

NEWS AND VIEWS

Mass Streaming Services will commence soon, if you do not wish to appear online, please avoid the two middle front rows of the church. The camera is static and focuses only on the altar. We hope to evangelise to all with this technology.

World Mission Sunday (RED BOX) Collection will be taken at next weekend's Masses. Please give generously for the increasing work of MISSIO around the world. Thank you.

October Devotion: Please join the **daily Rosary** said after the **12noon** Mass, parishioners are encouraged to take part.

Holy Souls Book of Memorial is out on the Bulletin Desk behind. Please write down names of all that you wish to pray for. Some names already written down in the past need not be repeated. Accompanying envelopes are available for donations for the Masses.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection: Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day last week, and to the kind people who give regular donations to CAFOD!

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.

Games Night: The youth of the parish are organising this event, date and time will be posted soon. Pray for them

RCIA 2024: Adults who are yet to be baptised or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should register at the Parish Office. Classes begins at the end of October.

Proposed Pilgrimages 2024 dates and cost

- **Prague/Poland in 25th-31st May 2024:** Cost **£870.** including flight, lodging, breakfast and dinner. **for 7 nights.** Please find the full details on the display board in the porch.
- **Expression of interest is with £200 deposit before the end of November to enable booking of flights and hotel reservations.** Those who need visa to travel will sort it out by themselves; the tour company will provide hotel reservations to support visa application. Please indicate interest on the sheets provided.

Parish Project for Repairs and Replacements will commence this month. **Parish Project-** £1,500 donations so far.

Christian Stewardship: 8th October 2023 **Envelopes:** £183 **Loose:** £472.65 **Contactless:** £130. 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.

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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Food For Thought

Luke 6: 38

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

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



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+28th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A
15th 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

The Generosity and the Love of God

In many cultures a wedding feast is a celebration involving almost the whole village. It can be an occasion of renewing friendship and those who are searching for future partners, it is a great opportunity to find a suitable partner. It is an occasion of showing generosity and a celebration of the abundance of blessings received from God when two persons are coming to make a family of their own. In the time of Jesus a wedding feast in Israel was equally a celebration which brings all types of people together. It was indeed a festive and happy atmosphere in the entire village. Jesus compares the kingdom of God to such a happy occasion. A wedding feast prepared by the king for his beloved son would certainly be a special and splendid one. It is therefore strange that the invited guests refuse to attend such a great feast. They ignored the king's invitation preferring to pursue their own plans for travels and work. Some even manifest dreadful ingratitude by killing the king's servants. After the rightful guests throw away the invitation, the feast is then thrown open to everyone who passed by. The parable reflects about the relationship of God and His Chosen people the Israelites. When they first received the invitation, they threw it away and gave different excuses and did not honor the invitation. This story may well be a reflection of us Christians with regards to our personal relationship with Jesus. He invites us to enjoy His love, to love Him above all things and to be faithful to Him, but most of the time we ignore His invitation. Caught up in our selfish interests, we pay little attentions to Him, we disregard this invitation at times, because we are full of ourselves and God is of little importance in our lives. The parable teaches us that for us to disregard God's invitation is also to ignore His invitation to enjoy His love and be part of the rejoicing community. The attitude of indifference, insensitivity and selfishness offends God, to throw the invitation open to those who pass by and now enjoy the feast.

Mass Times & Intentions

15th – 21st October 2023

Sat 14th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Tommy Hunt (RIP)

Sun 15th 9:00am: Essien Ekpenyong-Oku, Adrian Bradley & family, Kathleen, Andrew & Julia Panayiotou, Private Intentions, Iwona Sczypta (INT)

11:30am: Mary Doherty, Mick Nolan, Joe Brickley, Alf Humphreys (RIP), Eddie McCormack (7th) (ANN), John Foley, Fr Moses, Joan Etukudoh (INT)

6:30pm: Essien-Oku family, Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Ushang & Larry, Manny & Lilian family, Udoh family (INT)

Mon 16th 12 noon: Francis Fennel, Bridie Kelly (RIP), Christy & Alice Laford (ANN)

Tue 17th St Ignatius of Antioch 12 noon: Bridie Kelly (RIP), Evelyn Bliss, Amory Joseph (ANN), Tommy Kilcoyne, Cyril Padden, Pat Holoughan, Denis Kirk (INT)

Wed 18th St Luke 12 noon: Fr Dominic McKenna (RIP), Noreen Edgison, David Kennard, Iwona Sczypta (INT)

Thur 19th Sts John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues 12 noon: Essien Ekpenyong-Oku (birthday) (INT)

Fri 20th 12 noon: Bridie Kelly (RIP)

Sat 21st 12 noon: Sheila Edwards, Evelyn Curley, Annie Byrne (RIP)



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, Gino Avanzi

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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

OPENING PRAYER

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 25: 6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 22)

R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

R.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

R.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

R.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

R.

SECOND READING Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word has made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared; my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most Holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Mass

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

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Rachel McGonigal
John Obligar
Maureen Tayler

Eucharist Minister

Debra
Olga
June G. & Mary A.
Sem. Francis Hoang Son

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Samson

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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