

NEWS AND VIEWS

Sacraments for next year

First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2023: It is time to register for these 2 sacraments. The catechism classes will start in September. To be eligible for **First Communion**, the child must be **7 years by the 31st of August**. For **Confirmation**, the candidate must be **13 years by the 31st of August**.

RCIA Adults who wish to convert fully to the Catholic faith should also register for **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** to be received at Easter. We work with Adults in an Adult way to achieve the sacraments that will question, enhance and renew your faith & commitment to God. The lessons will also start in September. *Please pick up all registration forms from the Parish Office.*

Appreciation: We thank our young people Sammy, Gabriel, Divine, Bilen, Martin, Amy, Crizel & Morrison who stood in all through their summer holidays to support Frs David & Oliver in running the daily breakfast at the centre, the food pickup from Pret & Tesco. We are most grateful. God bless.

Anniversary Mass: The Mullee family will like the parish to join them at the **11.30am Sunday Mass** on the **18th of Sept.** to mark the 1st anniversary of Alan Mullee's demise. Eternal rest grant unto him and may perpetual light shine on him, may he rest in peace. Amen.

Death: We mourn with the family and friends of our dear Babs Kavanagh, a very dedicated, longstanding parishioner and parish office volunteer who passed away peacefully on the 23rd of August. Her funeral will take place her on Friday the 16th of September. Eternal rest grant unto her and may perpetual light shine on her, may she rest in peace. Amen.

Christian Stewardship: (28th August 2022) **Envelopes:** £207. **Loose:** £362.73 **Contactless:** £0 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

September Diary

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**

8pm **Parish Zoom Quiz night followed by 100 Club Draw**

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CROWDS TOWER COST
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MARCHING THOUSAND WAR
TWENTY ENVOYS PEACE



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

The Geography teacher was lecturing on map reading. After explaining about latitude, longitude, degrees, and minutes the teacher asked, "Suppose I asked you to meet me for lunch at 23 degrees, 4 minutes north latitude and 45 degrees, 15 minutes east longitude . . ." After a confused silence, a voice volunteered, "I guess you'd be eating alone."



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+ 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C
4th September 2022

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 Cost of Discipleship

Dear friends in Christ, this Sunday, the twenty-third Sunday of the Church's liturgical year C, we are invited to reflect on **'The Cost of Discipleship.'** Allegiance to Christ means putting Him first in our lives. For the evangelist the writer of today's gospel (**Luke 14:25-33**), being a disciple and taking up the cross are practically synonymous. The cross is not something we need to go looking for, neither is it to be found in self-imposed penances. Fidelity to the call of Jesus and striving to live as a disciple will bring their own crosses. The temptation to cheap grace is to settle down to a comfortable Christianity where there are no challenges, no calls for self-denial or the cross. Jesus did not want to deceive anybody about the difficulty of being His disciple. In the gospel He sets down three conditions. If one wants to be His disciple, **one must break away from ('hate') one's family, one's goods and even one's own life.** These demands are unacceptable to those who think in human terms. They can be understood and accepted only by those who have been granted "wisdom from above," as we read in today's first reading (Wisdom 9:13-18). The letter to Philemon (**Philemon 9: 10, 12-17**) is a beautiful example of **love in practice, of forgiveness, and detachment from material goods.** It is a powerful example of the challenge to costly grace. Onesimus was a runaway slave who has become a Christian in Rome. St. Paul sends him back to his former owner Philemon, with a letter requesting him to receive Onesimus no longer as a slave but as a brother in the Lord. St. Paul's argument was basically simple: **you have experienced the grace of the Lord, now be gracious in turn [in return].** What was Philemon to do? Pardon Onesimus and give him freedom? If he did so, would not the other slaves become Christians and claim freedom and even brotherhood? To serve God and to follow the directives of St. Paul, Philemon would have to make a brother of one who was, in the eyes of society, debased below comradeship. It could even mean incurring economic loss and social ostracism. This is the cost of discipleship. Brothers and Sisters in Christ, today let us remember that we profess faith in God who gave all that was dearest to Him when He gave us His only Son. Our redemption did not come cheaply. It came at the price of the blood of the Son of God who loved us and delivered himself for us.

Mass Times & Intentions

4th - 10th September 2022

Sat 3rd Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Brendan Nelson, Babs Kavanagh, Teresa Craig, Catherine McCarthy, Bridget O'Connell, Clifford Crowley (RIP), George O'Connell, Ann Fitzgerald (posthumous birthday) (ANN), Laura, James & Matthew Nelson, Patrick Fitzgerald, Margaret Nelson, Tony Kennedy, Kitty McCarthy, May Fayers (INT)

Sun 4th 9:00am: Mary Shevlin, Muriel Roberts (RIP), Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Tayler, Ben Collie, Daryl Von Bock, Wendy Winsler, Bernie Carr, Renée Evans & family, Fr Moses, Fr Ignatius (INT)

11:30am: Josephine Horan, Maria Brew (month's mind), Kate Reilly, Kath Ismay, Barry O'Neill, Mary Shevlin (RIP), Tina Eccles (ANN), Dave Stevens, Shevlin family, Charis Etim-Bassey (INT)

6:30pm: Christopher O'Reilly (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, Manny, Lillian & family, Ahano & family, Eyo & family (INT)

Mon 5th 12 noon: Maureen Lacken, Michael O'Malley, Mary Shevlin, David Jackson, Martin Hayes (RIP), Kathleen Panayiotou, Finbarr Walsh, Denis Walsh, Jean Regan, Paani Dias, Rita Rawlings (INT)

Tue 6th 12 noon: Mary Shannon (RIP), Mary Reaney (ANN), Kathleen Panayiotou (INT)

Wed 7th 12 noon: Giuseppe Solari (ANN), Kathleen Panayiotou (INT)

Thur 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12 noon: Mary & Tom Doyle, John Fahey, Colin Page (ANN), Kathleen Panayiotou, Mary Stephens (INT)

Fri 9th St Peter Claver 12 noon: Deceased family members of Faal family (RIP), Milo Mackey (ANN), Kathleen Panayiotou, Beryl & Colin Tamsett, Carol Belsten (INT)

Sat 10th 12 noon: Kathleen Panayiotou, Alan & Felicity Harrison (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, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina 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, Pilar, 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, Debbie Whitehed, Emo Paddy Essang, Madeleine, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Rita Atuanya, Gloria Munian, Phylis Kirwan

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

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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

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 (Wisdom 9:13-18)

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 89)

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

R

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

R

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

R

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

R

SECOND READING (Philemon 9-10.12-17)

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 14:25-33)

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and 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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God, the living God.

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	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Jeanette Fayers	June Gray/Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga/Innocent	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	John Obligar	June/Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Tracey Mullett	Michelle Carr	Samson Bamidele

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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