

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Sick and Retired Priest collection:** Next weekend's second collection will be for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a **Patron** of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today, for more information. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

**Mass Streaming Services** will start on from the **10th of December 2023** Masses, if you do not wish to appear online, please avoid the two middle **edge** front rows of the church. The camera is static and focuses only on the altar. We hope to evangelise to all with this technology.

**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.

**Christmas Carol Concert on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm.** Groups or Individual acts are welcome to perform, please kindly (notify Parish Office). The Carol raffle tickets will go on sale from Saturday vigil mass 11th November. We also appeal for the raffle prizes, and hamper donations. Let us make another memorable concert.

**Faith Sharing/Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** Every Saturday at 10am in the Meeting Room. While candidates to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church (RCIA) will be supported in their faith journey, it is an opportunity for all Catholics to share and grow in faith

- **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.
- **Next instalment of 25% by December 10th,** to secure booking of flights and hotel reservations. 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:** 29th October 2023 **Envelopes:** £254 **Loose:** £447.43 **Contactless:** £68. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

## November Diary

Weekend of 11th/12th: Sick & Retired Priest Collection  
 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**

## PARISH DECEMBER DIARY DATES

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

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## Food For Thought

**John 13: 34**

**"A new commandment, I give unto you that you love one another, as I have loved you."**

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



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**+31st Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A**  
*5th November 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

### I am the best

That which is false can be hard. Because the Pharisees could not keep things real, they can't practice what they preach. They are quick to draw up rules which are difficult for people to carry out but they do absolutely nothing to help in their implementation. Those in authority are guilty of this attitude of "Do as I say, not as I do." Sometimes we tell the young or those 'under' us to do or not do something and expect compliance simply because we have said it. Words lack effect without authority. Words go with authority only if the speaker has competence and integrity. Like the Pharisees Jesus indicted in today's Gospel for their hypocrisy, most of us may have the competence because we have learnt our trade but lack integrity because our actions don't match our words. Respect cannot be demanded. It can only be earned. In our celebrity and image-conscious culture, how we are seen is more important than who we really are and the result is hypocrisy or double-standard. I came to realize a long time ago that I'm the best in the world at one thing only; I'm not the best preacher neither am I the best singer or dancer. I'm the best at one thing and that is being myself. Nobody can be me better than me. We have absolutely nothing to gain by pretending to be what we are not instead we have everything to lose. There is good wisdom in the saying that 'he that is down needs fear no fall'. We all like to surround ourselves with a certain aura which is far from the reality such that scandal erupts when we are found out. Adults can perfectly relate to the common humanity of humble and unpretentious leaders. Children can also understand the weakness of their parents - they have seen you cry. What is resented is the duplicity of being arrogant and feeling superior while in reality one is not any better. None of these things, says Jesus, makes a person great. The greatest is the person who uses his or her gifts to make this world a better place for all.

### Mass Times & Intentions

5th - 11th November 2023

**Sat 4th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** John Corr, Mick Nolan, Sr. Pauline Cogan (RIP)  
**Sun 5th 9:00am:** Tony McNulty, Delia Waldron, Peter Smith (RIP), Harold Bradley & family (INT)  
**11:30am:** John Foley, Anne Devlin, Tracy McCann, Marcus Agyemang Heard, Paddy Doyle, Colin Restall (RIP), Phylis Kirwan (1st) (ANN), Thanksgiving to St Jude: prayers answered, Georgina Neill, Parents of Marcus (INT)  
**6:30pm:** Peggy Green (RIP) Essien-Oku family's Intentions, Ann Waldron, Kathy & Michael Green family (INT)  
**Mon 6th 12 noon:** Hugh McDaid (Posthumous b'day) (RIP), Remy Rodrigues (20th) (ANN), Thanksgiving to St Jude: prayers answered (INT)  
**Tue 7th St Willibrord 12 noon:** Ann Fitzgerald, Michael Franks, Sean Heavin, Bridget Corcoran (RIP), Stephens family, Thanksgiving to St Jude: prayers answered (INT)  
**Wed 8th 12 noon:** John Quinn, Margaret Yates (RIP), Nanny & Arthur Franks, Joseph & Peggy Keenan, Fernanda Albuquerque Santos (ANN), Thanksgiving to St Jude: prayers answered (INT)  
**Thur 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 12 noon:** Jim Carter (RIP), Tessie Guinan (ANN)  
**Fri 10th St Leo the Great 12 noon:** John Quinn (RIP)  
**Sat 11th St Martin of Tours 12 noon:** Mary Duffy (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 Munnelly, 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, Lorraine Constantinou

### 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 **£2,085.49** 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. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka CSSp  
**Parish Office Team:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Taylor, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald, Seminarian Francis Hoang Son  
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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

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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 Malachi 1: 14-2:2

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 130)

**R. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.**

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me.

**R.**

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul.

**R.**

O Israel hope in the Lord both now and forever.

**R.**

## SECOND READING 1 Thessalonian 2: 7-9

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you and had come to love you so much that we were eager to hand over to you, not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Matthew 23: 1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, "The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do; since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are his brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted."

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Isaac Bibilian	Innocent Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	June G. & Mary A.	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	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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