

NEWS AND VIEWS

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022: This year, we celebrate 10 years of Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese, working with parishes to restore hope, and enable people to lead a life of dignity and worth. Funds raised in this year's Cardinal Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for many people. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD family fast retiring collection will take place all through the weekend Masses. Please give generously.

Planned Giving envelopes and Gift Aid: The new envelopes are available, it will be given out at all Masses or it could also be given via the Parish Office during the week. If you are a taxpayer and would like to sign up as a Gift aider please contact the parish office. We also encourage parishioners to give by contactless or by standing order to minimise the risk of the contacting virus with cash.

First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates: Mar. 20th, 27th, Apr. 24th, May 8th, 22nd, Jun. 5th, 12th at 10.15am, Saturday 18th June Reconciliation & Rehearsal at 10am. Please enter through the parish car park. **Sunday 19th June @ 3pm Celebration of First Holy Communion.**

Death of Ann Fitzgerald who was one of the oldest founding parishioner of our parish has gone to be with the Lord. She passed away at the age of 102 years old. Her funeral is on **Thursday 24th March at 11am.** Her daughter Joan Fitzgerald who is part of the POT is also an active member of the parish with many roles. We continue to keep the family in our prayers.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

Christian Stewardship: (6th March 2022)

Envelopes: £206. **Loose:** £395.46 **Contactless:** £78.67. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

March Diary

Thursday 17 March at 12 noon & 7pm: **St. Patrick's Day Mass, followed by Irish coffee in the Meeting Room. Coordinated by Mary Aherne & Maureen Tayler (12noon) Michelle & Bernie Carr (7pm)**

Sunday 27 March: **Mothering Sunday will be celebrated at all Masses.**

Clock goes forward today to mark the beginning of BST

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

Every Last Saturday at 12noon: **Baptism (None in March)**

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

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

Fridays of Lent: **Stations of the Cross at 11.30am & 6.30pm followed by Masses at 12 noon and 7pm respectively.**

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SLEEP	TENTS	VOICE	LISTEN



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



Young Larry stopped by the corner grocery store and read the following list to the attendant:

10 pounds sugar at \$1.25 a pound, 4 pounds coffee at \$1.50 a pound, 2 pounds butter at \$1.10 a pound 2 bars soap at \$.83 each, "How much does that come to?" asked Larry. "Twenty-two dollars and thirty-six cents." "If I gave you three ten dollar bills, how much change would I get?" said the boy. "Seven dollars and sixty-four cents," stated the attendant who appeared to be irritated by all the questions. Larry said, as he disappeared through the door, "I don't want to buy the item ... that's our arithmetic homework, and I needed some help with it."



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+ 2nd Sunday of Lent Time, Year C
13th March 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

On this second Sunday of Lent, the church encourages us not to rest in the material comforts of this world. Rather, we should march towards the Promised Land and our future glory. If we succeed in getting there, the Lord in whom we put our trust and faith will transfigure our mortal bodies into the likeness of his glorified body. Today, our first reading and gospel have a lot in common. Both of them narrate the revelation of the glory and splendour of the future. In the First reading, due to faith, God revealed to Abraham the glory that would be his in future. Not only did God reveal this to Abraham, He sealed it with a covenant. This is as an assurance that He will fulfil his promise to Abraham. In the gospel, Jesus revealed his future glory to Peter, James and John who are collectively referred to by scripture scholars as: "Members of the inner circle." They saw the glory and splendour of God revealed in Christ who represents the New Covenant; in Moses, who represents the Law; and in Elijah who represents the Prophets. An important lesson we must learn from today's gospel, comes from this narrative: "...Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep but they remained awake and saw his glory." Of course, after a stressful day of mountain climbing, the disciples were tired. However, because they were curious and wanted to know why Christ brought them there, they struggled to be awake. Physically, they were asleep, but spiritually, they were awake in order to accomplish the task that brought them there. Like these apostles, we too must remain spiritually awake this season of lent in order to experience God's glory. If we must behold the glory of God revealed in Jesus Christ, we must be ready to make much sacrifice. The Lenten season offers us the opportunity to make sacrifices. It prepares us for the future glory through prayers, fasting and alms-giving. It is a time when we grow in grace in order to advance faithfully to the mountain of God's glory.

