

NEWS AND VIEWS

Sick and Retired Priest collection: This 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. . Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Christmas Carol Concert on Friday 8th 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.

Mass Streaming Services will start 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. 19th, Dec. 3rd, 17th...more dates after Christmas. **First Holy Communion celebration 2nd June, 2024** Please enter the meeting through the parish car park.

November Diary

Weekend of 11th/12th: **Sick & Retired Priest Collection**
 Monday 20th: **Volunteers meeting at 7pm in meeting room.**
 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**

Death of Sr. Pauline Cogan: She was a Marist nun who served our parish diligently for many years before she was transferred. In her time with us, she interacted with many groups in the parish and made lifelong friendships. She passed away peaceful at a very ripe age. May her soul rest in perfect peace.

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

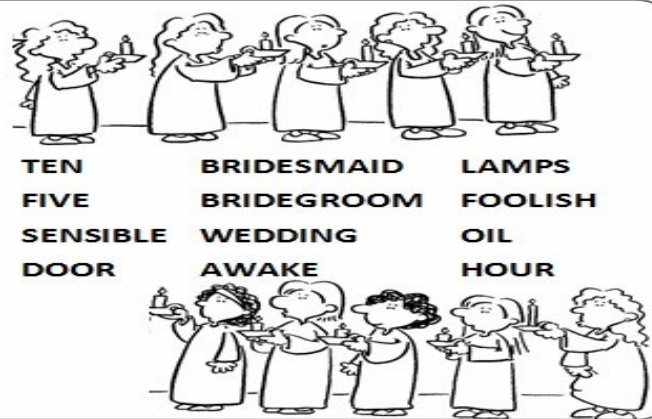
- **Prague/Poland in 25th-31st May 2024:** Cost **£870.** including flight, lodging (sharing), breakfast and dinner. **for 7 days.** Please find the full details on the display glass board in the porch.
- **Next instalment of 25% by December 10th,** to secure booking of flights and hotel reservations. 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: 5th November 2023 **Envelopes:** £215 **Loose:** £547.43 **Contactless:** £60. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

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



Food For Thought

John 13: 34

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



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+32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year A
12th 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

Active and Passive Christian life

The words of the scripture today are given to us as presented by the parable of the Ten Virgins. Why virgins? These are people who are active and full of life and ready to go out and work with energy. Just as the Ten Virgins, we have to use our time and energy in service of the Lord to His people. Filling up our lamps with oil means that all the time we have to be ready to serve others; ready to forgive others and ready to know those who are needy in our society. The parable of the Ten Virgins is addressed to the Church waiting for the coming of Christ. The wise virgins represent those who are prepared for the end times and urge all Christians to be prepared to meet the Lord. What is the preparation which is expected? For the evangelist the preparation for the coming of Christ does not mean Idle watching for the end to come; it does not mean to be in constant look out for the signs of the coming of Christ; it does not mean frantic search for information about the end of all things. The sermon on the mount calls those who listen to the words of Jesus and act accordingly as wise and those who hear the words of Jesus and do not act accordingly as fools. A true disciple is one whose life is filled with deeds of love, mercy and forgiveness. Thus the most appropriate preparation for the coming of Christ in glory is deeds that befit true disciple. A disciple who is always faithful to his/her duties is prepared for the coming of the Lord whenever it occurs. Do I firmly believe in the coming of Christ at the end of time? Are my deeds showing that I am preparing to meet the lord when He comes?

Mass Times & Intentions 12th – 18th November 2023

Sat 11th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Essien-Oku family's intentions (INT)
Sun 12th 9:00am: Sr. Pauline Cogan (RIP), P.J Heavin (8th) (ANN), Harold Bradley, Liz Pappas, Adrian Bradley, Olga Monpeke, George Rego (INT)
11:30am: Anne Devlin, Sean Brennan, Assunta Turin, Mike Smith (RIP), P. J Heavin (8th), Nell Spencer (ANN), Ayana Saunders (INT)
6:30pm: John Greaney (ANN), Huw Evans and family, Gerard Kerin (INT)
Mon 13th 12 noon: John Foley (RIP)
Tue 14th 12 noon: John Foley, Peggy Connelley, Karen Cahill (RIP), Ed & Emer Byrne & family, Thanksgiving (INT)
Wed 15th St Albert the Great 12 noon: Paddy McDonagh (6th) (ANN), Private Int, Jason Brennan & family (INT)
Thur 16th St Edmund of Abingdon 12 noon: Tom Milne (RIP)
Fri 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary 12 noon: Eileen Tarrant & family, Mary Brennan & family (INT)
Sat 18th The Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul 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 **£2,285.49** 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
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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 my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 Wisdom 6: 12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of their coming to meet them.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 62)

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

R.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

R.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

R.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

R.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus told the parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall not want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass

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

Readers

Jeanette Fayers
Rachel McGonigal
John Obligar
Maureen Tayler

Eucharist Minister

June G
Innocent Teme
June G. & Joyce.
Sem. Francis & Roxanne C

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
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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