

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Mothering Sunday:** We happily celebrate all our dear mothers and mothers to be this Sunday 19th March (Laetare Sunday). As a token of our appreciation, some flowers will be shared at all Masses.

## HOLY WEEK DIARY APRIL 2023

Sunday 2nd **Palm Sunday (Beginning of Holy Week)**  
 Tuesday 4th (12noon) **Chrism Mass at the Cathedral**  
 (7pm) **Penitential Service/Easter confessions**  
 Thursday 6th (7pm) **Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper/ Vigil with the Lord**  
 Friday 7th (3pm) **Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion beginning with Stations of the Cross**  
 Saturday 8th (7pm) **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**  
 Sunday 9th (9am & 11.30am) **Easter Sunday**

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony** Westminster Cathedral, **Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm.** The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

**Confirmation Enrolment Mass** will take place at 9am this Sunday 19th March. All Confirmation candidates are required to be there with their families.

**1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am:** Mar. 19th, Apr. 2nd, 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: Mar. 22nd, Easter break. Apr. 19th, May 3rd, 17th, June 7th, 21st, 28th - (Rehearsal in the Church). Confirmation Ceremony is on Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.

**Weekly Planned Giving envelopes and Gift Aid:** The envelopes starting from April 9th 2023 is available from this week for those still on this scheme. Please all others who give by Standing orders, Contactless and Loose payment should keep doing so.

**100 Club March draw:** The 1st prize of £157 went to no.8, 2nd prize of £63 to no. 5, 3rd prize of £31 to no.21, the 4th prize of £31 to no. 2, 5th prize of £31 to no.70. £315 was raised for parish funds. The next draw is on Tuesday 11th April during the Tuesday Social Club meeting. New Members Welcome!

**Christian Stewardship:** 12th March 2023 Envelopes: £189.50 Loose: £370.68 Contactless: £58.00 Parish Project- (Help At Home - £2706.87 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish. .

## March Diary

Sunday 19th: **Mothering Sunday will be celebrated at all Masses.**

Saturday 25th: **Baptism preparation @ 11.30am followed by Mass @ 12noon and Baptism**

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 refreshments and 100 Club in the Meeting Room** 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

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

## Food For Thought

### 1st Peter 5:6

*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you.*



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**+ 4th Sunday of Lent Year A**  
*19th March 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

### God's Unconventional Choices

The indices that guide our natural process of selection will eliminate all others. We are usually guided by track records. Such selections processes have turned out to be wrong. Thus, our process of selection is limited by our universe of knowledge which is a very small fraction of reality. It is often different when God is the choice maker. The emergent choice is always a disappointment for the seasoned mind. Often, it looks like the best is left for a less qualified option but the results, willy nilly, fulfil God's purpose even though the choice appears eccentric. In the book, *God's Eccentric Choices*, George Kaitholi, an Asian writer chronicles the life, mission and message of nine personalities in the Bible that God chose in defiance of human reason. One glaring example is the choice of David in the first reading of today and the blind man in the Gospel. God chooses the small, the weak, the forgotten, anyone! The message is: if we surrender to God and are docile to him, he will, through us, achieve the unimaginable, no matter how small, sick or insignificant we think we are. The conditions he gives are unambiguous - *try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast* (Eph 5: 10-11). Go ahead, take that step you have in mind, for God and for the faith!

### Mass Times & Intentions 19th - 25th March 2023

**Sat 18th 6:30pm:** Teresa O'Driscoll, P. Gallagher (RIP), Ann Fitzgerald (1<sup>st</sup>), Sharon Ann Gaudio (ANN), Donal Hallissey, Elaine Remnant, Bred Wallace (INT)

**Sun 19th 9:00am:** Mick Garvey, Patricia Etim-Bassey, Otuanwan Ekpenyong-Oku, Mmaeyen Oku, Ekanem Oku-Kurz, Anna CoCo-Bassey (RIP), Sr. Josephine Grimes, Bernadette & Ignatius Chukelu, Fr. Kevin McDevitt (ANN), Vimla Shah & family, Martin (INT)

**11:30am:** Bridie McDaid, Maureen Cleary, Paul Dixon (RIP), Brendan Nelson, Fr. Kevin McDevitt, Jean Willis (5<sup>th</sup>), Stan Willis, Mary Parker (ANN), Muzey (special Int) (INT)

**6:30pm:** Fr. Kevin McDevitt (ANN), Dee-Arn Sewell (INT)

**Mon 20th St Joseph 12 noon:** Ann Bergin, Michael Dollard (RIP), Fr. Kevin McDevitt (1<sup>st</sup>) (ANN)  
**5pm:** Reception of John Fimm

**Tue 21st 12 noon:** Funeral Mass for John Fimm

**Wed 22nd 12 noon:** Shirley Smith (RIP), Gloria Udoh, Marie O'Brien (Get well) (INT)

**Thur 23rd St Turibius 12 noon:** Charles Kelly (RIP), Bridie Kelly (Birthday), Bernie Maloney (INT)

**Fri 24th 11:30am:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass: Ann Fitzgerald (RIP), Joan Fitzgerald (INT)

**6:30pm:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass: Charlie Ward (ANN), Joan Fitzgerald, Jeremy Platten (INT)

**Sat 25th The Annunciation of the Lord 12 noon:** Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi (RIP), Sylvia Perren, Karen May (ANN), Russell family (INT)



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 Munnally, 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 Ikwuka, 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

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 1 Sam 16: 1,6-7,10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons." When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him.", but the Lord said to Samuel, "Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart." Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." He then asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" He answered, "There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes." Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, "Come, anoint him, for this is the one." At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 22)

**R. The Lord is my Shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.

**R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are these with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort.

**R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing.

**R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

**R.**

## SECOND READING Eph 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: "Wake from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

I am the light of the world says the Lord;  
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

**Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!**

## GOSPEL Jn 9: 1-41 [Shorter form]

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go and wash in the pool of Siloam" ( a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, "Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "Yes, it is the same one" Others said, "No, he only looks like him" The man himself said, " I am the man". They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, "He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed , and I can see." Then some of the Pharisees said, "This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, " How could a sinner produce signs like this?" And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, "What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?" "He is a prophet," replied the man." Are you trying to teach us," they replied, "and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!" And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven them away, and when he found him he said to him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" "Sir," the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking at him; he is speaking to you." The man said, "Lord, I believe," and worshipped him.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlightens everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

| Mass         | Readers        | Eucharist Minister  | Stewards                        |
|--------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sat. 6.30pm  | Bridget O'Dea  | Debra Redhead-Allen | Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers |
| Sun. 9.00am  | Ann Waldron    | Olga Monpeke        | Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku     |
| Sun. 11.30am | John Obligar   | June Gray/ Roxanne  | Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe    |
| Sun. 6.30pm  | Maureen Tayler | Michelle Carr       | 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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