

NEWS AND VIEWS

First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates: Feb. 13th, 27th, Mar. 5th @ 10.30am (**Sacrament of Reconciliation**), 6th, 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. **Sun 19th @ 3pm Celebration of First Holy Communion**

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.

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.**

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: (6th February 2022)

Envelopes: £168. **Loose:** £319.64 **Contactless:** £90.48. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

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LEVEL DISEASES POOR HUNGRY
NAME DANCE REWARD ALAS
CRIMINAL HAPPY KINGDOM DENOUNCE



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



A pastor's wife was preparing pancakes for her young sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their Mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You, be



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St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Archway

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+ 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
13th 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

Today, the Church invites us to place our trust in God and in his only son Jesus Christ. So, today's first reading reminds us of the consequences of trusting solely on our abilities, on our human strength and on human beings. Through this, we are reminded that all these will fail us because our success and survival do not depend solely on them. So, today's first reading calls us to a very deep reflection. We must ask ourselves, in who, and in what have I put my trust? Placing our trust in God is the best approach to life. Certainly, we must make efforts and do what we must do as humans. However, we must not forget that it is God who sustains, confirms and blesses our ways and efforts. To place one's trust in God is a great source of blessing and interior joy. Hence, the psalmist reminds us that: "Those who trust in the Lord are like mount Zion that can never be shaken" (Ps 125:1). Paul equally makes the same point in the second reading. Our hope must not be totally placed on this world nor on our efforts alone, but on Christ who, through his resurrection, has strengthened our hope of eternity. While our first reading began with a very strong warning against not trusting in God, today's gospel begins with a blessing for those who are ready to do God's will. The beatitude is a great song which calls us to a life of virtue, reflection and total surrender to God's will. It is Christ's song which calls us to trust firmly in God, while looking forward to eternity. These blessings are for those who are totally and willingly ready to place everything in God's hands. The beatitudes also remind us that all we do and work for here will gain us eternal life. That is, if we do them well and for the sake of God. Finally, the good news for us today is simple; nothing in this world can rob us of our peace of mind and interior joy because our trust is not in this world, nor in human beings. Rather, our trust is in the crucified and risen Christ, the saviour and hope of the world.

Mass Times & Intentions 13th – 19th February 2022

Sat 12th Vigil Mass: Bernard & Roger Houlihan, Bridget O'Connell (RIP), William Haggard (ANN)
Sun 13th 9:00am: Mary McCarthy (Co. Clare), Michael O'Neill, Tom Delahunty, Jimmy Lawrence, Anne Nevin (RIP), Tom Waldron, Anna Bradley (23rd) (ANN), Stella Anakor, Emo Paddy Essang (INT)
11:30am: Eric Lehane, Maria McEvoy, Mary Slattery, Edith Muoneke Okoro, Jackie Duba, Tom Mehmet (RIP), Peggy Brouder (thanksgiving), Amaobi Maduako (birthday), Madeleine Hourihan, Gabby Mehmet (INT)
6:30pm: Jerry Daly (RIP), Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa, Emo & Paddy (INT)
Mon 14th Sts Cyril & Methodius 12 noon: Edna & Herman du Plessis, Helen Hart, John McAndrew, Christy Columb (ANN), Fr Melitus Eze CSSp (40th anniv), Denis & Chrissie Walsh (INT)
Tue 15th 12 noon: Marcel & Paulette Guerin, Kathleen Kitson (RIP), Pat Reaney, Mick Kerrigan, P.J.Garrett (ANN), Pat Girban (INT)
Wed 16th 12 noon: Ann McCarthy (Co. Clare) (RIP), Arthur Warren, Geraldine Bird (ANN), (INT)
Thur 17th St 12 noon: Emo Paddy Essang (birthday) (INT)
Fri 18th 12 noon: Mary Gallagher, Karen Brennan (RIP), Mullee family, Eddie Gallagher (INT)
Sat 19th 12 noon: Memorial Mass for Ann Mbachu



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 Whitehed, Emo Paddy Essang,

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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

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me; guide me for the sake of your name.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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 Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 1)

R. Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his lay day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind.

For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia;
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia.**

GOSPEL Luke 6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them, they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Mass

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

Readers

Bridget O'Dea
Ann Waldron
Mark Renner
Joanna Hemmingway

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. 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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