

NEWS AND VIEWS

Weekend of New Year: We shall have the normal **Saturday (Vigil Mass for Sunday at 6.30pm) and additional Mass at 11.30pm to cross over to the New Year.** On Sunday the 1st of Jan., we shall have the usual morning Masses at 9am and 11.30am. There will be no evening Mass.

Parish Project: (Help At Home): Thank you for the generosity. the next collection will be taken during the **weekend of 28th/29th January, 2023.**

Parish '100 Club: the next draw will take place after the 1st Friday Healing Mass on the 6th January. Please hand in your subscriptions by Sunday 1st of January or at the latest on Wednesday 4th January. Best wishes!

Parish Office Christmas Break: The Parish Office will be closed for Christmas Break from Friday 23rd December to re-open Tuesday the 3rd of January 2023

Parish Community Quiz will be held next Friday 6th at 8pm in the Meeting Room. Please come and have fun. £5 entry fee per person.

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: Christmas break Please could you all enter the meeting room via the door in the car park and ensure the catechists are present before leaving your child/children.

Dates for Confirmation Sessions: Christmas break. **Jan.** 11th, 25th, **Feb.** 8th, 22nd, **Mar.** 8th, 22nd, Easter break. **Apr.** 19th, **May** 3rd, 17th, **June** 7th, 21st, 28th - (Rehearsal in the Church). **Confirmation Ceremony Sunday July 2nd at 11.30am Mass.**

Christian Stewardship: (Vigil mass midnight Mass /25th December 2022) **Envelopes:** £372.90. **Loose:** £1112.64. **Contactless:** £35. **Parish Project- (Help At Home-)** £1704.97 so far - We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

December/January Diary

Weekend of New Year: Saturday 31st (Vigil Mass) **6.30pm**, Mass to cross over to the New Year **11.30pm**, followed by refreshments in the Meeting Room. Sunday (1st) Masses at 9am and 11.30am. **No evening Mass**

6th January 12 noon: **1st Friday Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction**

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

Every Last Saturday at 12noon: **Baptism**

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

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AFRAID	GALILEE	NAZARETH



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



Food For Thought

Philippians 3:13

"Brothers and sisters, I know that I still have a long way to go. But there is one thing I do: I forget what is in the past and try as hard as I can to reach the goal before me."



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+ The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Year A

1st January 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

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Today we recall to mind the Mother of Jesus. "What the Catholic faith believes about Mary is based on what it believes about Christ, and what it teaches about Mary illumines in turn its faith in Christ" (CCC487). Jesus himself gave his Mother to us on the Cross (Jn 19,25-27). Jesus did not want his mother to remain alone. Jesus in his passion is seen despoiled of everything. On Calvary, his mother is still with him. Jesus who had experienced and appreciated Mary's maternal love in his own life, wished that his disciples also in their turn should enjoy the maternal love as an element of their relationship with him in the whole development of their spiritual life. It is a question of regarding Mary as mother and of treating her as a mother allowing her to form us to true docility to God, to true union with Christ, to real charity towards our neighbour. Today on the feast of the motherhood of Mary, let us take her to our heart. Let us welcome her to our home. Today is the first day of the year. God gives us time. Time for us is today. Yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains, is gone forever beyond our control. Nothing in the world can bring it back again to us: it has become history. Tomorrow, with its possible burdens, adversities, is beyond our immediate control. It is mystery. This leaves only one day. Today is a reality. Any man can fight the battles of just one day. Let us, therefore, live one day at a time. Today comes but only once in life, which offers us unique opportunities to fashion our destiny for the future. We can throw away today, fill it with negative experiences, crowd it with trivialities, burden it with remorse or use it for our own growth. May the blessings of God follow us through the year. **WELCOME TO 2023!**

Mass Times & Intentions

1st - 7th January 2023

Sat 17th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Philip & Tunu, Ekanem & Uche, Amy & Larry, Udoh family, Emo & Paddy, Essien-Oku family, Manny, Lillian & family, Ahano & family, Sarah Connelly, Irene Swasbrook, Sally Staple, Joan Fitzgerald (INT)

Sat 31st 11:00pm New Year's Eve Mass : Priests and Parishioners of St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

Sun 1st The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 9:00am: Michael McNicholas, Bernard Farrell (RIP), Maureen Tayler, Rita Avanzi & family, Lina & Maria Piroli, David Lavelli, Richard Hill (INT)

11:30am: Michael McNicholas, Rose Murphy, George Lydon, Mary Duffy, Mary Williamson (RIP), Jerry Reilly (47th), John & Eileen Kane (ANN), Kathleen & Martin Kelly, