

NEWS AND VIEWS

Fr. Martin & Raphael's Farewell: We shall have the opportunity to thank them from now till we celebrate the Mass in their honour next weekend of 26th/27th August. We will continue to keep them in our prayers.

Parish Pilgrimage to Aylesford: Proposed date will be **23rd September** and the cost will be **£20** a seat, again we will need committed numbers to be able to book any coach. Book on in the parish office.

First Holy Communion/Reception into the Church **2024:** Registration is now open for children who will be making their First Holy Communion next year. They need to be 7 years old by the 31st of August. Adults who are yet to be baptised or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should also register for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). **Please it important that you register at the Parish Office.** Please parents/guardians before making this decision, **kindly prepare to be at least 90% committed to see our young ones through this journey.** Our Catechists are all selfless volunteers. We emphasise on respecting them and committing to this spiritual journey for our children. **Registration forms can be picked from the Parish Office.**

Request For Volunteers: We would like to thank our parishioners who have come to our immediate call for help, we ask God to bless you all. However, we still need committed volunteers in a few of our other groups. If you feel you can commit to these groups, kindly speak to the priest(s) or let the parish office be aware. We have added the **other groups** on the **notice board** for those who would like to enrich our parish.

100 Club: The following were the August winners: **1st:** £182-**no.18.** **2nd:** £73- **no.36.** **3rd:** £36 - **no.28.** **4th:** £36 - **no.100.** **5th:** £36- **no. 54.** For the September draw, subscriptions are due in at church by next weekend at the latest. The draw takes place on Friday 1st September after the 1st Friday service. New members are welcome!

Christian Stewardship: 13th August 2023 **Envelopes:** £179.00 **Loose:** £570.56 **Contactless:** £48.00 **Parish Project-** (Help At Home - £3,971.42 so far. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

August: Parish Office will open for half day during the month of August from 9am – 1pm. Thank you..

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 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 (non in August)**

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GENNESARET TYRE CANAANITE
 DAUGHTER DEVIL LOST
 SHEEP WOMAN HOUSEDOGS
 SCRAPS TABLE WELL



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



Food For Thought

Deuteronomy 1:17

You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God's. The case that is too hard for you, you shall bring to me, and I will hear it.'



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+20th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A
 20th August 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

The myth of superiority

Discrimination was significant in the society in which Jesus grew up, the Jews saw themselves as the chosen people of God while disregarding non-Jews as unclean. Jesus in today's Gospel had just entered the pagan district of Tyre and Sidon (present-day Lebanon) when suddenly a woman comes shouting desperately after him. She wanted Jesus to free her daughter of what was tormenting her. Her faith is expressed in the titles she gives Jesus: 'Lord' and 'Son of David' which indicate that she sees in Jesus someone above the ordinary. Yet Jesus simply ignores her. As the woman keeps shouting after them, the disciples snapped at Jesus to give her what she wants and spare them the nuisance. Jesus replies that he was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. The woman persisted and Jesus responded with the shocking remark that "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs" which clearly reflects the discriminatory mood of his society. However, given the person of Jesus and his records, it is clear that he couldn't just be promoting racism. He rather aims to expose it in its crudest form so that it could be dismantled. Totally unfazed, the woman interjects "Oh yes sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." Now, it was Jesus who caved in, completely won over by her faith, her confidence and her wit. He obliged the woman what she wanted - her daughter was instantly healed. Thanks to this woman, the belief in the exclusive divine privilege of the Jewish people was dismantled. We learn courage from her in our Christian vocation to reconcile all humankind to God. She teaches us not to be afraid to challenge prejudice even in high places. The least among us can be a vessel that God can use to bring justice and healing to all of God's sons and daughters all over the world. We also learn focus from her. When Jesus spoke to her in a very deregulatory manner, she did not lose her cool but kept her eyes on her goal of showing that even non-Jews are entitled to God's blessing in Christ. She also teaches us the need to persist in prayer trusting that Jesus really does care for us, in spite of indications to the contrary. "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:34-35).

Mass Times & Intentions 20th – 26th August 2023

Sat 19th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Patrick Pattern (ANN) Marists Sisters, Archway (INT)
Sun 20th 9:00am: Jason Wairima, James Curran, Joe O'Shea (RIP), Babs Kavanagh, Mark Hailes (ANN), Manny Ekong birthday (INT)
11:30am: Jimmy Cleary, Assunta Turin (ANN), Kathleen Timmonds, Anne Macelroy, Anastasia Nervais (INT)
6:30pm: Babs Kavanagh (ANN), Charmaine Tomlinson, Lucie Thompson, Anoja Fernando (INT)
Mon 21st St Pius X 12 noon: Vivien Flanagan, Eileen Winters (INT)
Tue 22nd The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12 noon: Mary Taylor & Robert Stephens, Jeremy Platten (INT)
Wed 23rd St Rose of Lima 12 noon: Babs Kavanagh (1st) (ANN)
Thur 24th St Bartholomew 12 noon: Sr. Sandra, Mrs C. Christopher (RIP), Patricia Gethin, Margaret Riordan (ANN)
Fri 25th St Louis 12 noon: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Debbie & Michael O'Sullivan, Mary Crowe (RIP), Otuanwan Ekpenyong-Oku, Michael Leahy (ANN)
Sat 26th Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God 12 noon: Fr Mark Leenane, Sean Faughey, Mark Foley (RIP)



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 McKeane, 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, Rosario De Cruz, Ola Gam-Ikon, Private Intention

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit
Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Martin Goba 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 ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 56: 1. 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 66)

R. Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

R.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

R.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

R.

SECOND READING Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice says the Lord. I know them and they follow me.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting. "Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil." But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleased with him. "Give her what she wants," they said "because she is shouting after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. "Lord," she said, "help me." He replied, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs." She retorted, "Ah yes sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her. "Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted." And from that moment her daughter was well again.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. Through Christ our Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mass

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

Readers

Jeanette Fayers
Rachel McGonigal
John Obligar
Maureen Tayler

Eucharist Minister

Jackie O'Shea
Olga Monpeke
June G & Joyce McDauid
Roxanne C

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
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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