

# 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Alan Mullee RIP:** The death has occurred of Alan, a longstanding and distinguished parishioner. He was married in this parish to his loving wife Mary about 55 years ago. His funeral mass will be on Friday 15th October at 12noon. May his gentle soul rest in peace. Amen.

**CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day - Climate Crisis Appeal:** Many thanks to all who donated to the CAFOD Family Fast Day (Climate crisis appeal) last weekend.

**Fr David meets with different Parish groups:** Please any group that has not met with Fr David should please come forward to arrange one with the priest or through the office. Please let us continue to work together to keep our parish community as one.

**Food Donations:** Thank you to those who have responded already. We are still taking in food items for our friends at the door, such as biscuits, soups, fizzy drinks, tea & coffee, sardines, pot noodles and any food on the go. We will appreciate this donations. Thank you and God bless.

**Contactless Giving:** The card/contactless giving is available to help make our offertory collection safer. It will not replace the other means of giving but is considered a safer alternative. Please find the unit by the left as you exit the Church. Thank you.

**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.**

**100 Club October draw:** The 1<sup>st</sup> prize of £190 went to **no. 25**. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of £65 to **no. 64**. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of £30 to **no74** and the 4<sup>th</sup> prize of £30 to **no. 49**. £315 was raised for parish funds. November draw is on Friday 5th November. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

**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](mailto: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. **Signed copies are available from the Parish office during office hours.**

**Christian Stewardship:** (3rd October 2021)

**Envelopes:** £258.50 **Loose:** £303.86. **Contactless:** £24.56. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

## October Diary

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 7pm: **Baptism meeting with parents and godparents**  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 12noon: **Baptism follows immediately after the Mass**

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**JOURNEY INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE**  
**TREASURE WITNESS HONOUR STEAL**  
**WEALTH NEEDLE FOLLOW CAMEL**



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



**Teacher:** "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"  
**Johnny:** "Seven."  
**Teacher:** "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"  
**Johnny:** "Seven."  
**Teacher:** "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"  
**Johnny:** "Six."  
**Teacher:** "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"  
**Johnny:** "Seven!"  
**Teacher:** "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!"  
**Johnny:** "Because I've already got a freaking cat!"



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**+ 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B**  
**10th 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

On the twenty-eight Sunday of ordinary time, we celebrate Christ the Wisdom and Word of God. Even if we have nothing in this world, Christ is sufficient and all things for us. We are rich in him because, he is alive and active in our hearts. The readings highlight the fact that, a truly rich person is one who possesses true Wisdom and not just material wealth alone. It also, reminds us of how material wealth could be a grave obstacle to obtaining true Wisdom. The rich man in today's gospel came to justify himself, and to parade his religious piety. Indeed, Jesus appreciated his effort. However, Christ knew that something was really lacking in him. Christ diagnosed him of only problem, attachment to his wealth. This was his "Achilles heel" or "weak spot." According to his testimony, it seemed to him that he had done "all things well." Unfortunately, his weak spot was an untouchable area. He walked away sad without dropping it before Christ. He did all things well but lacked the wisdom to understand that the key to eternal life was detachment from this world. There are important lessons to learn from today's readings. First, we might have a weak spot unknown to us. Only the wisdom of God can help us illuminate this. Second, at times, it seems to us that we have done "all things well." Unfortunately, pride and love of this world makes it difficult for us to see the true reality of our lives. Third, we must not allow material wealth to become an obstacle between us and eternal life. Today, Christ teaches us that attachment to wealth is the easiest way to forsake God. This is because, attachment to wealth and this world, over burdens and alienates one's soul. It makes our spiritual journey very heavy, difficult, and almost impossible. Finally, in order to be truly wise in our dealings with the wealth of this world, we must seek the wisdom and understanding that comes from God. With the psalmist, let us humbly say to God, the true wisdom: "Fill us with your love, that we may rejoice."

## Mass Times & Intentions

10th – 16th October 2021

**Sat 9th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Muriel & George Roberts, Alan Mullee, Mary Grace, M. Keogh (RIP), Irena Eglite, Heather Blowers, Brendon & Jackie Roberts, Patricia Harmon, Mary Dunne, Anita Cristoria (b'day) (INT)

**Sun 10th 9:00am:** Alan Mullee (RIP), Mary Mullee & family, Policarpio, Susana & Lord Jhon Rocacorba, Chrispiniano Miranda, June Jacob, Alan Harrison, Dorothy Carr, Jeremy Platten, Halsam family (INT)

**11:30am:** John Ahern, Alan Mullee, Assunta Turin, Oisín Kelly (month's mind), Tony Lovett (RIP), Alf Humphreys (35th), Brendan Hehir (ANN), Joe Turin, Amaobi Maduako, Lisa Richard, Sixtus Abetianbe (birthday) (INT)

**6:30pm:** Margaret McCarthy, Alf Humphreys (35th) (ANN), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, (INT)

**Mon 11th St. John XXIII, Pope 12 noon:** Richard Tayler, Alan Mullee (RIP), Maureen Coelho, John & Lucie Thompson, Volunteers of the Parish (INT)

**Tue 12th St Wilfred 12 noon:** Doreen Clark, Anne Quinlan, Thomas Hennessey, Alan Mullee, Tony Casey, Paula Purcell, Seamus Higgins (RIP), Richard & Margaret Costello (ANN)

**Wed 13th St Edward the Confessor 12 noon:** Priests & People of the Parish

**Thur 14th St Callistus I 12 noon:** Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Parish Admin Team (PAT) (INT)

**Fri 15th St Teresa of Jesus 12 noon:** *Funeral Mass For Alan Mullee*

**Sat 16th St Hedwig 12 noon:** Catherine Powell, Philip Hill & Bettina Dean (INT)



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 Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela 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 McKeaney, Mary Dunne, Lina Piroli, Pilar, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Fr Kevin, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Fr. Aodh, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Giuseppe Zanre, Joan McGonigal

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

**Parish Priests:** Fr. David Atuanya CSSp, Fr. Benedict Baka CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp

**Parish Office Team:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald

**Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri - (9am – 3pm). Tue, Thur. - (9am-1pm)

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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

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

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than scepters and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89

R. **Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

R.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.

R.

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

R.

## SECOND READING Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can

judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.**

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

## 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.

### Mass

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

### Readers

Carmel Cannon  
Ann Waldron  
Joseph Baffoe  
Tracey Mullett

## 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.

### Stewards

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

## FEAST OF THE WEEK



16th October  
St. Hedwig

Hedwig was a duchess and a widow, the patroness of Silesia, a region of eastern Europe. Also called Jadwiga in some lists, she died in a Cistercian convent, having taken vows. Hedwig was born in 1174 in Andechs, Bavaria, the daughter of the Duke of Croatia and Dalmatia. She was the aunt of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. At the age of twelve, Hedwig was married to Duke Henry of Silesia, the head of the Polish Royal family. She bore him seven children, and they had a happy marriage. Henry founded a Cistercian convent at Trebnitz, as well as hospitals and monasteries. Henry died in 1238 and Hedwig became a Cistercian at Trebnitz. She had to leave her prayers to make peace among her offspring, and she buried a child who was killed fighting against the Mongols. She died in the convent on 15 October 1243. Many miracles were reported after her death and she was canonised on 26 March 1267 by Pope Clement IV.

### 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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