

NEWS AND VIEWS

Westminster Synodal Pathway: Following the Synod 2021- 2023 opening ceremony in Rome on 10th October, led by Pope Francis, the **Westminster Synodal Pathway** will be launched by His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nicholas, Archbishop of Westminster, at 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 16th October in Westminster Cathedral. Mass will be live-streamed. Launching of the **Synodal Pathway in Parishes** will take place this weekend. We thank Michelle Carr for her generosity of spirit in accepting to serve in this very challenging role as our Synodal Pathway Representative, please keep her in our prayers. We will also be asking for more volunteers to assist in this worthy cause.

First Holy Communion 2021/2021: will commence with the parents and children meeting with the catechists and priest on Sunday 24th at 10.30am. Please any interested families should fill and return their forms to the parish office.

RCIA (Adult programme of Christian initiation) 2022: RCIA sessions for adults who want to convert to or be fully received into the Catholic Church starts on Saturday 23rd October at 10.30am in the Church. Subsequent meetings will be via Zoom. Forms picked up should be filled and returned to the Parish Office.

Holy Souls: Tuesday the 2nd of Nov. will be the commemoration of the Holy Souls. People can write down names of their departed and put into the an envelope. Names previously written need not be repeated.

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.**

Calling On All Young-Adult Catholics If you are between the ages of 18-35, join us on **Tuesday the 19th of October at 7:00 pm in the St Gabriel's meeting room.** Every Tuesday there will be the chance to meet other young Catholics, pray together and grow in our faith. There will be refreshments available. If you would like to know more, contact John and Alessandra Knight on john.knight@rcm.ac.uk or on 07512781274.

Maths & English Tutoring for primary school age is available. Please contact Michael Kelly a parishioner and our parish finance chair for more information on 07508226729.

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.

Christian Stewardship: (10th October 2021)

Envelopes: £258.50 **Loose:** £383.16. **Contactless:** £29.50. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.

October Diary

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

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



New medical students were made to take an extremely difficult class in physics. One day the lecturer was discussing a particularly difficult concept. A student rudely interrupted to ask, "Why do we need to learn this stuff?" "To save lives," the lecturer responded quickly and continued. A few minutes later, the same student spoke up again. "So how does physics save lives?" he persisted. "It keeps idiots like you from graduating," replied the lecturer.



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+ 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B
17th 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

Leadership: An Authority to Command? No, to Serve!

Who is the greatest among us? The person who is richest? Those with the best academic qualifications? Those in high position in government office? They are great, but they may not be the greatest.

What about a good mother at home? She cares for her family, works for her husband and children, prepares food and cares for all in the house who are sick or in trouble. She makes herself – a servant of all. Her children may talk of her later, saying – "There was nobody greater than our Mother. She was super." In our celebration today Jesus talks about this kind of greatness which comes from – **UNSELFISH LOVE**. Such a love will suffer for others and even die for them. **Our 1st reading talks about Christ**. He became our servant by taking the beatings which we deserved. This made him the greatest. **In the world today, we have leaders who lord it over their subjects and make life unbearable for them, but in today's gospel Christ gives the perfect example of a good leader - "The servant leader."** Thus, in the Church we should not have leaders who issue orders and subjects who obey. All are brothers and sisters, and all must see themselves as the servants of others. In our diocese, as in every diocese throughout the world, the Synodal pathway will begin this weekend of 16 & 17 October. The Synodal pathway speaks to us about leadership that suggests inclusiveness and journeying together, leaving no one behind. "By walking together, and together reflecting on the journey made, the Church will be able to learn from what it will experience which processes can help it to live communion, to achieve participation, to open itself to mission." In this Synodal process, "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." (Pastoral Letter 2-3 October 2021, Cardinal Vincent). **Let us today imitate Christ's example and follow all his steps perfectly as the best leader.**

Mass Times & Intentions

17th – 23rd October 2021

Sat 16th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Alan Mullee (RIP), Kathleen Keane, Thomas Gallagher (ANN), Mullee family (INT)

Sun 17th 9:00am: Jules Claude Ebelle, Katina Anglos, Morrissa Gurini, John Wiltshire (RIP), Tony McNulty, Mary & Jimmy Kelly (ANN), Essien E-Oku, Nicola Hill, Kathleen Panayiotu (INT)

11:30am: Alan Mullee (RIP), Eddie McCormack (5th) (ANN), Mary & Eamonn, Alice Rush, Iwona Szczpta (INT)

6:30pm: Alan Mullee (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Theresa & Eyo (INT)

Mon 18th St. Luke 12 noon: Gabriel Ndow (ANN), Iwona Szczpta, Kathleen Panayiotou, Jennifer Winskill & Spencer Stilwell, Dee-Arn Sewell (INT)

Tue 19th Sts John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues 12 noon: Gwen Mariutto, Joe Qwek (ANN), Essien E-Oku, Kathleen Panayiotu (INT)

Wed 20th St Edward the Confessor 12 noon: Alan Mullee (RIP), Kathleen Panayiotu (INT)

Thur 21st 12 noon: Richard Diamond (RIP), Lucy Hill (ANN), Paul Dorrian, Kathleen Panayiotu (INT)

Fri 22nd St John Paul II 12 noon: Jeremy Platten (INT)

Sat 23rd St John of Capistrano 12 noon: Eva Mills (ANN)



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, 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

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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 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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 32)

R. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

R.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

R.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

R.

SECOND READING Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the

highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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. Amen.

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, benefiting 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. Amen.

Mass

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

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Florain Breit
Joseph Baffoe
Tracey Mullett

Stewards

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

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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