Mass Times & Intentions 13th - 19th March 2022

Sat 12th Vigil Mass: Paul Dorrian (Month's mind), Brendan Nelson (RIP), Sharon Gaudio, Mary Curran, Francis Curran, Caith Murphy (ANN), Helen Morris (90th Birthday), Kieran Roche, Laura, James & Matthew Nelson (INT)

Sun 13th 9:00am: Patricia Etim-Bassey (Posthumous 80th B'day), Felomino Capinpin, Assunta Turin, Ann Fitzgerald (RIP), Nancy Tamsett (ANN), Joan Fitzgerald, Damain Bradley, Stella Anakor, Peggy Forkan, Comfort & Emman Inam, Mario Avanzi, Bill Ronan (INT)

11:30am: Brendan Nelson, Margaret Bennett, Michael Togher, Anne, Chris & Anne Nevin, Patricia Eme Etim-Bassey, Ann Fitzgerald (RIP), Bernadette Nwanyieke Chukelu, Agnes & Michael Heneghan, Mary Slattery, John Heneghan, Wallace Fayars (ANN), Margaret Togher, Eddie Neville (INT)

6:30pm: Ralph Mbagwu, Ann Fitzgerald (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien -Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa, Emo & Paddy, Fitzgerald family (INT)

Mon 14th 12 noon: Margaret Riordan, Grace Stephens, Jovanna, Ann Fitzgerald (RIP)

Tue 15th 12 noon: Brendan Nelson, Ann Fitzgerald (RIP), Kitty Carroll (ANN)

Wed 16th 12 noon: Andy Steenhoff, Gerry Lennon, Brendan Nelson, Ann Fitzgerald (RIP), Miriam Mayne, Una Rainsford, Bridget McDonagh (ANN), Maura O'Leary, Ann Colbert (INT)

Thur 17th St Patrick 12 noon: Joe Brickley, Brendan Nelson, John Patten, Cathleen Lavelle, Cait Murphy (RIP), Josie Amooty (D'Arcy) (5th), Michael J, Kate & John Togher, Alf Humphreys (ANN) & 7pm: PAT & POT

Fri 18th St Cyril of Jerusalem 12 noon: Alan Mullee, Ann Fitzgerald (RIP), Dee-Arn Sewell, Margaret Nelson (INT)

Sat 19th St Joseph 12 noon: Ellen Counihan Ann Fitzgerald (RIP), Sr. Josephine Grimes (ANN)



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, 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, Fr Kevin, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, Fr. Aodh, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Debbie Whitehead, Emo Paddy Essang, Melissa Fallon, Madeleine, Jimmy Mills, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Ann Colbert

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritsans) 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

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not your face from me.

OPENING PRAYER

O God who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 Genesis 15:5-12.17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 26)

R. The Lord is my light and my help.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

R.

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.

Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

R.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

R.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.

Hope in the Lord!

R.

SECOND READING Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard:

This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!

Glory and praise to you, O Christ

GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass

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

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Ann Waldron
Mark Renner
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.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain and when he about 14, was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave. His captivity lasted until he was 20, when he escaped after having had a dream in which he was told by God to leave Ireland by going to the coast. Some sailors took him back to Britain and he was reunited with his family. A few years after returning home, Patrick had a vision which prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland. He converted many people - eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity, and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing his message. He preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. After years of living in poverty, travelling and enduring much suffering, he died 17 March 461, at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church.

St. Joseph was a carpenter, a working man. He wasn't rich. Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. The angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was, as yet, unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. He knew women accused of adultery could be stoned to death, so he resolved to send her away quietly to not expose her to shame or cruelty. Joseph's one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did he leave his home to protect Jesus, but upon his return settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son, for the people of Nazareth often say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus's public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe he probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry.

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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