

NEWS AND VIEWS

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows: Congratulations dear parishioners on our very successful Unveiling of the portrait of Our Lady of Sorrows on the Feast day. Many of the attendees including Bishop Nicholas Hudson, Our dear Fr Ugo the Spiritan Provincial Superior and the family of the artist Alexander Talbot-Rice have all expressed their joy and gratitude. May we all remain inspired to active love as demonstrated during this event. Special thanks to all who worked behind the scene to make this a huge success. May St. Gabriel of Our lady of Sorrows continue to pray for us.

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.

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

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 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 housebound should please work with the Safeguarding Officers to ensure that they are DBS-checked before the end of Sept.

La Sainte Union: Open Evening is on Thursday 23rd September 4-7pm Or attend our: Open Days Monday 4th – Friday 15th 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: (12th September 2021)
Envelopes: £204.50 **Loose:** £333.86. **Contactless:** £. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

September Diary
Friday 24th 7pm: **Baptism meeting with parents and godparents**
Saturday 25th 12noon: **Baptism follows immediately after the Mass**

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**GALILEE DEATH SON THREE
TWELVE HOUSE MAN SERVANT
WELCOMES LAST RISE CHILD**



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



A woman was in coma when she was delivered of her twins. When she came round to find that she had given birth and that her brother had named the twins, she became very worried because he wasn't a very bright guy. She was sure he had named them something absurd or stupid. When she saw her brother she asked him about the twins. He said, "The first one was a girl."
The mom: "What did you name her?!"
Brother: "Deniece!"
The Mom: "Oh, wow, that's not bad! What about the second one?"
Brother: "The second one was a boy."
The Mom: "Oh, and what did you name him?"
Brother: "Denephew."



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+ 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B
19th 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 irrational fear that cripples

The great G.K. Chesterton had argued that original sin - the human tendency for evil, is the only doctrine for which there is manifest evidence; you only need to watch the 10 O'clock news. Most of the breaking news are news of pure evil; stories of war and violence where the nations that supply the instruments of war are also the ones that provide the "humanitarian aids". Our readings this Sunday reflect this human tendency to evil. The First Reading bemoans the plot of the wicked: "Let us ambush the just man since he annoys and opposes our way of life..." Jesus was a target because as a force for good, he had to be resisted by a sinful world. He predicted his impending violent death in the Gospel. The opposition to him came almost with the announcement of his birth as the King Herod massacred all newly born males in the bid to eliminate him. Things escalated as soon as he started his public ministry and came to climax with his crucifixion and death. He experienced the worst of human dysfunction as he was mocked even as he hung dying on the cross. Think of how we despise the one acclaimed to be the good one among us. The surest sign of our dysfunction is that we want to undermine the good one. We resent them because we are filled with fearful selfishness; their getting attention means that we are not getting attention. We work with the warped mentality that if people go down then we can go up. We won't openly admit it but deep down we are kind of happy that a certain person is in trouble. But if all were well with us, we will recognise that everything is a gift; whatever anyone has is a gift, all meant to give glory to God. So, we are to rejoice with those who have done well and sympathise with those who struggle. Living in the crippling grip of ambition or jealousy means that your happiness depends completely on other people. But if you let go, you can find your joy in God and live happily, independent of the attitudes of others. As Jesus predicted his approaching death for the second time in a row, the appalling reaction of the disciples betrays this fundamental human dysfunction. They argued among themselves concerning which of them is the greatest. How very weird! Were they listening at all to what he has just said? Ok, let's give them the benefit of the doubt and suppose that they are perhaps being realistic and thinking ahead about who will succeed Jesus as the leader when he eventually dies. In that case, Jesus turns things on their head as he tells them; "if anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all."

Mass Times & Intentions

19th – 25th September 2021

Sat 18th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Michael Kennedy, Philip Cross, Owen Tully (RIP), PJ Forrester, Mary O'Sullivan, John & Maura Patterson (ANN)
Sun 19th 9:00am: Alex Balsiero, Mr & Mrs Heading, Alex Landman (RIP), Pat McAndrew, Bernard Etim-Bassey, Mary Dornin (ANN), Sr Rita (100th birthday) (INT)
11:30am: Eileen Carrol (RIP), Betty Dixon, Catherine Hollywood (ANN), Maurice Richards family (INT)
6:30pm: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family (INT)
Mon 20th St Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions 12 noon: Fr Aodh (INT)
Tue 21st St Matthew 12 noon: Paul & Pat Scarfe (INT)
Wed 22nd 12 noon: Con O'Leary (ANN), Lina Piroli (90th birthday), Jeremy Platten (INT)
Thur 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina 12 noon: *Funeral Mass For Franco Amatrudo*
Fri 24th Our Lady of Walsingham 12 noon: Ivy Coelho, Jessica Jones, Alice Lafford, Tony Herson, Gareth Thompson (ANN)
Sat 25th 12 noon: Russell family (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

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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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 Wisdom 2:12.17-20

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 53)

R. The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

R.

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God.

R.

But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

R.

SECOND READING James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes

Mass

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

Readers

Carmel Cannon
Rachel McGonigal
Mark Renner
Joseph Ogbonna

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. 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



24th September

Our Lady of Walsingham

Our Lady of Walsingham is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary venerated by Roman Catholics, Western Rite Orthodox Christians and some Anglicans associated with the Marian apparitions to Richeldis de Faverches. According to tradition, the Blessed Virgin Mary fetched Lady Richeldis's soul from England to Nazareth, during a religious ecstasy, to show the house where the Holy Family once lived and in which the Annunciation of Archangel Gabriel occurred. Lady Richeldis was given the task of building a replica house in her village in Walsingham. The building came to be known as the "Holy House", and later became both a shrine and a focus of pilgrimage to Walsingham. In passing on his guardianship of the Holy House, Lady Richeldis's son Geoffrey left instructions for the building of a priory in Walsingham. The priory passed into the care of the Canons Regular of St. Augustine, sometime between 1146 and 1174. The feast day of Our Lady of Walsingham is kept on 24 September in both the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

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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