

NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Project collection for Repairs and Replacements will take place at all Masses this weekend.

Sick and Retired Priest collection: Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 82 retired priests, at a cost of £850,000. The number of our priests over the age of 65 is steadily increasing, and caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. Whilst we work with the NHS and local authorities to ensure funding gaps are met, we still rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund each year.

Mass Streaming Services will commence soon, if you do not wish to appear online, please avoid the two middle front rows of the church. The camera is static and focuses only on the altar. We hope to evangelise to all with this technology.

Holy Souls Book of Memorial is out on the Bulletin Desk behind. Please write down names of all that you wish to pray for. Some names already written down in the past need not be repeated. Accompanying envelopes are available for donations for the Masses.

100 Club October draw: 1st prize of £192 no. 84. 2nd prize of £77 no.1. 3rd/4th/5th prizes of £38 to nos. 71, 31 & 38. **November draw** will take place on the 3rd.

First Holy Communion dates: Nov. 5th, 19th, Dec. 3rd, 17th...more dates after Christmas. **First Holy Communion celebration 2nd June, 2024** Please enter the meeting through the parish car park.

RCIA 2024: Adults who are yet to be baptised or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should register at the Parish Office. Classes has started.

Parish Quiz night @ 7.45pm on Friday 3rd November.

- **Prague/Poland in 25th-31st May 2024:** Cost £870. including flight, lodging, breakfast and dinner. **for 7 days.** Please find the full details on the display board in the porch.
- **First instalment of 25% by 31st October,** to enable booking of flights and hotel reservations. next 25% **December 10th,** 3rd instalment 25% **March 31st 2024,** Final instalment by **May 10th 2024.** Those who need visa to travel will sort it out by themselves; the tour company will provide hotel reservations to support visa application. Please indicate interest on the sheets provided.

Christian Stewardship: 22nd October 2023 **Envelopes:** £191 **Loose:** £379.65 **Contactless:** £137. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

October Diary

Weekend of 27th/28th: **Parish Project Monthly Collection**

Sunday 28th: **Autumn Clocks goes back**

Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**

Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**

Every Saturday evening after Mass: **Bingo in the meeting room**

Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room**

Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room** 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

November Diary

Wednesday 1st All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation): Masses at 12noon and 7pm

Thursday 2nd All Souls: Masses at 12noon and 7pm

Weekend of 4th/5th: Sick & Retired Priest Collection

PARISH DECEMBER DIARY DATES

- Friday 8th-Christmas Carol Concert @ 6.30pm
- Sunday 10th- Volunteer Mass @ 11.30am
- Friday 15th-17th- Advent Parish Retreat

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QUESTION
LAW
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NEIGHBOUR

Food For Thought

1st Corinthians 13: 4-7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong doing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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



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+30th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A
29th October 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

Today, the church reminds us of the most important theological virtue, 'love'. In a most special way, Jesus gives us the two dimensions of love. The vertical love of God, and the horizontal- love of neighbour. With these two forms of love, when perfectly practiced, a Christian can conveniently talk of 'living well'. The Pharisees posed Christ another "difficult" question: "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" As usual, this was in order to test him. A close look at Jesus' response today, reveals that Jesus presents us with, first the vertical dimension of love: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul..." It is important to note that to love God with one's body and soul requires a lot of sacrifice, and humility. To love God is the most important prerequisite of being like him. The second dimension of love is the horizontal: "You must love your neighbour as yourself?" This is more difficult than the first. This is because, we neglect and take it for granted. This is, by thinking that we can love God alone without loving our neighbours. Hence, Christ reminds us that: "If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1Jn 4, 20). So, the best way of expressing our love for God is through our neighbours. We must affect others positively in order to love God well. Saint Augustine admonishes us; "... Love God, and do whatever you will". Let the root of love be within, of this root can nothing spring but what is good." This is absolutely right because, it is through our neighbours that we worship and love God. When we find God, we find our own peace and love. The value of one's life is measured by the lives it touched positively. So, with the psalmist, let us proclaim: "I love you Lord, my strength."

Mass Times & Intentions

29th October – 4th November 2023

Sat 28th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Breege Cooney (Month's Mind) (RIP)

Sun 29th 9:00am: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Luigi Carpanini (RIP), Micto McDonagh (15th), Michael O'Shea (13th) (ANN), Essien-Oku's family intentions (INT)

11:30am: Ciaran Scanlan (Month's Mind), Donal Kirwan, John Foley (RIP), Jose Roderick (1st) (ANN), Ella Humphreys (INT)

6:30pm: Betty O'Neill, Steve Laferla (RIP), Joan Allen (INT)

Mon 30th 12 noon: Patricia Haddon (RIP), Christopher Thompson (ANN)

Tue 31st 12 noon: Nellie Woods (RIP), Rica Coelho, Sam Haslam, John Thompson (INT)

Wed 1st All Saints: Masses at 12 noon and 7:00pm (Holy Day Of Obligation)

Thur 2nd The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Mass at 12 noon

Fri 3rd St Martin de Porres 12 noon: First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction

Sat 4th St Charles Borromeo 12 noon: Mary Duffy, Richard Tayler (RIP)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, 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 Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, 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 Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Ola Gam-Ikon, Private Intention, Eddy Renwick, Ralph Nwosuh, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley,

Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £20,000 + VAT
 2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £17,900 + VAT
 3. New Security Gate around Parish Carpark/ Exit on Holloway Road (Harling Security Solutions) £25,522 + VAT
- Donations towards the projects would be highly appreciated. Donations so far received £1,500. Thanks

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi: CSSp, Fr. Ohver Ugwu CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka 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 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

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength: constantly seek his face.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 22: 20-26

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 17)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only through Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question. "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" Jesus said, "You must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets also."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Ann Heekin	Jackie O'Shea	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga M	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Joe Baffoe	June G. & Joyce McD.	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Maureen Tayler	Sem. Francis & Michelle C	Joe 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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