

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection: Friday 6th October is Harvest Family Fast Day. See the posters at the back of the Church or the short video on the CAFOD website. You can donate online on the CAFOD website or by collecting a CAFOD envelope on your way out of Church today and returning it next weekend. Many thanks for your support.

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.**

Parish Registration: We welcome all new parishioners to our parish and we ask that registration forms be filled and returned to the parish office to be included in our data.

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.

Parish Quiz night: This will take place on the **6th of October at 7.45pm** in the meeting room. **£5 entry fee.**

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.

Parish Project for Repairs and Replacements will commence soon.

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

Christian Stewardship: 24th September 2023 **Envelopes:** £181 **Loose:** £420.13 **Contactless:** £135

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.

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.**

Thursday 12th at 7.15pm: **Finance Committee meeting**

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

Weekend of 27th/28th: **Parish Project Monthly Collection**

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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CHIEF OPINION SECOND COLLECTORS
PRIESTS SONS FIRST KINGDOM
ELDERS VINEYARD TAX PATTERN



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



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.



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+26th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A

1st October 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

"Yes or No"

The human freedom which enables us to say 'yes' or 'no' to God, demands that we become responsible for our conduct and accountable for our behaviors. One day we will have to stand before the judgement seat of God and answer for all our deeds, evil or good. The good news is that with God's grace we are capable of changing the direction of our lives for the better. The different attitudes of the brothers in the Gospel of today tells us that there is a mixture of these different attitudes in all of us. There must be a connection between what we say and what we do. Jesus sternly criticized the religious leaders of his days about their empty promises. The trail of broken promises that we all make points out the inconsistency between what we promise and what we actually do. The lesson from the Gospel is that we may be saying 'yes' to God during our Sunday worship but turn our backs on what we profess the rest of the week. We who say 'yes' to the Body of Christ the 'Church' do not realize that we are often saying 'no' to the community of Christ (our places of work, or at home). The test of our allegiance to Christ lies in keeping the promises that we have made and doing his will, whatever it might cost us. God does not reject people when they come back to Him. He is like the father of the brothers who tells them "do my will and life will be yours." God is generous in all His ways of dealing with us. However, He leaves us with freewill to decide what we do. God loves the heart which can change and be converted to His love. He is ready to let go of our past. He takes account of our lives at the moment when we change and come back to Him.

Mass Times & Intentions 1st – 7th October 2023

Sat 30th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Essien-Oku family, Ekong family, Udoh family, Akoshile family (INT)

Sun 1st 9:00am: Mick Nolan (RIP), Dinah Adjei, Eka Oku-Kurz (ANN), Adrian Bradley & family (INT)

11:30am: Ogwuche Odachi, Maria Ogwuche, Mary Doherty (RIP), Alf Humphreys (37th) (ANN), Sarah Ogwuche (birthday) (INT)

6:30pm: Germaine Garbay (ANN), Stella Vink, Sam Haslam (INT)

Mon 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels 12 noon: Michal Hennessey, Mick Dolan (RIP)

Tue 3rd 12 noon: Daragh O'Flaherty (RIP), Edgar Tayler (ANN), O'Flaherty family, Wendy Winser, Rita Rawlings (INT)

Wed 4th St Francis of Assisi 12 noon: Michael McFadden (RIP), Dinah Adjei (ANN)

Thur 5th St Faustina Kowalska 12 noon: *Funeral Mass of Mick Nolan*

Fri 6th St Bruno 12 noon: *First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction*

Sat 7th Our Lady of the Rosary 12 noon: People of Parish



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, 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, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, 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, Glorunian, 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

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 18: 25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps24)

R. Remember your mercy, Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

R.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

R.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

R.

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-11 (Short form)

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than your self, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 21: 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Ann Heekin	Jackie O'Shea	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June G. & Roxanne C.	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Eugenia Ackah	Michelle C	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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