

NEWS AND VIEWS

Farewell Mass for Fr David & Fr Benedict will take place at the 11.30am Mass **today**, socials will take place immediately after the Mass. We continue to pray for them.

Help At Home: Members of the parish finance committee will be speaking to the parishioners at all Masses this weekend.

Tuesday Social Club is back on after the 12noon Mass. People of all ages are welcome to join the bingo and other activities in the meeting room.

Calling on parishioners who would like a **visit/prayers** for their house bound family members/friends should please leave names and contact details with Fr Moses/at the parish office.

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: October 9th, 23rd, **November** 6th, 20th (**Enrolment Mass at 11.30am**), **December** 4th, 11th. Please could you all enter the meeting room via the door in the car park and ensure the catechists are present before leaving your child/children.

Confirmation 2023: It is time to register for this sacrament. The catechism classes will start on **Wednesday 2nd November at 7pm**. To be eligible for **Confirmation**, the candidate must be **13 years by the 31st of August**.

RCIA: Adults who wish to complete their Sacraments or convert fully to the Catholic faith should also register for **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** to be received at Easter. The lessons have started. *Please pick up all registration forms from the Parish Office.*

World Mission Sunday: This is being celebrated in every Catholic parish around the world. A special collection for Missio which is the Holy Father's charity for world mission will take place next weekend. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are in need.

Christian Stewardship: (2nd October 2022) **Envelopes:** £170. **Loose:** £352.42 **Contactless:** £20.65 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

October Diary

Weekend of 22nd/23rd: **World Mission Sunday (Missio) Collection**

Sunday 23rd 12.45am: **Meeting with Children's Liturgy after 11.30am Mass**

Sunday 30th 2am: **End of British summer time; clocks move back an hour.**

Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions**

Every Last Saturday at 12noon: **Baptism**

Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction**

8pm **Parish Zoom Quiz night followed by 100 Club Draw**

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

A wife once gave her husband the silent treatment for an entire week. She didn't say anything, she just put it into practice. She was hoping it would make him be more attentive to her and to their marriage. At the end of the week she decided to bring up the subject. "You notice anything different about us this past week?" Without missing a beat, and without having a clue either, he replied. "Yeah, we're getting along pretty great lately!"



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+ 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year C
16th October 2022

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

In prayer we surrender to win

When we raise our hands in prayer, we totally surrender to God who then takes control of our situation. Today's First Reading describes the prayer of Moses in time of battle. As long as he kept his arms up (which signifies prayer), the Israelites were winning; but as soon as his arms grow tired and drop (which signifies losing hope), they begin to lose. Eventually his hands were supported in that praying position until victory was won. Similarly, the gospel presents us with a woman of faith, a widow, who refused to accept the oppressive and abusive situation in which she found herself. She kept her hope in final justice alive and did everything in her power to right the wrongs inflicted on her by her oppressive neighbours. Finally her dogged determination paid off and she was vindicated. The person of faith knows that there are no hopeless situations; there are only people who have grown hopeless about their situations. Yet, this does not mean that we can keep asking for just anything. The widow asked for justice - something which God would certainly want for her. Elsewhere, Jesus had compared God to a decent, caring parent. Would such a parent give a child a stone when he asked for bread? Would a parent give a scorpion to a child who asked for an egg? If even human parents will give their children what they need, says Jesus, how much more will a loving God give good things to those who ask him. What are these "good" things? Surely it means asking for those things which will bring us closer to God; what helps us to know, love and serve him better; what helps us reach a deeper understanding of his teaching... It means above all asking to know what is his will for us and the strength to carry it out. It is asking that his will become our will so that there is a complete harmonising of the two. If God's will and mine are one, then in doing what God wants me to do, I end up doing what I want! Isn't that wonderful?! Yet, the parable could be read even more meaningfully in an opposite way whereby we are seen as the judge and God as the widow? Like the judge we persist in refusing to listen to the cries of the poor all around us. But God is the persistent widow who will not go away. God keeps badgering us, refusing to accept our no to love as final.

Mass Times & Intentions 16th - 22nd October 2022

Sat 15th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Teresa O'Riordan, Jeanette Ette (RIP), Joseph Ogbonna birthday, Joanne Etukudoh birthday, Patricia Elogne (INT)

Sun 16th 9:00am: Sally & William Crosby (47yrs) (ANN), Essien E-Oku, Laurie Symonds (INT)

11:30am: Martin Goonan, Joe Brickley (RIP), Eddie McCormack (ANN), Joan Etukudoh, Katie Nolan & family, Joseph Ogbonna, Stephen & Jeffery Etukudoh, Mary Hallissey, Hannah Holden (INT)

6:30pm: Bridget McCarthy (month's mind) (RIP), McCarthy & Harty Families, Gwen Marriutto, Joe Qwek, Lucy Hill (ANN), Joe Ogbonna, Veronica Crawley (INT)

Mon 17th St Ignatius of Antioch 12 noon: Teresa O'Riordan (RIP)

Tue 18th St Luke 12 noon: Teresa O'Riordan (RIP) Dec-Arn Sewell (INT)

Wed 19th Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues 12 noon: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Effy Inam & family, Manny, Lillian & family, Ahano & family, Queeneth & Ekpo (INT)

Thur 20th St Edward the Confessor 12 noon: Joseph Phelan, Teresa Rosser (INT)

Fri 21st 12 noon: Nhora Parra-Rizo (RIP)

Sat 22nd St John Paul II 12 noon: People of the Parish



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, 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, Giovanna Spittle, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, 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, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Danielle, Lilian Montague, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whitehed, Emo Paddy Essang, Madeleine, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Rita Atuanya, Gloria Munian, Phylis Kirwan, Brian Robinson

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

To you I will 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 yours 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 (Exodus 17:8-13)

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, "Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand." Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses's arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 120)

R. Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **R**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **R**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **R**

SECOND READING (2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2)

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience — but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 18:1-8)

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. "There was a judge in a certain town" he said "who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, "You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?"

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Jeanette Fayers	June Gray/Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga/Innocent	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June/Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Tracey Mullett	Michelle Carr	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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