

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Death of Ann Fitzgerald** who was one of the oldest founding parishioner of our parish has gone to be with the Lord. She passed away at the age of 102 years old. Her funeral is on **Thursday 24th March at 11am**. Her daughter Joan Fitzgerald who is part of the POT is also an active member of the parish with many roles. We continue to keep the family in our prayers.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022:** This year, we celebrate 10 years of Caritas Westminster, the social action agency of the Diocese, working with parishes to restore hope, and enable people to lead a life of dignity and worth. Funds raised in this year's Cardinal Lenten Appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for many people. Please take a donation envelope. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

**Planned Giving envelopes and Gift Aid:** The new envelopes are available, it will be given out at all Masses or it could also be given via the Parish Office during the week. If you are a taxpayer and would like to sign up as a Gift aider please contact the parish office.

We also encourage parishioners to give by contactless or by standing order to minimise the risk of the contacting virus with cash.

**First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates:** Mar. 20th, 27th, Apr. 24th, May 8th, 22nd, Jun. 5th, 12th at 10.15am, Saturday 18th June Reconciliation & Rehearsal at 10am. Please enter through the parish car park. **Sunday 19th June @ 3pm Celebration of First Holy Communion.**

**100 Club:** subscriptions for the April draw on 1st April are due in next weekend at all Masses or at the presbytery by **Wednesday 30th March** at the latest. New members welcome

**St Joseph Highgate** Confirmation group is organising a Lenten Prayer Vigil at St Joseph's on **Saturday 26th March 7.30-9.00pm**. See poster at the back on the Church for more details.

**Christian Stewardship:** (13th March 2022)  
**Envelopes:** £191. **Loose:** £392.96 **Contactless:** £115.88 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

## March Diary

Sunday 27 March: **Mothering Sunday** will be celebrated at all Masses.

**Clock goes forward today to mark the beginning of BST**

Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions**

Every Last Saturday at 12noon: **Baptism (None in March)**

Every 1st Friday: 12 noon **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction**

8pm **Parish Zoom Quiz night** followed by **100 Club Draw**

Fridays of Lent: **Stations of the Cross at 11.30am & 6.30pm** followed by Masses at 12 noon and 7pm respectively.

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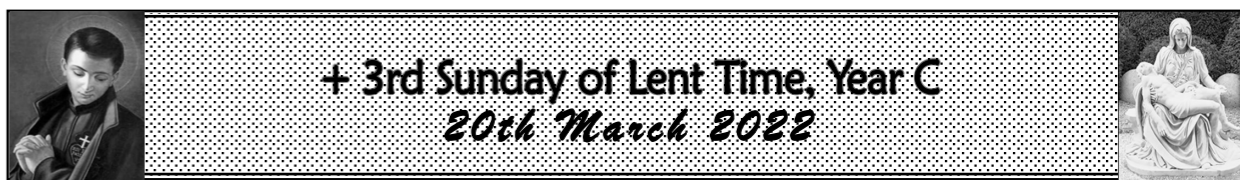
We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

A frustrated father told his work colleague: "When I was a youngster, I was disciplined by being sent to my room without supper. But in my son's room he has a colour TV, computer, game console, cell phone, and cd player." "So what do you do?" The father replied: "I send him to my room!"



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**+ 3rd Sunday of Lent Time, Year C**  
**20th March 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

