoyed a lasting period of peace during his reign, and became a preferred route for pilgrims and merchants travelling between Western Europe, the Holy Land and Constantinople. He survived all of his children, dying on 15 August 1038, and was buried in his new basilica, built in Székesfehérvár and dedicated to the Holy Virgin. He was canonised by Pope Gregory VII, together with his son, Emeric, and Bishop Gerard of Csanád, in 1083. In Hungary his feast day is celebrated on 20 August, a public holiday commemorating the foundation of the state.

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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