

NEWS AND VIEWS

First Holy Communion & RCIA (Adult programme of Christian initiation) 2022: Please pick the forms for Children who would be seven by the 31st of August. RCIA is for adults who want to convert to or be fully received into the Catholic Church. The forms are also available in the Parish Office.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day - Climate Crisis Appeal: Friday 1st October is Harvest Family Fast Day. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. To learn more, please see the short video at cafod.org.uk/fastday. You can donate online through the CAFOD website at www.cafod.org.uk or by collecting a CAFOD envelope on your way out of the church today and returning it this weekend 2nd/3rd October.

Fr David meets with different Parish groups: Beginning from the end of September right through October, the different parish groups will have their dates allocated to them. Please let us continue to work together to keep our parish community as one happy family.

Food Donations: We are in need of food items for our friends at the door, we are running very low on biscuits, soups, fizzy drinks, tea & coffee, pot noodles and any food on the go. We will appreciate this donations. Thank you and God bless.

Health and Safety: As we continue to keep safe and well in this Covid era, please put on your mask while in church, also sanitize on your way in and out of church. Keep your social distance, but

most importantly stay at home if you feel unwell, we will keep you in our prayers. **If you have to receive communion by tongue, please endeavour to be the last person.**


Calling On All Young-Adult Catholics between the age of 18-35 years in our parish who would love to be apart of this new initiative should please contact the parish office or John & Alessandra Knight on john.knight@rcm.ac.uk or on 07512781274 for more information.

Parish Safeguarding Team: We thank Joan and Tracy for their generosity of spirit in accepting to serve us in this very critical role. All who work with minors and the vulnerable in our Parish including those who visit the sick and the housebound should please work with the Safeguarding Officers to ensure that they are DBS-checked before the end of October.

Flirting with God: Refreshing Sunday Homilies for all Cycles. The book has been significantly discounted so that EVERY parishioner can grab a copy for only £15. Please get copies for family and friends too. It has been adjudged to be outstanding in all respects. Congratulations to Fr Ugo. **Signed copies are available from the Parish office during office hours.**

Christian Stewardship: (26th September 2021)
Envelopes: £298.00 **Loose:** £303.86. **Contactless:** £0. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

October Diary
Weekend of 2nd/3rd : CAFOD envelope returning of envelopes at all Masses.

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



Before going to US on business, a man drives his Rolls-Royce to a Central London bank and asks for an immediate loan of £2,000. The loan officer, taken aback, requests collateral. "Well then, here are the keys to my Rolls-Royce," the man says. The loan officer promptly has the car driven into the bank's underground parking for safe keeping and gives the man the £2,000. Two weeks later, the man walks through the bank's doors and asks to settle up his loan and get his car back. "That will be £2,000 in principal, and £35.40 in interest," the loan officer says. The man writes out a cheque and starts to walk away. "Wait, sir," the loan officer says. "You are a millionaire. Why in the world would you need to borrow £2,000?" The man smiles, "Where else could I find a safer place to park my Rolls-Royce in Central London for two weeks and pay only £35.40?"



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+ 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B
3rd October 2021

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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Pastoral Letter for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 2-3 October 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, I am so pleased to be able to write to you now, at a time when our streets are again busier and, thank God, our churches are becoming fuller. I say again how grateful I am to all who have helped to keep our churches open and our parish communities functioning over these past difficult eighteen months. The relationships we forge and sustain in our parishes make such an important contribution to the networks of contact, companionship, community through which we live. Indeed, the readings we have just heard speak of the variety of relationships which characterise our world. Today I would like to focus especially on the relationships we find in the community and companionship of the Church. The patterns and potential of parish life have been seriously and profoundly disrupted in the last eighteen months or so. But now that there is greater normality in daily life, we have a unique opportunity to refresh and maybe reshape these patterns of life in the Church. Indeed, Pope Francis is asking us to do so. He envisages what is called a 'Synodal process'. The word 'synod' means quite simply 'journeying together'. The Holy Father is offering us the opportunity to participate in a time of listening and reflecting. He hopes this will help us to discern how God's presence comes into our lives and what the Spirit of God is prompting us to do anew, so that we might be more alive and creative in our response to the call of Jesus, our Way, Truth and Life. There is a world-wide aspect to this process, leading to a Synod of Bishops in 2023. The kind of questions we can explore are these: during this terrible pandemic what strengths did I find in my faith and faith community? How, during this time, was I disappointed and sorrowful? In what ways did the grace of God most clearly touch and uplift me? Whom did we neglect the most? Who feels left out? What could we do better? How do we choose priorities for our own mission? In our diocese, as in every diocese throughout the world, this 'Synodal' pathway will begin on the weekend of 16/17 October. In the next few days and weeks there will be invitations issued for a variety of ways in which you could take part, in your parish, through the school. Joining in will focus not so much on discussing ideas but in sharing experience and, on that basis, trying to sense what needs to be done, all shaped by prayer and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We know how important communication is for every relationship. But talking must be matched by listening. Indeed, often the listening is more demanding, and really it should come first. This lovely initiative of Pope Francis is an opportunity for us to show our care for the family of the Church. It shines with the Holy Father's character of openness, compassion, and eagerness for renewal. Please do take it up in whatever ways you can. May God bless our efforts, open our hearts to one another and prompt us powerfully to know more clearly the way God has set out for us to be messengers of the joy and consolation which God alone can provide. X Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

