

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 this weekend's Masses. Please give generously for the increasing work of MISSIO around the world. Thank you.

Games Night: The youth of the parish are organising this event, **Saturday 28th October from 5pm.** All young people are invited. Pray for them.

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.

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.

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 has started.

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.
- **First instalment of 25% by 31st October,** to enable booking of flights and hotel reservations. next 25% **December 10th,** 3rd instalment 25% **March 31st 2024,** Final instalment by **May 10th 2024.** 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 next Sunday.

Christian Stewardship: 15th October 2023 **Envelopes:** £183 **Loose:** £402.65 **Contactless:** £130 . We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

October Diary

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

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

Sunday 28th: **Autumn Clocks goes back**

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**

November Diary

Wednesday 1st All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation): Masses at 12noon and 7pm

Thursday 2nd All Souls: Masses at 12noon and 7pm

PARISH DECEMBER DIARY DATES

- Friday 8th-Christmas Carol Concert
- Sunday 10th- Volunteer Mass @ 11.30am
- Friday 15th-17th- Advent Parish Retreat
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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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+29th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A
22nd 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

Caesar vs. God: A creative conflict

The Pharisees with the Herodians posed a question to Jesus in today's Gospel when they asked him if it is lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, the Roman Emperor. If Jesus says 'no', he would have pleased the nationalist Pharisees. If he says 'yes' he might please the Herodians but would lose credibility with Jewish patriots. Jesus deftly evades the trap with his retort: 'Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's'. This encounter helps to highlight the meanness of some religious people. Rather than be open to dialogue, people try to destroy those with different religious opinion. Such hatred is seen within religions and denominations. This is the problem with the Pharisees and Jesus sees through their malice. Yet, Jesus wasn't merely being cynical in his response to evade a trap. His response is equally pertinent for church and state relations. It makes clear that the state has a legitimate sphere of influence. We all, for instance, largely depend on the state for social services and infrastructure. The sustenance and improvement of those services also depend largely on the cooperation and support of the community. And we do this mostly through paying taxes. Hence, taxes are not just necessary evil. In a just administration, they are our contribution to making the services we take for granted available. A state is therefore deserving of loyalty to the extent that it meets her obligations to her citizens. That is the import of Jesus' statement that Caesar should be 'given back' his due. From the standpoint of the Gospel, Christians may have to stand in strong opposition to the authorities on certain issues. Ultimately therefore, civil authorities are subject to the higher demands of truth and justice. In other words, they are subject to God to whom everything belongs including Caesar. Where our loyalties to the civil authorities and to God are in harmony there will be no conflict. But wherever people's rights and dignity are undermined, conflict is inevitable. Yet, such conflicts are not always bad; through creative conflicts, the flawed kingdoms that men build can, in time, become the Kingdom of God.

Mass Times & Intentions 22nd - 28th October 2023

Sat 21st Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Ann Kissane (Get well) (INT)

Sun 22nd 9:00am: Randolph Tecson (ANN), Ida Mozzoni, Sammy Ekong (INT)

11:30am: Mary Doherty, Felicity Renwick, Rosario Antonio D'Cruz (RIP), James Parmanand (ANN), Sara Tesfazgi, Amaobi Maduako & family (INT)

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

Mon 23rd St John of Capistrano 12 noon: Marists Community, Archway

Tue 24th St Anthony Mary Claret 12 noon: Virginia Harte, Rosaleen Doherty, Rosario De Cruz (RIP), Catherine Patten (ANN), Louis Coelho (INT)

Wed 25th 12 noon: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi (RIP), Sammy Ekong (birthday) (INT)

Thur 26th Sts Chad & Cedd 12 noon: Spiritans Communities

Fri 27th 12 noon: Martin, Winnie & David McDonagh (11 month anniv) (ANN), Michael Mannion (INT)

Sat 28th Sts Simon & Jude 12 noon: Mary McCabe (ANN), Koko Ikpeme (INT)



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, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Ola Gam-Ikon, Private Intention, Eddy Renwick, Ralph Nwosuh, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley,

Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £20,000 + VAT
 2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £17,900 + VAT
 3. New Security Gate around Parish Carpark/ Exit on Holloway Road (Harling Security Solutions) £25,522 + VAT
- Donations towards the projects would be highly appreciated. Donations so far received £1,500. Thanks

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. Ohiver 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

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to your and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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 45: 1. 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you, that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me all is nothing.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10)

R. Give the Lord glory and power

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among the peoples.

R.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

R.

Give the Lord, you families of people, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

R.

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: "God is king." He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, "Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. It is permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, "You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with." They handed him a denarius, and he said, "Whose head is this? Whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. He then said to them, "Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefitting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	June G	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Maureen Tayler	Innocent T.	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	June G. & Mary A.	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	Sem. Francis & Michelle C	Joe 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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