

NEWS AND VIEWS

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 Theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. Please support the Mission Directorate through prayer and giving to the **second collection at all Masses this weekend**.

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.

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.

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

Christian Stewardship: 10th September 2023 **Envelopes:** £219 **Loose:** £459.95 **Contactless:** £0.00 **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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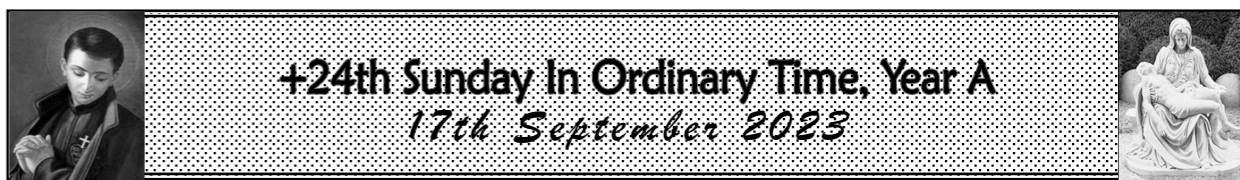
We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



Food For Thought
Colossians 3:12
 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.



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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

Pastoral Letter for the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 16/17 September 2023(Edited Version)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, Coming to church today all of us will have made the Sign of the Cross, at least once. We did so at the opening words of the Mass. Many will also have done so on entering the church, using the holy water as a reminder of our baptism. This is our first prayer. The Sign of the Cross is our hallmark. It tells us who we are and how we understand our lives. We see our life to be founded and rooted in God, we walk in the pathway marked out for us by Jesus, the eternal Son of the Father; we have within us the company and power of the Holy Spirit, the eternal love which flows between Father and Son and surges into our lives by God's gift. This is who we are, not just individually but together, as the community of the Church. It is not easy to put this fundamental reality into practice. There is a yearning within the human spirit for precisely the mercy, forgiveness, truth and love which flow abundantly from the mystery of God. Our mission, through baptism, is to make visible this saving truth, each day, in every circumstance, fulfilled or failed by what we say and do. In the last two years, Pope Francis has been calling us to be renewed in this mission. He wants us to rediscover our life in the Church as a communion of life with God and with one another, opened up for us through the Sacraments, those outward signs of inward grace. Furthermore, he wants us to be a sacrament for the whole world, the outward sign that leads people to the inward grace of faith in Jesus Christ, known and lived within the communion of the Church. May the coming month of October be a time of grace for our Church, both in the great gathering in Rome and in the circles of our lives here at home. May October, the month of the Holy Rosary, see us take up our rosary beads each day, asking our Blessed Mother to strengthen and guide us in this journey of faith. I ask you this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Yours devotedly,

+ **Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster.**

Mass Times & Intentions 17th – 23rd September 2023
Sat 16th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Kathleen Clancy, Mary O'Sullivan (RIP), P. J Forrester, John & Mary Patterson (ANN)
Sun 17th 9:00am: Mickey Nolan, Paddy Everett, Eileen Nevin (RIP), Mullee family, Adrian Bradley & family (INT)
11:30am: Anthony Aherne, John Aherne, Alan Mullee, deceased members of Mullee family, Mary & Andy Brady, Mary Gallagher, Michael Garvey, Dave Everette (RIP), Katie Howard, Sally & Pat McSweeney (ANN), Theresa Bannerman (INT)
6:30pm: James McFadden, Felicity Renwick (RIP), Katie Howard (ANN), Nicholas Stephens & family (INT)
Mon 18th 12 noon: Michael Nolan, Lawrence Ewell, Lido Faimali (RIP), Deceased members of Persi family, Deceased members of Faimali family (ANN)
Tue 19th St Januarius 12 noon: Philip Cross, Bernard Etim-Bassey (RIP), Frances Edem, Louisa Umuokoro, Dee-Arn Sewell (INT)
Wed 20th St Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, 12 noon: Spiritans UK
Thur 21st St Matthew 12 noon: Marists Sisters, Archway
Fri 22nd 12 noon: Con O'Leary(30th) (ANN)
Sat 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina 12 noon: People of the Parish

Please Pray For:

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, Theresa Bannerman, Eddy Renwick

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

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

OPENING PRAYER

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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 Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook the offence.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 102)

**R. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

R.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

R.

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

R.

SECOND READING Romans 14: 7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be the Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia
Speak, Lord your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, "Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy times seven." "And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum". And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time, and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you have appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debts. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadows of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass

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

Readers

Jeanette Fayers
Rachel McGonigal
John Obligar
Maureen Tayler

Eucharist Minister

Debra
Olga M
June G/Joyce McD.
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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