Mass Times & Intentions 3rd - 9th October 2021
Sat 2nd Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Bridie Redmond, Betty Daily (RIP), Tom Carr(12th) (ANN), Sheila O'Sullivan (INT)
Sun 3rd 9:00am: Alan Mullee, Jules Claude Ebelle, Kay Lewis (RIP), Dinah Adjei, Edgar Tayler (ANN)
11:30am: Betty Dowling, Anne Brosnihan, Brigit Lynch, John Ahern, Collins Abetiambe (RIP), Timmy Early (ANN)
6:30pm: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family (INT)
Mon 4th St. Francis of Assisi 12 noon: Patricia Etim-Bassey, Patricia Reilly, Maureen Cordy, John Mulvaney, Michael Patterson, Mike Gibbons (RIP), Michael White, Pat & Julie Brennan (ANN), Martin Carley, Franciscan Sisters of Mill Hill, Wendy Winsler (INT)
Tue 5th St Faustina Kowalska 12 noon: Kathleen Tarpey, Holy Innocent Souls (RIP), Dinah Adjei, Matilda Faal (ANN), Rita Rawlings, Paani Dias (INT)
Wed 6th St Bruno 12 noon: Fr George Dangerfield (ANN)
Thur 7th Our Lady of the Rosary 12 noon: George Quashie, Olive Alderton (ANN), Michael Quirke (INT)
Fri 8th Jesus 12 noon: Mary Stephens (INT)
Sat 9th St John Henry Newman 12 noon: Una Rainsford, Amory Joseph (ANN), Beryl Tamsett, Carol Belsten (INT)



Please Pray For: Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Nora Hoare, Ann Larkin, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Theresa Reilly, Mary Slow, Isabella King, Derek Gomes, Mary Burton, Cornelia Henshaw, Rebecca Ononogbo, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnally, Brian Coleman, Sheila Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Maria Cecile Perine, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Caroline de Vasconcellos, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeane, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Special intention, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Fr Kevin, Paani Dias, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Fr. Aodh, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Giuseppe Zanre

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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through Christ 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. **Amen**

FIRST READING Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 127)

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

R.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life!
may you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!

R.

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia

GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, we pray the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Mass

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

Readers

Michelle Carr
Rachel McGonigal
Mark Renner
Tracey Mullett

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Bernie Shevlin/Jeanette Fayers
Ann Waldron/Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin / Ignatius Etukudoh
Joseph Ogbonna

FEAST OF THE WEEK



5th October St. Faustina Kowalska

Maria Faustyna Kowalska, born Helena Kowalska on 25 August 1905, was also known as St. Maria Faustyna Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament. She was a Polish nun and mystic. Her apparitions of Jesus Christ inspired the Roman Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy. Throughout her life, she reported having visions of Jesus and conversations with him, which she noted in her diary, later published as *The Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska: Divine Mercy in My Soul*. At the age of 20, she joined a convent in Warsaw. She was later transferred to Plock and then to Vilnius, where she met Father Michal Sopoćko, who was to be her confessor and spiritual director, and who supported her devotion to the Divine Mercy. With this priest's help, she commissioned an artist to paint the first Divine Mercy image, based on her vision of Jesus. On the 28 April 1935, the 2nd Sunday after Easter, Fr. Sopoćko celebrated Mass in the presence of this painting. On 30 April 2000, the canonisation of Faustina Kowalska took place and the second Sunday of Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy.

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.

Key Notes:

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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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