

NEWS AND VIEWS

Help Us To Honour Our Lord - Stations Of The Cross In Lent

One of the most important devotions for Catholics during the Season of Lent, is the Way of the Cross. Here at St Gabriel's, it has been a tradition that our Lenten weekly Stations have been led for us by one of the priests. We have come to the conclusion that since he died for the sins of all humanity, the honour of leading this tribute to Jesus' self-giving on our behalf should be shared and beyond the confines of the ordained priesthood. All of us, through our Baptism, are consecrated into the priesthood of the laity and we feel that it is fitting that members of the laity, drawn from across our Parish community, should be asked to join in leading the Way of the Cross for us and with us. I am therefore appealing to you all, to consider helping to share with us in honouring Our Lord in this way. As you will probably know, we have Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 11.30 am and 6.30 pm. It would be wonderful if as wide a range of individuals or parish groups, representing the whole spectrum of our Parish, would be able to help us. If you, as an individual or a group of friends, or if teams drawn from our various parish groups, feel drawn to offer Our Lord this tribute to his loving self-sacrifice, please get back to us, after Mass, or by contacting the Parish Office. We will provide you with texts to use, offer you guidance, and we will help you to team up with others if there is just one of you. Lent is nearly upon us, and our very first Way of the Cross will be on Friday 4th March, so please come to us with your offers of help as soon as you can.

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.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. 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 2020. 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).

First Holy Communion 2021/2022 diary dates: 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. **Sunday 19th June @ 3pm Celebration of First Holy Communion.**

St Gabriel's ZOOM Quiz: Friday 4th March 2022 8.15pm
Join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783213835?pwd=aGNpMwVdKcCsxa3NCaU3bStQOWMwdz09>
Meeting ID: **837 8321 3835**
Passcode: **815653**

100 Club March draw: Subscriptions are due in this weekend in church or handed in at the presbytery by Wednesday 2nd March **AT THE LATEST.** In addition to the usual draw, one more time, thanks to a donation, we have a £20 prize for one subscriber who has not won since November 2019.

Christian Stewardship: (20th February 2022)

Envelopes: £162. **Loose:** £267.39. **Contactless:** £78.67. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

February Diary

Sunday 27th: Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

March Diary

Wednesday 2nd: **Ash Wednesday.** Masses @ 12 noon & 7pm:

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

Friday 4th @ 8pm: **Parish quiz on Zoom, followed by 100 Club draw**

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TREE
GRAPES
THORNS
GOODNESS
BADNESS
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HEART



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



A lawyer named Strange died, and his friend asked the tombstone maker to inscribe on his tombstone, "Here lies Strange, an honest man, and a lawyer." The inscriber insisted that such an inscription would be confusing, for passersby would tend to think that three men were buried under the stone. However he suggested an alternative: He would inscribe, "Here lies a man who was both honest and a lawyer." That way, whenever anyone walked by the tombstone and read it, they would be certain to remark: "That's Strange!"



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+ 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
27th 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.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Today I want to thank you for your faithfulness and for your presence here at Mass. During these last two years there were times when our way of life was severely curtailed. Being unable to enter the House of God and to take part fully in the celebration of the Mass was, for many, an experience of real dismay and pain. But we are again able to fashion the way of life that we choose. Yet, many have not resumed the pattern of coming to church. For some, the thirst for being at Mass, for celebrating life-giving sacraments, has diminished. I would like you to be ready to approach those whom you know, not present here today, with a word of invitation for them to join us. Taking the step across the threshold of the church can be daunting for someone who has been away for a long time, so I ask you to exercise great deference and kindness when approaching them, perhaps offering to accompany them on this return journey. I make this request now not simply because fear and restrictions are eased, but because we are approaching Lent, the traditional and powerful season of our renewal in faith. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we respond to the Lord's invitation to come through the doors of the church to stand before him and receive his blessing, his mark of mercy. Lent is the time to reset our patterns so that there is time for God in our hearts and in our weekly routines. You know well that the highest form of prayer is the celebration of the Eucharist. It is here, above all other places, that the Lord wishes to fill us with his gifts, so that we, in turn, can offer those gifts to others, bringing this precious light of Christ into our world. He is the best antidote to the darkness of the pandemic, to the loneliness it has brought, to the lack of clear hope for the future, to the deep weariness and unexpressed resentment that has entered into the souls of so many. If each of you can give a word of encouragement to one other person, to one other family, then we can journey together to Easter. There we proclaim again that Jesus alone has mastered death, that he alone is the Lord of life, that he is now among us and calling us to come to meet him here, in this House of God, in this Gate of Heaven. I ask God's blessing on the words that you will speak. Remember the words of St Paul that we have just heard: 'Keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain' (1Cor. 15:58). Please continue in your prayer for peace in Ukraine. We cry out: No more war, no more violence! And remember me in your prayers as I will remember you, the faithful people of God! Yours devotedly, † Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

Mass Times & Intentions 27th February – 5th March 2022

Sat 26th Vigil Mass: Spiritans & Marist Communities, Archway, People of the Parish

Sun 27th 9:00am: Jeremiah Denison, Michael Lawton, Andrew Sturt (RIP), Vasja & family in Ukraine, Stella Anakor, Damien Bradley, Polly, Ann & Hamlen family (INT)

11:30am: Mary Slattery, Tom Mehmet, Shay Reilly, Anne Edwards, Peter Allen, Assunta Turin, Fr Peter Lafferty, Joseph Esenem (RIP), Ellen & Martin Togher, Bernadette Nwanyieke Chukelu, (ANN), Florence (Get well), Douglas Meyers, Stella Anakor, Sylvia Traynor, Etukudoh family (INT)

6:30pm: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Essien-Oku Family, Eyo & Theresa, Emo & Paddy (INT)

Mon 28th 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Noel O'Donovan (RIP), Magdalen Koronyo (1st), Maria da Felicidade de Silva Vivas Zanre (1st), Martin & Ellen Togher (ANN), Sam Haslam, Rica Coelho (INT)

Tue 1st St. David 12 noon: *Funeral Mass of Anne & Christopher Nevill*

Wed 2nd Ash Wednesday 12 noon & 7:00pm

Thur 3rd 10am: *Funeral Mass for Encarna Reche* **12 noon:** Maria Judith Gomes, John Snowling (RIP), Julie Ruffead, Raymond Tomlinson (ANN), Wendy Winsler, Bill Ronan (INT)

Fri 4th St. Casimir 11:30am Stations of the Cross, followed by First Friday Healing Mass, Holy Hour and Benediction

6:30pm: Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

Sat 5th 12 noon: Calvin Dunne (RIP), (ANN), Rita Rawlings, Paani Dias, Stella Anakor (INT)



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

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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

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

OPENING PRAYER

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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 Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 91)

R. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher.

Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who provide gifts to be offered to your name and count our oblations as signs of our desire to serve you with devotion, we ask of your mercy that what you grant as the source of merit may also help us to attain merit's reward. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I will sing to the Lord, who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by your saving gifts, we beseech your mercy, Lord, that by this same Sacrament with which you feed us in the present age, you may make us partakers of life eternal. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Mass

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

Readers

Carmel Cannon
Jeanette Fayers
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.

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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