

NEWS AND VIEWS

Sacraments for next year

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2023: It is time to register for these 2 sacraments. The catechism classes will start in September. To be eligible for **First Communion**, the child must be **7 years by the 31st of August**. For **Confirmation**, the candidate must be **13 years by the 31st of August**.

RCIA Adults who wish to convert fully to the Catholic faith should also register for **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** to be received at Easter. We work with Adults in an Adult way to achieve the sacraments that will question, enhance and renew your faith & commitment to God. The lessons will also start in September. **Please pick up all the relevant registration forms from the Parish Office.**

Fr. David & Fr. Ben will be leaving us at the end of August for new postings to **Sts Michael & Martin Church in Hounslow** and **St Michael School Chaplaincy, Watford**. We have all been blessed by their presence and service during their stay with us. We shall have a Mass of thanksgiving in their honour (**dates to be confirmed**) followed by farewell socials. **Fr. Moses Enehizena & Fr Ignatius Quan** will be joining us on **Thursday 1st of September** as Parish Priest and Assistant Parish Priest respectively. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Mary(Mamie) Williamson RIP. The death has occurred of Mary (fondly called Mamie) a longstanding and distinguished parishioner. Her funeral will take place on the 15th of August 2022 here in our parish at 12noon. We commiserate with her friends and family and keep them in our prayers. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

Calling On All Young-Adult Catholics If you are between the ages of 18-45, **join us at 7:00 pm in the St Gabriel's meeting room.** Every Tuesday, **from 9th August**, there will be the chance to meet (**virtually or in person**) all other young Catholics, pray together and grow in our faith. If you would like to know more, contact John and Alessandra Knight on john.knight@rcm.ac.uk or on **07512781274**.

Parish Office Hours: During the month of August the office will open for half day on Monday to Friday between 9am-1pm. The priest will also be in to attend to people as usual.

Christian Stewardship: (31st July 2022) **Envelopes:** £174 **Loose:** £318.43 **Contactless:** £36.39 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

August Diary

Sunday 14th Assumption: **The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Sunday the 14th of August instead of the usual 15th.**

Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions**

Every Last Saturday at 12noon: **Baptism**

Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction**

8pm **Parish Zoom Quiz night followed by 100 Club Draw**

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

A woman had bought lots of shoes over time and she decided it was time to kick the habit. She really took it seriously, even changing her driving route to avoid her favourite shoe store. One evening, however, she arrived home carrying a shoe box. Her husband grinned at her, but it didn't faze her at all. "These are very special shoes," she explained. "I accidentally drove by the shoe store and there in the window were the most perfect shoes I've ever seen! I felt this was no accident, so I thought I'd let fate decide. If I would get a parking spot directly in front of the shop, the shoes were meant for me. And sure enough, the eighth time around the block, there it was!"



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+ 19th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C
7th August 2022

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.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

BE ALWAYS VIGILANT

On this nineteenth Sunday of the Church's liturgical year C, we are reminded of our need to be always vigilant. The Lord has assured us of His salvation, and that His word will be fulfilled. The first reading [Wisdom 18:6-9] refers to the Exodus, that is the passing over of the people of Israel from slavery to freedom. In the reading the children of Israel looked back at their history and discover that God has always been faithful. This gives them courage and hope for the future. The gospel [Luke 12: 32-48] invites us to be always vigilant, to be always ready for the Lord when He brings liberation. He may come when we least expect Him. **'Watch therefore, and be ready; the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect'** [cf. Matthew 24: 42, 44]. The 2nd reading speaks of Abraham and Sarah, models of faith in God. They heeded the voice of God and responded. Abraham was a man of faith. He obeyed God in faith when he was asked to go to a strange land. He had a vision of being in a city 'founded, designed, and built by God.' Both Abraham and Sarah believed in God's salvation even when appearances suggested the contrary. They were always vigilant. The Son of Man will come when we least expect him. So, we have to celebrate this Sunday Mass as if it were our first Mass; as if it were our last Mass; as if it were our only Mass." If we pray every day with this sense of urgency, we will be ready for the Lord when he does come to welcome us to his heavenly banquet.

Mass Times & Intentions 7th - 13th August 2022

Sat 6th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Jacinta Clerkin (RIP), Nina Green, Eileen Winters (INT)

Sun 7th 9:00am: Kitty Waldron, Peggy Forkan (RIP), Muriel Roberts, Francis Curran (6th), Sharon Gaudio (posthumous birthday) (ANN), Melanie Pinfield, Battersbee family, Special Private Intention (INT)

11:30am: Mary Slattery, Joe Brickley, Peggy Forkan, Mary Williamson, Barbara Carolan (RIP), Margaret Riordan, Dolores McDonnell, J.J McGrath, Sean Connheney, Hugh McDaid (ANN)

6:30pm: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, Manny, Lillian & family, Carol & John Baker and family (INT)

Mon 8th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross 12 noon: Kitty Marshall, Lena Walshe, Liam Dyer (ANN), Mary Stephens (INT)

Tue 9th St Eusebius of Vercelli 12 noon: Phil White (RIP), Muriel Roberts (2nd) Beryl Tamsett, Carol Belsten, Jane White (INT)

Wed 10th St Lawrence: Mary Anne Evans & Rob Mills (INT)

Thur 11th St Clare 12 noon: Julianne O'Connor (Month's Mind) (RIP), (ANN), John & Lucie Thompson (INT)

Fri 12th St Jane Frances de Chantal 12 noon: Bel Druce, Freda von Bock, Margaret Sheehan (ANN)

Sat 13th Sts Pontian & Hippolytus 12 noon: Hugh Swalwell, Maureen McCarthy (ANN), Jasmine, Morrison Dias (Birthday), Philip Etim-Bassey, Alan & Felicity Harrison (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Toghger, Geraldine McKeane, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whitched, Emo Paddy Essang, Madeleine, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Rita Atuanya, Gloria Munian

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

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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 18:6-9)

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32)

R. Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

R

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

R

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

R

SECOND READING (Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19)

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving

any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 12:32-48)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. "The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our Salvation. through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Michelle Carr	June Gray/Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Innocent/Olga	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	John Obligar	June/Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	Michelle Carr	Samson Bamidele

The Prayer Of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

Attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), it has been traditionally used at Councils and Synods for hundreds of years. The version below was specifically designed for the Church's Synodal journey from 2021 to 2023.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

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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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