

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Priest Training Fund:** Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year **8** men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available in the back of the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

**Parish Project Collection (Help@Home) will be taken next weekend.** Please give generously as usual. Thank you for generosity.

**Parish Easter outing for our young people has been scheduled for Saturday the 29th.** The outing is for all young people who help out in the parish in whatever capacity.

**100 Club May draw:** subscriptions are due in at church by this weekend at the latest. The next draw is on **Friday 5th May after the 1st Friday Mass.** New Members Welcome!


**1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am:** Apr.23rd, May 7th, 14th, 21st, Jun. 4th, 10th. The celebration of the First Communion will take place Sunday 11th June during the 11.30am Mass.

**Dates for Confirmation Sessions:** Apr. 19th, May 3rd, 17th, June 7th, 21st, 28th -(Rehearsal in the Church). Confirmation Ceremony is on Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.


**Christian Stewardship:** 16th April 2023 Envelopes: £187 Loose: £389.79 Contactless: £30.00. Parish Project- (Help At Home - £3,333.39 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

## April Diary

Saturday 29th : **Baptism preparation at 11.30am followed by the Mass and Baptism at 12noon**  
 Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**  
 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**

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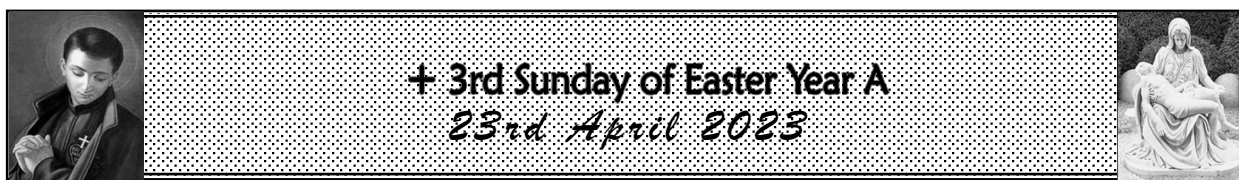
We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration



**Food For Thought**  
 John 11:25-26:  
 "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"



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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

### Meeting Jesus Again in the Word and the Broken Bread

The adeptness of a master storyteller is seen in how they create or recreate images in the minds of the listeners that they become drawn into the universe of the story being told. They are taken through a spectrum of emotional expressions as the adept weaves the story. A new dimension is added when the storyteller is Jesus, the Word of God. Literally, the listener is drawn into the mysteries of God. So, it was that the two disciples who encountered Jesus on their way to Emmaus did not recognise him but his explanation of the Scriptures infused them with a divine light that dispelled their darkness. Indeed, their hearts burned within them as they listened to his explication. The puzzle came together perfectly as they recognised him when he took the bread and broke it. They could not resist the urge to return to the others in Jerusalem with the tale of their extraordinary experience. Perhaps, one enduring aspect of the Emmaus Story is the is that Jesus still walks with us and talks to us. He does this every time we read or hear the gospel readings. The whole idea of the homily is for us to hear the Gospel enfolded in our contemporary language and symbols. Not only the vicissitudes of the recent happenings in Jerusalem but the wider picture of the salvific mission of Jesus became clear to the two disciples through their contact with the Word. The Sunday Liturgy provides us with the arena to encounter Jesus again in the Scriptures and in the Breaking of the Bread. This can only happen if we personalise the encounter the liturgical encounter by an effective presence during the mass.

### Mass Times & Intentions 23rd – 29th April 2023

- Sat 22nd Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Geraldine Doherty, Nellie Walsh (RIP), AnneMarie & Pat Lydon, Breeda Dromey, PJ Harte, Carmel Cannon (INT)
- Sun 23rd 9:00am:** John Sherlock (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Ikpeme & Mag family, Etemma Henshaw, Avanzi family, Piroli family (INT)
- 11:30am:** John Conway, John McPhillips (RIP)
- 6:30pm:** Anastasia Shackel (3rd) (ANN), Rosemary Tayler & Richard Hill (INT)
- Mon 24th St George 12 noon:** Grace McGinley, Helen Sweeney, Marie Perrill (RIP), Mary McAndrew, Patrick McAndrew (ANN), Maura O'Leary, Jojo Aikins, Kathleen Panayiotou (INT)
- Tue 25th St Mark 12 noon:** Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Marie Perrill (RIP), Deceased members of McGreevy family, Jack Hunter (ANN)
- Wed 26th 12 noon:** Marie Perrill (RIP), Kitty Heenan, Marylyn Smith (INT)
- Thur 27th 12 noon:** Marie Perrill (RIP), Ann Marie & Pat Lydon (INT)
- Fri 28th St Peter Chanel 12 noon:** People of the Parish
- Sat 29th St Catherine of Siena 12 noon:** Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli (RIP), Toney McGrane, May de Rooy, Joy Bennetts (ANN)

*Please Pray for...*

Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, 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, Tina Okelue, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikuku, Margaret Togher, Geraldine McKeaney, 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 Paddy Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Brian Robinson, Teresa O'Dea

**Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit**  
**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Martin Goba CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu CSSp, Seminarian Raphael Muendo  
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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

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

## OPENING PRAYER

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 Acts 2:14.22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: "Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades, nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me; you will fill me with gladness through your presence." Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit"

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 15)

**R. Show us Lord, the Path of life.**

Preserve me, O God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: "You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize." **R.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand. I shall stand firm. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

nor let my beloved know decay. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence,

at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

## SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favorites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, "What matters are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them called Cleopas, answered him, "You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days." "What things?" he asked. "All about Jesus of Nazareth," they answered, "who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing." Then he said to them, "You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?" Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them, "It is nearly evening," they said, "and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?" They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, "Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray. that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

## Mass

Sat. 6.30pm

Sun. 9.00am

Sun. 11.30am

Sun. 6.30pm

## Readers

Joanna Hemingway

Maureen Tayler

Ignatius Etukudoh

Bridget O'Dea

## Eucharist Minister

Debra

Innocent

Mary A./Roxanne

Michelle Carr

## Stewards

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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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