

NEWS AND VIEWS

Daily Church Cleaning Appeal: We are calling on all parishioners who can give their time and possibly to work in group to keep the church clean. Please share your contact with Fr Moses or through the Parish office. Your help is urgently needed.

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: Jan 15th, 22nd, Feb. 5th, 19th, Mar. 5th, 11th, 19th, Apr. 2nd, 23rd, May 7th, 14th, 21st, Jun. 4th, 10th. The celebration of the **First Communion will take place Sunday 11th June during the 11.30am Mass.** 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.

Dates for Confirmation Sessions: Christmas break. Jan. 11th, 25th, Feb. 8th, 22nd, Mar. 8th, 22nd, Easter break. Apr. 19th, May 3rd, 17th, June 7th, 21st, 28th -(Rehearsal in the Church). **Confirmation Ceremony Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.**

Parish Project: (Help At Home): Thank you for the generosity. the next collection will be taken during the **week-end of 28th/29th January, 2023.**

Lepra Appeal Is coming up on the weekend of 21st/ 22nd January 2023, **Over 7 million people** are currently affected by leprosy across the world. Evidence shows **over 3 million people** are living with undiagnosed leprosy **Over 4 million people** are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy Although **curable**, many people are unable to access treatment, even though the cure is free. Lepra works to find, treat and rehabilitate these hidden people and promote their rights in India and Bangladesh.

Christian Stewardship: 8th January 2023 **Envelopes:** £200.50 **Loose:** £328.29. **Contactless:** £117.99 **Parish Project- (Help At Home-** £1754.97 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

January Diary

Weekend of 21st/22nd: **Lepra Appeal**

Weekend of 28th/29th: **Parish Project collection (Help @ Home)**

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**

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+ 2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

15th January 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

Consolidated friendship

We may wish to ask ourselves the reason(s) why we enter into any relationship as individuals, as groups, as organisations and even as nations. It would not be strange to posit that most of the times, we enter into relationships based on the interests or benefits we derive from them. As a business tycoon, I would like relationships that add value to my business and my linking up with people is purely that of interest. As a country, we are in a relationship with other nations (bilateral or multilateral relationship) because of the interests we have with these nations and when these interests become conflictual, hostilities begin to emerge leading to an environment of total mistrust and chaos. God's relationship with humanity is completely opposed to that which is obtainable in our world. The terms of God's friendship with his people are simple; "You shall be my people and I will be your God." (Ex. 6:7). This is the guiding principle of the people of Israel, chosen and loved by God. Fidelity is what God wants from his people as he, God, ever remains faithful to his people. History points to us that the people of Israel are never faithful to the terms of the covenant and yet the consolidation of this friendship comes through a radical shift from being a mere servant to being a true friend who serves as a source of illumination for many other nations. Light shines by way of the teachings received through the prophets who constantly shape and reshape Israel. We however know that the words of the prophets are not enough to brighten the nations. True light of the nations is seen in God's singular project saving humanity through the advent of his only begotten son. The letter to the Hebrews clearly expresses this in these terms, "In the past, God spoke to our ancestors many times and in many ways through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us through his son..." (Heb. 1:1-2). Jesus Christ is the true light of the nations shining to eternity as seen in his acts. He comes to bridge the gap that exists between God and his children, leading all things to God. It is imperative to rethink our friendship with our brothers and sisters especially as people called by God to journey in a faith community, taking a leap from the friendship established between God and his people.

Mass Times & Intentions 15th – 21st January 2023

Sat 14th 6:30pm: Finola Finn, Michael Cafferkey, Raymond Quinn (RIP), Lady Susan Uyanna (ANN), Helena Gannon, Mary Hartnett (Birthday) (INT)

Sun 15th 9:00am: Stan Connolly (20th) (ANN), Connell & Connolly family (INT)

11:30am: Moses Ebo-Dennis, Mrs Guiven, Selyne, Frank McGilloway (RIP), May Fahey & family, Joyce McDaid (birthday) (INT)

6:30pm: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Manny, Lillian & family, Ahano & family (INT)

Mon 16th 12 noon: Michael O'Connell (RIP)

Tue 17th St Anthony 12 noon: Thelma Monisse (RIP), Maggie Darragh (2nd) (ANN)

Wed 18th 12 noon: Rita Atuanya, Joe Smullen, Marjorie Hall, Ethel Hassell (RIP), Marie Molloy, Maria Solari (née Venti) (ANN), Rob Mills, Diane Sewell (INT)

Thur 19th St Wulstan 12 noon: Joan Platten, Stan Kilby (ANN),

Fri 20th St Fabian 12 noon: Anastasia Olowu (Posthumous birthday) (RIP), Ella Humphreys (birthday) (INT)

Sat 21st St Agnes 12 noon: Marielyn O'Regan, Kathleen Flynn (RIP), Richard Tayler (ANN),



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, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Tina 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 McKeaney, 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 Paddy Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson

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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 ...

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

Food For Thought

Philippians 3:14-16

The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus. So all of us who are spiritually mature should think this way, and if anyone thinks differently, God will reveal it to him or her. Only let's live in a way that is consistent with whatever level we have reached



TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the Earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 49:3 5-6

The Lord said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified". I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: "It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel: I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 39)

**R. Here I am Lord!
I come to do your will.**

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I

R.

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In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart.

R.

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

R.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ: for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 1: 29-34

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, "Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water," John also declared, "I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me. The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit. Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant us O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished, by this one heavenly Bread, one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	June Gray	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	Mary/Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Roxanne	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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