

NEWS AND VIEWS

October Devotion: There will be daily Rosary said after the 12noon Mass and also at 6pm during the month of October, parishioners are encouraged to take part.

First Holy Communion dates: Oct 15th, 22nd Nov. 5th, 19th, Dec. 3rd, 17th...more dates after Christmas. **First Holy Communion celebration 2nd June, 2024** Please enter the meeting through the parish car park.

Reception into the Church 2024: Registration is still 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. Registration forms can be picked from the Parish Office.**

October Open Mornings For Schools:

St Joseph RC Primary, Highgate Hill: **16th Oct. 9:00am.**

La Sainte Union (LSU) : **10th and 11th Oct.** morning sessions, booking required, **book online via school's website.**

Proposed Pilgrimages 2024 dates and cost will soon be made available here for us to choose from and the ones with the highest number of pilgrim's interest will be the chosen one. So watch this space.

100 Club: October subscriptions can be handed in at church by the weekend of 30th September / 1st October at the latest, for the draw on Friday 6th October after the First Friday Service. Forms are in the back of the church for new members to join

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.

Help At Home project is coming to an end after one year of parishioners supporting each other. We are grateful and we hope to continue in making our parish a loving community.

Contactless Giving: Our contactless system now has provision for other donations including the initial offertory, please kindly make use of it.

Christian Stewardship: 17th September 2023 **Envelopes:** £168 **Loose:** £361.13 **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.

September Diary

Saturday 30th @ 11.30am: **Baptism preparation followed by Mass at 12noon**

October Diary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We are encouraged to make greater effort to pray the Rosary this month. We have the opportunity to pray this solemnly as a community before each of the Sunday Masses or Thursday at 7pm.

Friday 6th : **CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection.**

Weekend of 21st/22nd: **World Mission Sunday APF Collection (Red Box)**

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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Food For Thought

Psalm 23:6

Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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



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+25th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A
24th 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 scandal of grace

During a British conference on comparative religions, experts from around the world debated on what was unique to the Christian faith. They began eliminating various possibilities. Incarnation? Other religions have different versions of gods appearing in human form. Resurrection? Again, other religions have accounts of return from death. The debate went on for some time until C. S. Lewis wandered into the room. "What is the rumpus all about?" His colleagues said they were discussing Christianity's unique contribution among world religions. Lewis responded, "Oh, that's easy. It's grace." It implies that strictly speaking we don't deserve anything. Whatever we get is essentially by God's grace. Though the earlier workers in today's Gospel were paid the agreed sum of one denarius, they felt some sense of injustice because they felt that if the later workers got one denarius, then, they deserved to be paid more. Our sense of justice is normally based on what we think we deserve. But come to think of it, what do we really deserve? As sinners, if anything, what we deserve is death; that is the wages of sin (Romans 6:23). Yet, like the workers that started late, we did not get what we deserved. We got mercy instead; that is grace. And we got an unfair share of that grace by Christ dying to free us, undeserving sinners, from the death penalty hanging on our heads. So, what grounds have we to talk about injustice or think that grace cannot equally be generously extended to others notwithstanding how little they have contributed? Yet, the irony is that justice is the whole point of the parable. However, God's idea of justice is quite different to ours. As the First Reading rightly noted, God's ways are not our ways and his thoughts are not our thoughts. For God, justice is not measured according to individual output or contribution but according to need. And all have the same basic necessities of life. All, early or late, have exactly the same need for God's mercy and God's love and everyone gets all of it. So, rather than criticising God for acting this way, we should be deeply grateful.

Mass Times & Intentions 24th – 30th September 2023

Sat 23rd Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Nao Sakaino, Marion O'Sullivan (RIP), Valerie O'Connor, Bridie & Tony Bradley (INT)

Sun 24th 9:00am: Ivy Coelho (ANN), Adrian Bradley & family (INT)

11:30am: Jennifer Serilo, Assunta Turin, Thomas Ryan, Mary Doherty (RIP), Séan & Ann Murphy (ANN), Tony Doyle, Ellen & Tom McGowan (INT)

6:30pm: James McFadden (RIP)

Mon 25th 12 noon: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Natasha Noonan, Marge Caufield, Maria Lane (RIP)

Tue 26th Sts Cosmas & Damian 12 noon: John Quinn, Patrick Sullivan (RIP), Crizel Dias (Birthday), Jackie Higgins (Get Well) (INT)

Wed 27th St Vincent de Paul, 12 noon: Jackie Higgins (Get Well) ((INT)

Thur 28th St Wenceslaus 12 noon: Priests and People of the Parish

Fri 29th Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli (RIP)

Sat 30th St Jerome 12 noon: Catherine Powell (2nd) (ANN)



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, Ralph Nwosuh

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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in my distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of your neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 144)

R. **The Lord is close to all who call him.**

I will bless you day by day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

R.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

R.

The Lord is just in all his ways
And loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
Who call on him from their hearts.

R.

SECOND READING Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work

which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them. "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages. Starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass

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

Readers

Joanna Hemingway
Maureen Tayler
John Obligar
Ann Waldron

Eucharist Minister

June Gray
Innocent
Joyce McD & Mary A.
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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