

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Thank you and Farewell to Fr Ugo:** All appreciation envelopes will be collected at all the Masses this weekend.

**Important Note for our Diaries:** On 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Calling On All Young-Adult Catholics** between the age of 18-45 years in our parish who would love to be apart of this new initiative should please contact the parish office or John & Alessandra Knight on [john.knight@rcm.ac.uk](mailto:john.knight@rcm.ac.uk) or on **07512781274** for more information.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:projects@gentledusk.org.uk) **Mobile:** 07986 637702.

**Christian Stewardship:** (29th August 2021)

**Envelopes:** £233 **Loose:** £501.86. **Contactless:** £172.46. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

## September Diary

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm: **Parish Volunteers' Mass**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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



Kevin was not an ideal child. He managed to get into mischief frequently, and was always trailed by his younger brother, Ken. Finally, at her wits' end, his long-suffering mother took him to see their parish priest. The father decided to focus Kevin's mind on higher levels. "Kevin," he asked with great seriousness, "where is God?" Kevin gave no reply. "Kevin, where is God?" Again there was silence. For a third time the priest asked the question, and this time Kevin bolted out of the office and ran all the way home. He burst into his brother's room. "Ken," he panted breathlessly, "Father can't find God and he thinks we had something to do with it!"



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**+ 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B**  
**12th 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

On this twenty fourth Sunday, we honour Christ the son of God who humbly accepted the will of God by generously accepting to carry his cross. Jesus was confirming the prophecy of Isaiah before Peter interrupted him. Jesus knew that this was the will of God for him and was willing to show his practical love for humanity. So, as the Suffering Servant and Messiah, his core mission was to redeem humanity through his own suffering and death. However, Peter did not understand this. Peter's case today is a typical example of how a godly and spiritual person could be manipulated in order to stand against the will of God. A few moments before, Peter identified Christ as the son of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. The next moment he was used by Satan in order to oppose God's will. There are two reasons for this. First, Peter could not believe that Jesus could descend so low as to allow himself be killed by human beings. Second, Peter set his mind on what he will lose should this happen. He thought he will lose his position in the earthly kingdom which they thought Christ had come to establish. So, he did not want to hear Christ talk about suffering and death now. However, he did not know he was standing against the will of God. Like most of us today, Peter knew who Jesus was but was not ready to accept the reality that faced him. He wanted the crown but denies the cross that must come before it. Like Peter, most times we do not want to face the realities of our life. Rather, we want to deny them. We only want to hear that there will be no problems or difficulties in life. We want to reduce or run away from our cross and yet, we want to follow Christ. My dear friends practical Christianity means faith in action. It means accepting to carry our cross humbly and patiently while relying on the same grace that helped Christ. It is by carrying his cross and, dying on it that Christ demonstrated his practical love, charity, generosity and faith in action for us. So, he wants us to do the same. This is why he tells us today: "If anyone wants to be my follower...let him carry his cross and follow me...Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for the sake of the gospel will save it." The good news is our crosses will not last forever, but will definitely end up in triumph.

### Mass Times & Intentions

12th – 18th September 2021

**Sat 11th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Peter McNamnee (RIP)

**Sun 12th 9:00am:** Alex Balseiro, Janet Hutchings, Tony Glackin (RIP), Joffre Colquhoun, Anna Coco-Bassey, Giuseppe Solari (ANN), Mary Hansberry (INT)

**11:30am:** Tony Glackin (posthumous b'day), Eileen Carroll (RIP), Sally & Patrick Sweeney, Betty Nixon, Catherine Hollywood (ANN)

**6:30pm:** Timothy Carroll (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Amy & Larry, Ekanem & Uche, Essien-Oku family (INT)

**Mon 13th St. John Chrysostom 12 noon:** Alex Balseiro, Ann Fallon, Julia Perile (RIP), Frank Cheah, John Snowling (ANN), Jean Gafferty, Lawrence family (INT)

**Tue 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 12 noon:** *Funeral Mass for Maureen Meehane*

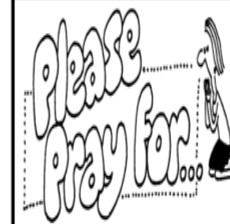
**Wed 15th Our Lady of Sorrows 12 noon:** Theresa Jones (RIP), Pat & Mary Reaney, Mike & Mamie Mullins ANN), Catherine Powell (INT)

**7:00pm:** *Mass of the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows/Unveiling of painting*

**Thur 16th Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian 12 noon:** *Funeral Mass for Jean Carter*

**Fri 17th St. Robert Bellarmine 12 noon:** Katie Howard (1st) (ANN)

**Sat 18th 12 noon:** Bridie Brennan, Jackie Begley, Katie Howard (ANN), Dee-Arn Sewell (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 Munnely, 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. David Atuanya CSSp, Fr. Benedict Baka CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp

**Parish Office Team:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald

**Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri - (9am – 3pm), Tue, Thur. - (9am-1pm)

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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

Give peace, Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

## OPENING PRAYER

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through 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 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare to condemn me?

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 114)

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R.**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **R.**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R.**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R.**

## SECOND READING James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia**  
**I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;**  
**no one can come to the Father except through me.**  
**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

### Mass

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

### Readers

Joanna Hemmingway  
Rachel McGonigal  
Joe Baffoe  
Tracey Mullett

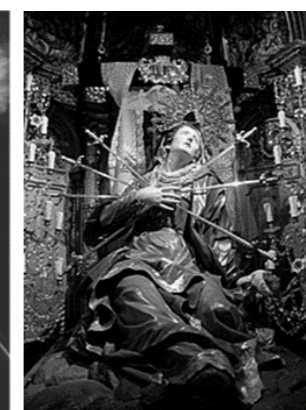
## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

### Stewards

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

## FEAST OF THE WEEK



**15th September**  
Our Lady of Sorrows

The Seven Sorrows of Mary are a popular Roman Catholic devotion, events frequently depicted in art, with one or more long knives piercing the heart of the Blessed Virgin. Common examples of piety under this title are the Servite rosary or the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady,

1. The Prophecy of Simeon
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem
4. Mary's meeting Jesus on the Via Dolorosa (not found in the New Testament)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus on Mount Calvary
6. Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross.
7. The Burial of Jesus by Joseph of Arimathea

### 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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Joan Fitzgerald 07811419531 **Email:** archwaysg1@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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