

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Christmas Decorations:** We thank all the helping hands who showed up to decorate or to take part in this parish activity in which ever way. God bless you and we appreciate.

**Parish Community Christmas Carol Singalong** was a huge success and we thank all who donated items or worked behind the scenes to make it a blessed evening. Our Duo (Iwona & Jasmine) were phenomenal as always.

**Parish Volunteers' Thanksgiving Mass** comes up on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All who serve our parish community in any capacity are to attend.

**Parish Safeguarding Team:** We welcome Sade Afolabi our new addition to the team, we thank her for the generosity of spirit in accepting to serve us in this very critical role.

**First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates:** Dec. 5th, 19th, Jan. 9th at 10.15am. Please enter through the parish car park.

**Christmas Food Donations for the Needy:** Please think of the less privileged in our community as you do your Christmas shopping. We need tins, confectioneries, biscuits, beverages, toiletries etc. Items could be dropped with the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Calling On All Young-Adult Catholics** If you are between the ages of 18-45, join us 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](mailto:john.knight@rcm.ac.uk) or on 07512781274.

**Ghanian Chaplaincy** here in St Gabriels will be meeting with Fr David after the 11.30am Mass this Sunday the 5th December

**Future Matters** is a free service for Islington residents. It offers one-to-one support and can help you (as required) to setup (i) Lasting Powers of Attorney (ii) adding your information to the NHS Electronic Urgent Care Record for emergency services e.g ambulance services, A&E, out of hours GP and district nurses and (iii) organising other Advance Care Plan(s). It also offers advice as required on a wide range of items including Wills, Prepaid Funeral Plans etc. For future information refer to: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/islington/our-services/future-matters-service/> Alternatively, you can contact **Maria Piroli who is a parishioner with over 7 years' experience as a Future Matters volunteer.** Contact Maria: via Email: [projects@gentledusk.org.uk](mailto:projects@gentledusk.org.uk) or Mobile: 07986 637702.

**Christian Stewardship:** (28th November 2021)

**Envelopes:** £197. **Loose:** £303.75. **Contactless:** £118.86. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for our continuous support of our parish.


## December Diary

Friday 10th 8pm: Festive parish zoom quiz and 100 club draw


Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm: Parish Volunteer's Thanksgiving Mass.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 7pm: Christmas Penitential Service and Confessions. Guest priests will be available.

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




Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asked a young applicant fresh out of Business School, "And what starting salary were you looking for?" The applicant replies, "In the region of £100,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer enquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5-weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental care, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car replaced every 2 years, say a red Limo?" The applicant sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" And the interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."




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**+ 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C**  
**5th December 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

The church invites us this second week of Advent to celebrate the fulfilment of God's beautiful promise to us which is about to happen in a couple of weeks from now. This season, we await in joyful hope for the "Day of the Lord" when this great promise will be complete for, and in us. All the readings of this Sunday are a wake up call to prepare to receive the Lord who is coming soon. While our first reading announces that God is ready to display the splendour of the Messiah to all nations, the second reading reminds us of "The Lord's Day." Obviously, this is the fulfilment of God's promise for our salvation. This wake-up call is summed up in today's gospel where Luke the evangelist reminds us of what we must actually do through the voice of prophet Isaiah. In today's gospel, Luke captured the world's political and historical situation at the birth of the Messiah. Indeed, it was a time of excessive political and religious instability. The kings and rulers of the Roman empire were completely and recklessly in charge of the world. However, it was time for change. The King of king is on His way. Thus, it was in this context that Luke echoes the prophesy of Isaiah: "Prepare a way for the Lord [the true and just King], make his path straight. Let every valley be filled, and every mountain and hill be levelled..." (Is 40:4). The message is quite simple and clear. So, we have to remove whatever will constitute an obstacle to receiving Christ at the end of this season. In other words, something must be sacrificed this season for Christ to have his place in us. For us to experience the joy, glory and splendour of His coming, we have to be prepared to receive him. Finally, as Paul prayed for us in the second reading: May our love increase ever more and more in knowledge, and every kind of perception, so that we may be able to discern what is of value this season. So that, filled with the fruit of righteousness, we may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

**Mass Times & Intentions** **5th December – 11th December 2021**

**Sat 4th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Jerry Mullane (RIP), Patricia Etim-Bassey (1st) (ANN), Michelle Carr (INT)

**Sun 5th 9:00am:** Patricia Etim-Bassey (ANN), The Spiritans Uk, Marist Sisters, Archway, Parish Office Team, Paani Dias, Rita Rawlings Maureen Tayler, Ahano Aroko-Ekhaton, Tony, Maureen Nevin family, Michael & Ann Nevin family, Theresa Shorthall & family (INT)

**11:30am:** Anton Coyle, Mary Slattery, Assunta Turin, Tom Mehmet (RIP), Patricia Etim-Bassey, John & Catherine Rooney, Eddie Sweeney, Criss Parker (ANN), Passionist Fathers Highgate, Sisters @ St Joseph Highgate, Gabby Mehmet, Maureen Currie, Carmel Conway, Teresa Reilly, Bill Ronan, Joe Turin, Edith Okoro, KC Maduako & family (INT)

**6:30pm:** Paddy Brown, Maureen McDonald, Margaret McPhillips (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa (INT)

**Mon 6th St Nicholas 12 noon:** Neville Taylor, John-Paul Stacks, Tom Mehmet (RIP), Martin Carley (INT)

**Tue 7th St Ambrose 12 noon:** Tom Mehmet (RIP), Aureen Scully (INT)

**Wed 8th The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary 12 noon:** Mary Screene Tom Mehmet (RIP), Mary Stephens (INT)

**Thur 9th St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin 12 noon:** Muriel & George Roberts, Tom Mehmet (RIP), Carol Belsten, Beryl Tamsett (INT)

**Fri 10th Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto 12 noon:** Jimmy Coyle, Christina Kennedy, Tom Mehmet, Alan Mullee (RIP), Frank Quinn (ANN), Alan & Felicity Harrison, Judy & Mary Walsh, Mick Garvey, Stevie & Ann Martin (INT)

**Sat 11th St Damasus I 12 noon:** Tom Mehmet (RIP), Gerald Walsh (69th), Phyllis Mongar (ANN), Erna Joy, John & Lucie Thompson (INT)

**Please Pray For:**

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 Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shielá 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, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whitehead,

**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

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

## Opening Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

## First Reading Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the Command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of Each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

## Responsorial Psalm (Ps 125)

R. **What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seems like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap R.

They go out, they go out, full of tears carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R.

## Second Reading Philippians 1:3-6.8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognize what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God

## Prayer over the gifts

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings and since we have no merits to plead our cause, come we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which come to you from God.

## Prayer after communion

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

## Mass

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

## Readers

Carmel Cannon  
Ann Waldron  
Mark Renner  
Joanna Hemmingway

## 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.

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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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