### Called to Repentance – Lent Is A Time To Convert.

On this third Sunday of Lent, we are all called to repentance. Now is a favourable time to convert. In Lent, more than at any other time of the year, God invites us to change our ways. Jesus is telling us not to judge others but to judge ourselves. For we cannot repent unless we look into our own hearts, admit our guilt and ask God's pardon and healing. It is good to remember the blind man -Bartimaeus- in Mark's gospel (cf. Mark 10:46-52). When he heard that Jesus was passing by, he cried out in a loud voice, "**Jesus Son of David have mercy on me.**" He knew the misery of being blind. A person who does not know his guilt is also blind in another way. Jesus heard the blind man. St. Augustine commenting on the passage applied it to himself and his listeners. He said, "**I fear Jesus passing by and not returning.**" What he meant was that there is an hour of grace, a time of special mercy and favour that comes and if not availed of or used, passes by. This time of Lent is that hour of grace when our Lord Jesus is passing by and inviting us all to repentance. In today's Gospel Jesus shows us that His Father is always calling us. Time is short; we should choose to follow Him now. The first reading tells us about Moses who, when God called him, abandoned his own plans and accepted the Lord's proposal to return to Egypt and liberate his people. The journey to freedom is long and hard. The children of Israel in the desert gave in to many temptations. This happens to us even when we choose to follow the Lord. This is the message of the second reading. For according to St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 10: 1-6, 10-12) **not all the Israelites were faithful. Some sinned and died in the desert, they never reached the promised land.** This he sees as a gentle reminder to us all.

- Mass Times & Intentions 20th – 26th March 2022**
- Sat 19th Vigil Mass:** Brendan Nelson, Ann Fitzgerald, Annie & Michael Gannon (RIP), Sharon Gaudio, Annie Lydon (ANN), Nelson family, Fr Kevin McDevitt, Stella Anakor (INT)
  - Sun 20th 9:00am:** Brendan Nelson, Ann Fitzgerald (RIP), Damien Bradley, Dr. Napalai, Fr Kevin McDevitt (INT)
  - 11:30am:** Brendan Nelson, Ann Fitzgerald, Anne, Chris & Anne Nevin, Paddy Brennan, Tony Glackin, Bill Ronan (RIP), Jean & Stan Willis, Mary Rose Farrell (ANN), Fr Kevin McDevitt, Stella Anakor, Fr Aodh O'Haplin (INT)
  - 6:30pm:** Brendan Nelson (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa, Emo & Paddy, Fitzgerald family, Fr Kevin McDevitt, Stella Anakor, Fr Aodh O'Haplin (INT)
  - Mon 21st 12 noon:** Brendan Nelson (RIP), Fr Kevin McDevitt, Stella Anakor, Fr Aodh O'Haplin (INT)
  - Tue 22nd 12 noon:** Fr Kevin McDevitt, Spencer Stilwell, Jeremy Platten, Stella Anakor, Fr Aodh O'Haplin (INT)
  - Wed 23rd 12 noon:** Charlie Ward (ANN), Fr Kevin McDevitt, Stella Anakor, Fr Aodh O'Haplin (INT)
  - Thur 24th 11:00am:** *Funeral Mass of Ann Fitzgerald*
  - Fri 25th The Annunciation of the Lord 12 noon:** Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Brendan Nelson, Freddy Joy (RIP), Sylvia Perren, Karen May (ANN), Russell family, Fr Kevin McDevitt, Stella Anakor (INT)
  - Sat 26th 12 noon:** *Memorial Mass for Maureen Donnegan*

**Please Pray For:**

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, 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, Melissa Fallon, Madeleine, Jimmy Mills, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Ann Colbert

**Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit**  
**Parish Priests:** Fr. David Atuanya CSSp, Fr. Benedict Baka CSSp, Fr. Oliver Ugwu 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 (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

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' he answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow. Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 102)

**R. The Lord is compassion and love.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave,

who crowns you with love and compassion, **R.**

The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgment for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God!  
Repent, says the Lord,  
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.  
Glory to you, O Christ, you are the word of God!**

## GOSPEL Luke 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

**R.**

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young, by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Mass

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

## Readers

Ann Heekin  
Rachel McGonigal  
Mark Renner  
Tracey Mullett

## 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.

## FEAST OF THE WEEK



### The Annunciation 25 March

The **Annunciation** is the celebration of the a virgin birth and become the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. St Luke tells us that in the sixth month after the conception of St. John the Baptist by Elizabeth, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to the Virgin Mary, at Nazareth, a small town in the mountains of Galilee. Mary was of the house of David, and was espoused to Joseph, of the same royal family. Mary may not yet have fully understood the meaning of the heavenly message and how the maternity might be reconciled with her vow of virginity, but clinging to the first words of the angel and trusting to the Omnipotence of God she said: "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done to me according to thy word."

## 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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