

NEWS AND VIEWS

Fr Moses Enehizena CSSP we welcome our Our Parish Priest who is celebrating Masses all through this weekend and we pray that God strengthens him as he begins his parish community work in earnest.

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 **by 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.*

On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.'

Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unflinching way in which she fulfilled that declaration.

Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II.

At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity.

In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.'

This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith.

Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation.

Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace.

We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother.

God save the King.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster
8 September 2022

Prayer for the Royal Family

Almighty God, source of all consolation, we pray for the members of the Royal Family who mourn the loss of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Uphold them in your love and pour out on them the consolation of your healing Spirit. Let them find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ comfort in their sadness, certainty in their doubt and courage to live through this hour. We ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

Prayer for the King

O God, to whom every human power is subject, Grant to your servant His Majesty the King wisdom in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering to you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from unity and peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit God, forever and ever, 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.

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.

Christian Stewardship: (4th September 2022) **Envelopes:** £163. **Loose:** £362.73 **Contactless:** £0 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.



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+ 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C
11th 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 present continuous God

The fall of the prodigal son started not when he began to live separately and recklessly, far from home, but the moment he claimed his rights; when he separated his interests from the interests of his family. The desire to leave home and face the responsibilities of adulthood is perfectly natural but the restless yearning to flee responsibilities or achieve total freedom from authority is immature. The father allows his younger son to leave. Sometimes the worst thing God can do is to give us what we want; to show us that our desires can't bring satisfaction. We should therefore beware of what we ask for because we might just get it! The prodigal son got what he wanted, but lost what he had. Freedom became freedom to sin and a means of getting himself enslaved! Destitute, he was forced to work for a stranger, what he refused to do for his own father. And for a Jew, there could be no more demeaning labour than to attend to pigs. Sin promises freedom but it only brings slavery...it promises success, but it only brings failure...it promises life, but "the wages of sin is death!" However, the lost son "came to his senses", and "found" himself. The first step of repentance comes when people realise the foolishness of their actions, and sense the despair into which they have fallen. The next and even more important step is to summon the courage to humbly surrender. Some of us, when we realise our folly, are too proud to acknowledge and concede. Ironically, such arrogance only disguises our weakness, our lacking the will to acknowledge our faults. Hence, the ability of the prodigal son to recognise his folly and concede is a demonstration of inner strength. He seized the moment and embarked on the long journey back to his father. He blames no one but himself. A mark of true repentance is the prodigal son's desire to be subject again to authority. He became lost when he claimed his rights to be free; he is found when he surrenders them. In the same way, modern man will continue to drift away in his quest to be free of all norms; he can only be found when he surrenders himself to the rule of life as detailed in the Word of God! Like the older son, we too may find the turn of events difficult to understand. He has been the good boy but he was not rewarded; rather it is the naughty one who is rewarded with a big party. The lesson is simple; God is not interested in our past but only in our present.

Mass Times & Intentions 11th - 17th September 2022

Sat 10th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: George & Muriel Roberts, Raeth Johnston, Jim Galvin, Mary O'Shea (RIP), Victoria-Maria Phillips (ANN)

Sun 11th 9:00am: Babs Kavanagh (RIP), Victoria-Maria Phillips, Peter & Augustine Serba (ANN), Matthew Reynold, Steve Laferla, John & Lucie Thompson (INT)

11:30am: Mary Shevlin, Babs Kavanagh, Malcolm Smith (RIP), John Fahey, Betty Dixon, Catherine Hollywood (ANN), Teresa Smith, Bonner Family, Amaobi Maduako & family (INT)

6:30pm: Mary Shevlin (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 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary 12 noon: Hindolo Lukulay, Janet Hutchings, Tony Glackin (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Joffre Colquhoun (ANN), Louis Coelho & family (INT)

Tue 13th St John Chrysostom 12 noon: John Snowling (ANN), Lawrence Etim-Bassey, Frank Cheah, Alan & Felicity Harrison (INT)

Wed 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 12 noon: All St. Gabriel's Outreach Project Volunteers (INT)

Thur 15th Our Lady of Sorrows 12 noon: Babs Kavanagh, Phil Stinson (RIP), John Sheehan, Pat McAndrew ANN

Fri 16th St Cornelius: Funeral of Babs Kavanagh

Sat 17th St Robert Bellarmine 12 noon: Mary Shevlin, Babs Kavanagh (RIP) Katie Howard (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, Yuma George

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritus) 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

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 your 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 (Exodus 32:7-11,13-14)

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" The Lord then said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' 'But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 50)

R. I will leave this place and go to my Father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

R

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

R

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

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SECOND READING (1 Timothy 1:12-17)

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 15:1-32)

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable in them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner. much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property—he and his women—you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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 shadow 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 its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.

| Mass | Readers | Eucharist Minister | Stewards |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sat. 6.30pm | Joanna Hemingway | June Gray/Debra | Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers |
| Sun. 9.00am | Maureen Taylor | Olga/Innocent | Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku |
| Sun. 11.30am | Ignatius Etukudoh | June/Mary A | Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe |
| Sun. 6.30pm | Bridget O'Dea | Michelle Carr | Samson Bamidele |

Prayers For The Repose Of the Soul of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Almighty God,
You are the author and sustainer of all human life;
grant that your servant, Elizabeth our Queen,
whom you granted a long and happy reign as Monarch of these lands
may be forgiven her sins and rewarded with that eternal life
promised to all those born again
in the water of baptism and power of your Spirit.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
God, 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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