

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Parish Pilgrimage to Aylesford:** The date is the **23rd September** and the cost is **£20** a seat, the coach departs from the parish at **9am**. There are still spaces to book on in the parish office. Please bring a pack lunch for the day.

**Evangelii Gaudium** (formerly Home Mission Sunday) calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. The focus of work for the next few years is responding to **Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025** with the Theme **Pilgrims of Hope**. Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the **second collection at all Masses next weekend**. However much you give, it will go directly to support this important work to bring the joy of the Gospel to all.

**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. Registration forms can be picked from the Parish Office.**

**St Joseph RC Primary, Highgate Hill:** The next open mornings is on: **Monday 16th October 9:00am**. Register attendance here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K7CLYK5>. We are an Ofsted and Diocesan rated 'Outstanding' school', with an

ethos based on faith, community and a true partnership between our school and the families of the children we teach. Our school life is rich in opportunities to learn and to worship both as individuals and as part of a strong, supportive environment. We provide a rigorously stimulating academic curriculum, together with a strong tradition of extra-curricular activities. We would be delighted to welcome you to our school. The morning will begin with a welcome by the Executive Headteacher followed by an introduction to school life

**Installation of a New Loop Amplifier System and CD player:** The Guild of Our Lady of Ransom Grant had assisted our parish with the funds to purchase the above mentioned appliances for these we are grateful.

**Additional Bingo Day:** The additional day will start on the **30th of September** after the Saturday evening Mass. See the notice board for more information.

**100 Club: September winners. 1st: £182, no.8. 2nd: £73, no.22. 3rd: £36, no.5. 4th: £36, no.67. 5th: £36. no.26.** Congratulations to all the winners! **October subscriptions** can be handed in at church by the weekend of 30th Sept./ 1st Oct. at the latest, for the draw on Friday 6th Oct. after the First Friday Service. Forms are available for new members to join.

**Christian Stewardship:** 3rd September 2023 **Envelopes:** £190.05 **Loose:** £432.47 **Contactless:** £40.00 **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**  
**Matthew 7:1-5**  
 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.  
 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"



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**+23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A**  
**10th 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

### From victim to victory

One word that defines our increasing secular culture of today is non-judgmentalism. To question a lifestyle is seen as bullying and an arrogant imposition of one's own perspective on someone else. Therefore we tolerate everybody and celebrate our diversity. It is also curious that some find support for this view from the Bible: Jesus said judge not and you shall not be judged, so why judge people. They also point to Jesus' open and inclusive attitude. He was friends to everybody including saints and sinners. Well, whatever inclusiveness Jesus stands for, I don't think he literally means that we should not pass moral judgment or condemn wrongdoing where we find one as this is what Jesus does all the time. His Sermon on the Mount which summarises all his teachings is full of moral judgments. He condemns the leadership of his time as hypocrites, calling them painted sepulchres that glow on the outside but are rotten inside. So, what Jesus stands for instead is that we should never assume the stance of moral superiority and talk down on others as if we are saints because we are not; we are fellow sinners. We should point out people's faults to help them not to score points or show that we are better. Our second reading from St. Paul to the Romans is quite helpful here. Paul, a seasoned Jewish lawyer concludes that love is the fulfillment of the Law. But what is love? Love is willing or desiring the good of the other. That's precisely why enforcing the Law in a judgemental or malicious way is so ridiculous and undermines the whole spirit of the Law. On the other hand, since to love is to desire the good of the other, to remain indifferent to someone's moral failure or blindly approve their self-destructive behaviour out of fear of hurting their feeling is not an act of love. So the question is how do we correct or if you like judge and still stay within the bounds of love. In today's gospel, Jesus proposes a simple but powerful step by step dialogue approach. If your brother gets involved in a self-destructive behaviour, with his good in mind, first tell him his fault to his face between you and him alone. How simple that sounds yet how difficult it is. How much easier to complain to others, to announce it on social media, to gossip and backstab. Isn't that how we normally deal with sinners? I can assure you that if handled well, most cases may never need to go beyond this first stage and imagine how many conflicts, heartaches, broken relationships that could have been avoided.

### Mass Times & Intentions 10th – 16th September 2023

**Sat 9th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Muriel & George Roberts (RIP) Chinenye, Sean & Lloyd (INT)  
**Sun 10th 9:00am:** Manuel Peixeira, Tony Glackin, Fr Kevin McDevitt (RIP), Bridget O'Shea (5th) (ANN), Adrian Bradley & family, Louisa (jnr) Umuokoro, Gino Avanzi (INT)  
**11:30am:** Tony Glackin, Don Galvin (Co. Kerry), Joe Shaughnessy (RIP), Philis Clifford (ANN), Bernie Carr (Birthday), Donal Kervin (INT)  
**6:30pm:** Tony Glackin (RIP), John & Lucie Thompson, Alan & Felicity Harrison (INT)  
**Mon 11th 12 noon:** Eileen Nevin, Christina McDonagh, Deceased members of the Reaney & Brennan families (RIP)  
**Tue 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary 12 noon:** Tony Glackin (80th posthumous), Janet Hutchins (RIP), Joffre Colquhoun (ANN), Louis Coelho (INT)  
**Wed 13th St John Chrysostom 12 noon:** Rosemary Gray (RIP), Frank Cheah, Anna CoCo - Bassey (ANN), Lawrence Etim-Bassey, Eileen's Intentions (INT)  
**Thur 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 12 noon:** Fernando Mendes (ANN)  
**Fri 15th Our Lady of Sorrows 12 noon:** McCarthy & Moran family, Bridget McCarthy, Pat McAndrew (ANN), Ann McCann, Bridget Finnerty, Mary Shaughnessy, Raymond Shaughnessy, Stella Anakor (INT)  
**Sat 16th St Cornelius 12 noon:** Spiritan Communities UK.



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 Toghger, 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. 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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 Ezekiel 33: 7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, "Son of Man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life."

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 94)

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work'.  
**R.**

## SECOND READING Romans 13 : 8-10

Avoid getting into debt except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word is truth, O Lord,  
consecrate us in the truth.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. "I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth, shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. "I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them."

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery; we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

## Mass

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

## Readers

Carmel Cannon  
Ann Waldron  
Mark Renner  
Maria Renner

## Eucharist Minister

Jackie O'Shea  
Innocent Teme  
June G/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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