

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Welcome** Fr Remigius, Fr Katuka and Seminarian Francis to our parish and we pray that their missionary work here will yield bountiful fruit. We continue to pray for Fr Martin and Seminarian Raphael as they move on from Archway.

**Parish Pilgrimage to Aylesford:** The date is the **23rd September** and the cost is **£20** a seat, the coach is filling up and we ask that interested pilgrims should 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.**

**Additional Bingo Day:** The additional day will be on the Saturday evening. The start up date will be announced shortly. Watch this space.

**Christian Stewardship:** 27th August 2023  
**Envelopes:** £171.00 **Loose:** £432.47 **Contactless:** £66.00 **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.

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**

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

**Food For Thought**  
**John 3:16**  
 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.



**Spiritans**

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**+22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A**  
**3rd September 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 anguish and tension experienced by Jeremiah is apparent also in the **Gospel**, Matt 16:21-27. We saw last Sunday Peter giving expression to his God-given insight concerning the identity of Jesus and received in response blessing and appointment to a leading role in the church that Jesus will build. But when Jesus goes on to announce that, the Son of God is destined to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die, Peter, who had so conspicuously got it right, equally conspicuously stumbles at the truth now being revealed: the more closely as '(beloved) Son' Jesus is related to God, the more closely he must be aligned with the divine will to enter into the pain and suffering of the world, to be the Son of Man who came "not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many" (20:28). This is the irony of life. The same Peter, who proclaimed that Christ is the messiah last week, is today rebuked as "Satan." Christ simply rebuked him for being an obstacle to his mission. This shows that though, Peter professed that Christ is the Messiah (as God revealed it to him), yet, he has not fully understood the nature of Christ's mission. He still sees it only from the perspective of royalty and glory. Of course, he was eager to participate in these. This also teaches us that, we are all vulnerable to making mistakes and falling, no matter how spiritual we are. So, this calls for taking seriously, the admonition of Paul: "Let him who thinks he stands, take heed lest he falls" (1Cor 10:12). Peter could not understand why Christ should be talking this way. However, God's call is not only about participating in his glory, it is also participating first in his suffering. This is what Christ did. That He offered himself as a living sacrifice means that he submitted everything without reluctance for our salvation. Yet, Peter has not realized the necessity of Christ's death, that "it is better for one man to die for the people, than to have the whole nation destroyed." (Jn 11:50).

### Mass Times & Intentions 3rd – 9th September 2023

**Sat 2nd Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Pauline Desmond, Mary Crowe (RIP), Marcos Perdiguero, Maria Elena de Miguel, Elena Perdiguero de Miguel (INT)  
**Sun 3rd 9:00am:** Peter Behan (RIP), Annie McDonough (7th) (ANN), Adrian Bradley & family, Maureen Tayler (INT)  
**11:30am:** Felicity Renwick (RIP), Anne MacElroy (INT)  
**6:30pm:** Muriel Roberts, Sean O'Dwyer, James McFadden, Colin Restall (RIP), Florence Pinfield, Peter Davis (ANN), Susan Colquhoun, Sam Haslam, Valerie & William Shackel (INT)  
**Mon 4th St Cuthbert 12 noon:** Muriel Roberts, Christine Ryan (RIP), Charis Etim-Bassey (INT)  
**Tue 5th 12 noon:** James Curran, Brian O'Brennan (Posthumous birthday), (RIP), (ANN), Paani Dias, Rita Rawlings, Bernie Carr, Wendy Winser (INT)  
**Wed 6th 12 noon:** Joe Carr (RIP), Stephen & Mary Hallissey (50th Wedding anniv), Nora Geelan (INT)  
**Thur 7th 12 noon:** Giuseppe Solari (ANN)  
**Fri 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12 noon:** Brenda & John Koster, Mary Stephens (INT)  
**Sat 9th St Peter Claver 12 noon:** John Fahey, Mary & Tom Doyle, Philis Clifford (ANN), Beryl Tamsett (INT)



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 Shackel, 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. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Fr. Isa 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

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

## OPENING PRAYER

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 Jeremiah 20: 7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: "Violence and ruin!" The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, "I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more." Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 62)

**R. For you my soul is thirsting,  
O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

**R.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

**R.**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

**R.**

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

**R.**

## SECOND READING Roman 12: 1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can  
see what hope his call holds for us.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Matthew 16: 21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. "Heaven preserve you, Lord," he said. "This must not happen to you." but he turned to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour."

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord that you keep for those who fear you.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

### Mass

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

### Readers

Ann Heekin  
Isaac Bibilian  
Mark Renner  
Eugenia Ackah

### Eucharist Minister

June Gray  
Olga Monpeke  
Joyce McD/Mary A.  
Michelle Carr

### 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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