

NEWS AND VIEWS

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**

Death Notice: Mrs Philomena (Phil) Cleary of Camden Rd N7 was a parishioner of St Gabriels for many years until ill health prevented her from leaving her house a few years ago. For 5 years she worked in the cabin on Saturday mornings, helping to serve refreshments to the homeless. She and her husband Cyril never missed the Sunday night dance in the church hall. Her funeral will be on Thu Feb 9th 1.00 at Our Lady of Hal Church, Arlington Rd NW1.

Diocesan Guidelines On Covid :

Following the announcement by HM Government on 19th January that the measures put in place to mitigate against Covid virus transmission as "Plan B" will be lifted in full on 27th January, the following guidance is offered to the dioceses of England and Wales. The material in this briefing has been agreed with Public Health officials and follows the regulations for England and concur with the regulations in place for Wales which take effect on 28th January 2022.

Acts of Worship
The main mitigation against serious health issues arising from Covid infection is to be fully vaccinated; this means two doses plus a booster for anyone aged 16 or over. The vaccine programme in England and Wales has had a major impact in reducing death and serious illness from infection with Covid-19. The Church in England and Wales supports the vaccination programme and encourages people to be vaccinated. The scientific consensus is that society is moving towards the stage where the virus is transitioning from the pandemic phase to the endemic phase, but as stated by HM Government, there is still a risk associated with gathering for sustained periods in enclosed spaces and therefore there needs to be continued caution by all against infection.

- 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.

Christian Stewardship: (30th January 2022)

Envelopes: £361.59. **Loose:** £249. **Contactless:** £118.01. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

February Diary

Thursday 24th @ 5pm: **Baptism preparatory meeting**
Saturday 26th @12noon: **Baptism followed immediately after 12noon Mass**
Sunday 27th: **Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows**

March Diary

Wednesday 2nd @12noon & 7pm: **Ash Wednesday**
Fridays of Lent: **Stations of the Cross at 11.30am & 6.30pm followed by Masses at 12noon and 7pm respectively.**

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**GENNESARET BOATS FISHERMEN
NETS CROWD SHORE
WATER SINKING KNEES
OVERCOME BANK FELL**



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



A man climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai and gets close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord, "God, what does a million years mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A minute." The man then asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A penny." Then he asks, "Can I have a penny?" The Lord replies, "In a minute."



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+ 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
6th February 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 BY CHRIST TO SAVE ALL HUMANITY

This Sunday is the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time before Lent. The mother Church urges us to continue to reflect on our vocation as members of the mystical Body of Christ. The readings inspire us to go on to contemplate our call by Christ to participate in His mission on earth to save all humanity, its implication and demand on us as baptised Christians. The first reading and the gospel describe two vocations, that of Isaiah, chosen as prophet, and that of the apostles, transformed by Christ into "fishers of men." When Isaiah first heard the call of the Lord, he became aware of his frailty. How could his impure lips speak in the name of God? Peter, when called by Jesus to be a "fisher of men," like Isaiah, felt unworthy. And yet God chose them for His mission. We are called by God to be prophets like Isaiah and "fishers of men" like Peter. Have we forgotten that God will purify us and will do wonderful things through us? In the second reading we have other examples of people chosen for missions. They are the witnesses to the resurrection of Christ. Like Isaiah and Peter, Paul feels unworthy of the vocation he received from God. He calls himself imperfect and unworthy of being called apostle. But in spite of being a sinner, Paul became a great announcer of the Gospel. For us, one of the lessons to be learned from this Sunday's liturgical readings is that the more unworthy we feel ourselves to be in the presence of the Lord, the greater faith we should have in His power. Always before God we must learn to feel our unworthiness and acknowledge our powerlessness. Striving in one's daily life to be committed to the Christian values in the face of difficulties is a great task; but we should believe in the power of God and go forth with courage and confidence to fulfil the mission of liberating people entrusted to us, in the Church, in our homes, in our community and others.

Mass Times & Intentions 6th - 12th February 2022

Sat 5th Vigil Mass: Charlie Brady (RIP) Bridie Redmond (1st) (ANN)
Sun 6th 9:00am: Gerald Whooley, David Maguire (RIP), Garry Minnear, Henry Craig, Tom Waldron (ANN), Dorothy Carr, Phil & Jane White, Stella Anakor, Ann Fitzgerald (INT)
11:30am: Patrick Eivers, Maria McEvoy, Assunta Turin, Denny & Tom Mehmet, Jackie, Bridget O'Connell (RIP), Puro Ram (Get Well), Bill Ronan, Rashmi & James, Jacqueline Duba, Leila & Miyessa, Kathleen Panayiotou, Concilia Odimegwu (birthday) (INT)
6:30pm: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa, Emo & Paddy (INT)
Mon 7th 12 noon: John O'Donnell (RIP), Bridie Redmond, Tom Waldron (7th) (ANN), John Clarke (B'day), Ella & Kelly Humphreys (INT)
Tue 8th St Jerome Emiliani 12 noon: Delia Sheehan (RIP), Bridget Walshe (37th), Tom Waldron (ANN), Mary Stephens (INT)
Wed 9th 12 noon: Muriel & George Roberts, Philomena Cleary (Phil) (RIP), Tom Waldron, Margaret Kennedy (5th) (ANN), Beryl Tamsett, Carol Belsten, Anne Leahy (INT)
Thur 10th St Scholastica 12 noon: Alan Mullee, Chris Parker (RIP), Tom Waldron, Ellen & Martin Togher (ANN), Alan & Felicity Harrison, Margaret Parker, Susan Mahon (INT)
Fri 11th Our Lady of Lourdes 12 noon: Charlie Brady, Michael Brock, Mary Crehan (RIP), Roddy von Bock, John Fielding, Tom Waldron (ANN), John & Lucie Thompson (INT)
Sat 12th 12 noon: Tom Waldron (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 come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

OPENING PRAYER

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out one to another in this way: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 137)

R. Before the angels I will bless you, O Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **R.**

You stretch out your right hand and save me,
Your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hand. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray; that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass

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

Readers

Carmel Cannon
Ann Waldron
Mark Renner
Joanna Hemmingway

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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