

NEWS AND VIEWS

Diocesan Guidelines On Covid (Latest): With respect to the current situation with the omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
 - That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
 - That there is a strong recommendation for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
 - That there is good ventilation and air throughout in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
 - That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take **regular lateral flow tests** to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS. There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of transmission is through breath and nasal aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient. If these guidance points are supported, then the churches will continue to be safe places for people to gather for acts of public worship

Volunteer's Christmas Gifts: Please can volunteers pick up their gifts from the parish office after all Masses. Speak to any of the priests or the parish office team.

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, from 11 January, 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 or on 07512781274.

First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates: Feb. 6th, 13th, 27th, Mar. 5th @ 10.30am (Sacrament of Reconciliation), 6th, 20th, 27th, Apr. 24th, May 8th, 22nd, Jun. 5th, 12th, 18th, at 10.15am. Please enter through the parish car park. **Sun 19th @ 3pm Celebration of First Holy Communion**


100 Club February draw: Subscriptions are due in next weekend in church or handed in at the presbytery by Wednesday 2nd Feb AT THE LATEST. In addition to the usual draw, once again, thanks to a donation, we have a £20 prize for one subscriber who has not won since November 2019

Christian Stewardship: (16th January 2022)

Envelopes: £189.95. **Loose:** 327.60. **Contactless:** £78.68. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

February Diary

Wed 2nd Feb: The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)
 Fri 4th Feb: First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction at 12 noon
 Fri 4th Feb: Parish quiz on Zoom at 8pm, followed by 100 Club draw.

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



Some new medical students were made to take an extremely difficult class in physics. One day the lecturer was discussing a particularly difficult concept. A student rudely interrupted to ask, "Why do we need to learn this stuff?" "To save lives," the lecturer responded quickly and continued. A few minutes later, the same student spoke up again. "So how does physics save lives?" he persisted. "It keeps idiots like you from graduating," replied the lecturer.



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+ 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
23rd January 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

A GENUINE CELEBRATION OF THE WORD – Openness to the Word of God.

Today's first reading and the Gospel are two excellent examples of what a genuine celebration of the Word should be like. They draw our attention and reflection to how our communities perform their Sunday celebrations. In the first reading, Ezra, the priest, gathered the poor exiles who returned from the Babylonian captivity and tried to form them into community by reading to them the Word of God. St. Luke reminds us in the Gospel, that Jesus Christ himself is the Word of God which was announced and promised in the Old Testament. The second reading can be linked to this theme of 'a genuine celebration of the Word' since St. Paul, speaking of charisms - spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit upon the Church - stresses the importance of proclaiming the word of God. St. Paul tells us that the community of the baptised people is not a mere crowd of people but a well-structured, organised living body. All Christians form a well-knit community built on the Word of God. The old Israel was only a symbol of the church today – the assembly of the baptised. Jesus read from the scripture and said: "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen." When we hear the Word of God read to us, it cannot leave us indifferent and cold. But is it true that we listen to the Word which is read at Mass? Do we pay careful attention to it? It may seem to us that we do listen to God's word, but if this is true what fruit really do we produce as a result of listening to the Word? How do we explain the divisions at times among us? Unity is touched in today's readings.

- Mass Times & Intentions 23rd – 29th January 2022**
- Sat 22nd Vigil Mass:** John Collins, Rebecca Ononogbo (RIP)
- Sun 23rd 9:00am:** Tony Perrill (RIP), Henry Brett (ANN), Tiffany Essien-Oku, Ella Humphreys (INT)
- 11:30am:** Margaret Paice, Theresa Doherty, Rebecca Ononogbo (RIP), Brianna Sintim-Burke, Declan Etukudoh, Udem Ete, Parmanand family, Ella Humphreys, John Foley (INT)
- 6:30pm:** Tony Perrill, Abdul Rashid (RIP), Bridget Perrill (15th) (ANN), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa, Emo & Paddy (INT)
- Mon 24th St Francis de Sales 12 noon:** *Funeral Mass for Mavis Sarah Awosika*
- Tue 25th The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle 12 noon:** Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Jim O'Meara, Marie McEvoy (RIP), Russell family, Eyoyo Okon Eyo (INT)
- Wed 26th Sst Timothy & Titus 12 noon:** Ursula Stevens (ANN), Private Intention, Renée Evans (INT)
- Thur 27th St Angela Merici 12 noon:** Marie McEvoy, Jim O'Meara (RIP)
- Fri 28th St Thomas Aquinas 12 noon:** Rebecca Ononogbo (RIP), Tracey Harrington (ANN), Alan & Sheila Spreadbury (INT)
- Sat 29th 12 noon:** Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Rebecca Ononogbo (RIP), Charles Tamsett (ANN)



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 Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Augustina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Maria Cecile Perine, 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

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) 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

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in your good works. 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 Nehemiah 8:2-6.8-10

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people; ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law. He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 18)

R. Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right

they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy,

abiding forever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

May the spoken words of my mouth,

the thoughts of my heart,

win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything? Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you’, nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’ What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it. Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord has sent me bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him. He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written: The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant. Let your faces not be abashed.

Mass

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

Readers

Bridget O’Dea
Ann Waldron
Mark Renner
Tracey Mullett

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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