

NEWS AND VIEWS

Thank you and Farewell to Fr Ugo: We have been blessed with 7 years of Fr Ugo's presence and while he was with us he did enhance the growth of a beautiful parish community, although he has asked that no celebrations should be done for him, but we should continue to keep him in our thoughts and prayers. In the spirit of appreciation and goodwill, envelopes will be given out at all the Masses this weekend.

Important Note for our Diaries: On 15th of September (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.

Parish Safeguarding Team: 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 house-bound should please work with the Safeguarding Officers to ensure that they are DBS-checked before the end of Sept.

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.

100 Club September draw: The 1st prize of £180 went to **no. 43**, 2nd prize of £60 to **no.23**, 3rd prize of £30 to **no. 74**, and

the 4th prize of £30 to **no. 11**. £300 was raised for parish funds. October draw is on Friday 1st October.

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. **Signed copies are available from the Parish office during office hours.**

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.

Christian Stewardship: (22nd August 2021)
Envelopes: £200 **Loose:** £525.46. **Contactless:** £52.46. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

September Diary

Tuesday 14th 7pm: **Parish Volunteers' Mass**

Wednesday 15th 7pm: **Bishop's Mass** for the unveiling of the Portrait of Our Lady of Sorrows

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



A priest is buying a parrot. "Are you sure it doesn't scream, yell, or swear?" asked the priest. "Oh absolutely. It's a religious parrot," the storekeeper assures him. "Do you see those strings on his legs? When you pull the right one, he recites the lord's prayer, and when you pull on the left he recites the hail Mary." "Wonderful!" says the priest, "but what happens if you pull both strings?" "I fall off my perch, you silly man!" screeched the parrot.



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+ 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B 5th September 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 only dogma ...

Once, there was a little feeble old man. His eyes blinked and his hands trembled; when he ate he clattered, missed his mouth with the spoon as often as not, and dribbled a bit of his food on the tablecloth. He lived with his married son, having nowhere else to live, and his son's wife didn't like it. "I can't have this," she said. "It interferes with my right to happiness." So she and her husband took the old man gently but firmly by the arm and led him to the corner of the kitchen where they set him on a stool and gave him his food in an earthenware bowl. From then on he always ate in the corner, blinking at the table with wistful eyes. One day his hands trembled rather more than usual, and the earthenware bowl fell and broke. "If you are a pig," said the daughter-in-law, "you must eat out of a trough." So they made him a little wooden trough from where he got his meals. These people had a four-year-old son of whom they were very fond. One evening the young man noticed his boy playing intently with some bits of wood and asked what he was doing. "I'm making a trough," he said, smiling up for approval, "to feed you and Mamma out of when I get big." The man and his wife looked at each other for a while and didn't say anything. Then they cried a little. They then went to the corner and took the old man by the arm and led him back to the table. They sat him in a comfortable chair and gave him his food on a plate, and from then on nobody ever scolded when he clattered or spilled or broke things. This story brings out the evil of overlooking the fact that every human being, irrespective of age, health or wealth, needs to be treated with dignity and respect. Today's second reading from James condemns favouritism which can take the form of looking up to the rich and powerful or looking down on the weak and vulnerable. St. James says that favouritism is inconsistent with the Christian faith because Jesus himself was not a respecter of persons. Pope Francis had said that the only dogma he knows is that every human being on earth bears the image and likeness of God which comes before the obvious differences of social class, culture, gender or lifestyle. Our prayer today is that God may open our eyes of faith to see Him and serve Him in all people, especially in the poor, the weak and the vulnerable.

Mass Times & Intentions

5th – 11th September 2021

Sat 4th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Maria Felicidade Zanre, Muriel Roberts (RIP), Mary Grace, Charis Etim-Bassey (INT)
Sun 5th 9:00am: Muriel Roberts, Oliver Connell (RIP), Mary Hanway-Magee, Maureen Tayler, Paani Dias, Rita Rawlings (INT)

11:30am: John Byrne, Maureen Meehane, Paul Lewis, May Kennedy, Eileen McGrath, Michael Richard (RIP), Annie McDonagh (5th) County Clare (ANN), Peggy Brouder, Mary Fitzgerald, Freida Glackin & family, Elizabeth Earley (INT)

6:30pm: James Armstrong, Maureen Meehane, Tony Glackin (RIP), Patrick Casey, MaryAnn & Simon (ANN)

Mon 6th 12 noon: Mary Slattery (RIP)

Tue 7th 12 noon: Dr Esther Okafor, Ann Rigley (INT)

Wed 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12 noon: Anne Murphy (1st), Colin Page (ANN), Fr Kevin, Mary Stephens (INT)

Thur 9th St. Peter Claver 12 noon: George, Muriel Roberts (RIP), Philomena Clifford (5th), Delia Hansberry (ANN), Annie Michael Gannow, Mary Hansberry, Beryl Tamsett, Carol Belsten (INT)

Fri 10th 12 noon: Alan & Felicity Harrison (INT)

Sat 11th 12 noon: John Fahey, Mary & Tom Doyle (ANN), John & Lucie Thompson (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 11am, 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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145)

R. My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mass

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

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Rachel McGonigal
Mark Renner
Tracey Mullett

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Leo Teme Teme
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Joseph Ogbonna

FEAST OF THE WEEK



8th September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Nativity of Mary, the Marymas or the Birth of the Virgin Mary, refers to the feast day celebrating the birth of Mary, mother of Jesus. The modern canon of scripture does not record Mary's birth. The earliest known account of Mary's birth is found in the Protoevangelium of James (5:2), an apocryphal text from the late second century, with her parents known as St. Anne and St. Joachim. In the case of saints, the Church commemorates their date of death, with St. John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary as the few whose birth dates are commemorated. The reason for this is found in the singular mission each had in salvation history, but traditionally also because these alone were holy in their very birth (for Mary, see Immaculate Conception; John was sanctified in St. Elizabeth's womb according to the traditional interpretation of Luke 1:15).

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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