

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Mass of the Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (Patron of our Parish),** on Monday 27th February at 12noon Mass followed by socials in the Meeting Room.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal** Family Fast Day is Friday 3rd March. Please collect an envelope from the back of the church and return it at the second collection on 4th/5th March - or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Thank you for your generosity

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**100 Club February prize-winning numbers:** 1st £162, no. 26. 2nd £65, no. 12, 3rd £33, no.44. 4th £33, no. 71. 5th £33, no. 27. Congratulations to all the winners. The March draw will take place after the 1st Friday service on 3rd March.

**World Youth Day 2023 in Portugal:** Beginning from the 1st-6th August 2023, all young people interested should speak with Fr Moses after Masses this weekend.

**Parish Project Collection (Help @ Home)** this will take place after all weekend Masses.

**RCIA: Rite of Election**

This weekend, our catechumens will be named by our Cardinal as members of the Elect—those chosen by God for baptism. We pray for both our candidate and catechumen's continued growth in the Spirit.

**1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am:** Mar. 5th, 11th, 19th, Apr. 2nd, 23rd, May 7th, 14th, 21st, Jun. 4th, 10th. The celebration of the **First Communion will take place Sunday 11th June during the 11.30am Mass.**

**Dates for Confirmation Sessions:** Mar. 8th, 22nd, Easter break. Apr. 19th, May 3rd, 17th, June 7th, 21st, 28th -(Rehearsal in the Church). **Confirmation Ceremony is on Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.**

**Christian Stewardship:** 12th February 2023 **Envelopes:** £156.00 **Loose:** £415.17 **Contactless:** £103.24 **Parish Project-(Help At Home- £2189.27 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.**

**February Diary**

Weekend of 25th/26th: **Parish Project collection (Help @ Home)**

Monday 27th: **Mass of the Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (Patron of our Parish),** followed by socials in the Meeting Room.

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/ 100 club draws**  
7.30pm : **Parish Quiz night**

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**+ 1st Sunday of Lent Time Year A**  
**26th February 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**

**"You are ready to kill for peace, are you ready to die for it"**

There's more to the temptation of Adam and Eve than meets the eye. Notice that the Devil did not tell them that the fruit tasted better than those of the other trees, nor did they eat the fruit because they were hungry. They were rather told that if they ate this fruit, they would be like God. In other words, they would have no need of God. The Original Sin is thus this tendency of man to push God aside; to become lord instead of creature. And it is the beginning of man's problems. Like Adam and Eve, Jesus is tempted in the Gospel. Fortunately, he overcame, so we can draw some lessons from the experience of Jesus for our own day. First of all, notice the Devil's approach; how he first applies psychology to plant a seed of doubt in his target's mind. Twice he dares Jesus: "If you are indeed the Son of God, then do this and that". That was the same mind game he played on Eve, asking her: "Did God actually say you should not eat of the fruit of this tree." Before she knew it, she began to have second thoughts on what she was previously convinced about. Be careful therefore when people start questioning your convictions, especially your faith. The devil might be at work. They can even quote the Bible to support their position but do not be deceived. Even the Devil also quotes the Bible (out of context) to support his position. That is exactly the next tactic he applied for Jesus. Thus, not all ideas are well intended irrespective of how "spiritually" or logically they are packaged. Then, the Devil is a shrewd opportunist; he tempts us with that which we desperately desire. He knew that having fasted for forty days, Jesus would be very hungry, so he came asking Jesus to turn stones into bread. We must therefore be very careful whenever we are desperate for something because then we become so vulnerable and the Devil uses the thing as a bait to manipulate us. Meanwhile, the test of turning stones into bread relates to how we use our God-given gifts and talents. The tendency is to use our gifts to make a living for ourselves. But St. Paul tells us that spiritual gifts are given to the individual "for the common good" Jesus would later on in his ministry multiply bread to feed others. But he would not do so to feed himself. Do we see our talents and jobs as means to serve others also or simply as a means to make a living for ourselves alone? Finally, the Devil showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and their riches and then made a shocking claim that they all belonged to him. Yet, what is even more disturbing is that Jesus did not dispute that claim. Hence, Jesus may just have conceded that there is something 'devilish' about power and wealth.

**Mass Times & Intentions 26th February – 4th March 2023**

**Sat 25th 6:30pm:** Sean Walsh, Michael Garvey, Hazel Duggan, Maria Georgina De Almeida Angelico (RIP), Jerry Lennon (1st) (ANN), Leesa Pablot (INT)

**Sun 26th 9:00am:** Mary Harnett, Thomas McKeon, Pat Foley, Mick Garvey (RIP), Brendan Nelson (1st), Bernadette & Ignatius Chukelu (ANN), Rita Avanzi (INT)

**11:30am:** Deceased members of the Nelson family, Gloria Akanbi, Con & Nora Murphy, Martin & Ellen Togher (RIP), Brendan Nelson (1st) (ANN), Mary Doyle (90th birthday), Ann Sharp & family (INT)

**6:30pm:** Mary Coughlan (RIP), Essien-Oku family, Uche & Ekanem, Philip & Tunu, Udoh family, Amy & Laurence, Eyo Okon Eyo family, Emo & Paddy, Mark West (INT)

**Mon 27th St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows 12 noon:** Jeremiah Denison (RIP), Jeanette Ette (ANN), Joey Willis & family, George Lydon, Parker family, Mayers family, Saviel family, Fred Hill, Maureen Coelho (INT)

**Tue 28th 12 noon:** Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, John Meehan, Yvonne McHugh (RIP), Jeanette Ette (15th), Magdalena Koronyo (ANN), Michael Osijo, Rita Avanzi (birthday), Sam Haslam, Rica Coelho (INT)

**Wed 1st: St David 12 noon:** Judy Shannon (RIP), Rita Avanzi, Shannon family, Philomena Kpodo & family (INT)

**Thur 2nd 12 noon:** Patrick & Margaret Reaney (RIP), Lewis Parnell (ANN)

**Fri 3rd 11:30am:** Stations of the Cross followed by 1st Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction  
**6:30pm:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

**Sat 4th St Casimir 12 noon: People of the Parish**



Rebecca Campbell, 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, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Tina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeaney, 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 Paddy Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea

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

**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Ignatius Quan CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Seminarian Raphael Muendo  
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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 ...*

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



**Food For Thought**

**Isaiah 43:18-19**

Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness. The beasts of the field, the jackals and ostriches, will honor me, because I have put water in the desert and streams in the wilderness to give water to my people, my chosen ones.



# TODAY'S READINGS

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

## OPENING PRAYER

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Gen 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under the pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman: 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 50)

**R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

**R.**

My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done.

**R.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

**R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

**R.**

## SECOND READING Rom 5: 12,17-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!  
Man does not live on bread alone  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

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## GOSPEL Mt 4: 1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says; He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed now with heavenly bread by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread and strive to live by every word which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	June Gray	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Maureen Tayler	Innocent Teme Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	June Gray/ Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	Michelle Carr	Joseph 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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