

NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Project 2nd Collection will take place **this weekend at all Masses**, please give generously.

Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass will take place during the 11.30am Mass, refreshment will be immediately after Mass in the meeting room.

Christmas Carol Concert on Friday 8th at 6.30pm. Groups or Individual acts are welcome to perform, please kindly (notify Parish Office). The Carol raffle tickets are **£5 a strips or £1 a ticket.** We also appeal for the raffle prizes, and hamper donations. Let us make another memorable concert.

Christmas Decorations: All the volunteers who have indicated that they will help put up the decorations should please come in from **Tuesday 5th December @ 10am.** The decorations need to be up before the Parish Carol concert on the **8th of December.** May God continue to bless us all.

Mass Streaming Services will start from the **10th of December 2023** Masses, if you do not wish to appear online, please avoid the two middle **edge** front rows of the church. The camera is static and focuses only on the altar. We hope to evangelise to all with this technology.

First Holy Communion dates: Dec. 3rd (Enrolment Mass), 17th...more dates after Christmas. **First Holy Communion celebration 2nd June, 2024.** Please enter the meeting through the parish car park.

Fr. Oliver's Farewell: We shall have the opportunity to thank him for all his contributions to our parish while also serving as the Chaplain at Whittington hospital for many years. He will celebrate Masses during the weekend of **16th/17th** December. We will continue to keep him in our prayers.

Faith Sharing/Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Every Saturday at 10am in the Meeting Room. While candidates to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church (RCIA) will be supported in their faith journey, it is an opportunity for all Catholics to share and grow in faith.

Prague/Poland in 25th-31st May 2024: Cost **£870.** including flight, lodging (sharing), breakfast and dinner. **for 7 days.** Please find the full details on the display glass board in the porch.

- **Next instalment of 25% by December 10th,** to secure booking of flights and hotel reservations. 3rd instalment **25% March 31st 2024,** Final instalment by **May 10th 2024.** Those who need visa to travel will sort it out by themselves; the tour company will provide hotel reservations to support visa application. Travel insurance will also be gotten by individuals for themselves.

Christian Stewardship: 26th November 2023
Envelopes: £215 **Loose:** £417.23 **Contactless:** £173. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

November Diary

Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**
Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**
Every Saturday evening after Mass: **Bingo in the meeting room**
Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**
Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room** 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

PARISH DECEMBER DIARY DATES

- Friday 8th-Christmas Carol Concert @ 6.30pm
- Sunday 10th- Volunteer Mass @ 11.30am
- Fri. 15th-17th- Advent Parish Retreat
- Nativity Rehearsal: 17th @ 10am, 22nd @ 10am, 23rd @ 10am, 24th @ 12.45pm -1.30pm & 5pm

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GUARD ABROAD TASK DAWN **AWAKE HOME EVENING COCKCROW** **ASLEEP SERVANTS MIDNIGHT KNOW**



Food For Thought

Isaiah 52:7

How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

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



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+1st Sunday of Advent Time B
3rd December 2023



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

Wake up!

That's what today's Gospel tells us to do to prepare for the Lord's coming. People lose their guard in bed. To be awake is to be fully present to the realities of everyday; to the joys and the challenges, rejoicing with those who rejoice and mourning with those who mourn. It means being humbly grateful for God's presence and action in and through the people around us. We are supported by so many people, most of whom we do not even know. Many, by their labours, make available our daily food and drink. How often do I thank God and appreciate them? Through them God's love and care come daily into my life but we can so easily take it all for granted. The psychology of mindfulness which has become very popular today promotes becoming more aware of the present moment, paying more attention to the world around you and experiencing afresh the things that we have been taking for granted. Violence appears to make breaking news only when we are the victims. We have lost the sense that the daily violence we watch from the comfort of our living rooms are the living realities of human beings like us. Perhaps we are complicit in some of the crisis but we vote to lock our doors against those fleeing from them. The doorkeeper in today's Gospel is called to stay awake so as to recognise and welcome the Lord whenever he "suddenly" appears. Recognition is crucial because the Lord does not always come in easily recognizable ways. In the Parable of the Last Judgment which we heard last Sunday, he came in the form of the needy; the hungry, the sick, the naked, the stranger, the lonely and many did not recognize him. Drivers take all sorts of stimulants to stay awake on steering. So what can help us to stay awake? The living word of God! It will speak to us incisively during this season. As the Book of Psalms prays, as we hear his voice (this season) let us not harden our hearts!

Mass Times & Intentions 3rd – 9th December 2023

Sat 2nd Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Joseph McLoughlin (ANN), Mary, Margaret & Hugo Gallagher, Ella Humphreys (INT)
Sun 3rd 9:00am: Patricia & Bernard Etim-Bassey, Arthur & Anna Bradley, Martin Bradley, Jean Bradley, Louis Bradley, Joe Laverty (ANN)
11:30am: Eddie Sweeney, Patricia Etim-Bassey, Mary Ellen Hunt (ANN), Hans Kojo Neizer, Joan Kirwan, Susan Uyanna (INT)
6:30pm: Patricia Etim-Bassey (ANN), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Laurence, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, Manny, Lillian & family, Larry & family (INT)
Mon 4th St John Damascene 12 noon: *Funeral Mass of Margaret Mary Shanaban*
Tue 5th 12 noon: Ahano Aroko-Ekhaton, Diane Senior (INT)
Wed 6th St Nicholas 12 noon: Frank Wharton (ANN)
Thur 7th St Ambrose 12 noon: Parish Volunteers
Fri 8th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12 noon: People of the Parish Community
Sat 9th St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin 12 noon: Mary Duffy (RIP), Ina O'Shea, Carol Belsten, Mary Stephens (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, 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, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, 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, Emo Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Ola Gam-Ikon, Private Intention, Eddy Renwick, Ralph Nwosuh, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley

Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £20,000 + VAT
 2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £17,900 + VAT
 3. New Security Gate around Parish Carpark/ Exit on Holloway Road (Harling Security Solutions) £25,522 + VAT
- Donations towards the projects would be highly appreciated. Donations so far received **£2,285.49** Thanks.

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Fr. Isah Katuka 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 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

To you, I lift my soul, O my God. In you I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. 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 63:16-17;64:1,3-8

You, Lord, yourself are our Father. Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 79)

R. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

R

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted **R**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task, and he has told the door-keeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn: if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what we grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord in which we have participated, profit us we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	June G.	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Innocent Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	June G. & Mary A.	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle C	Joe Ogbonna

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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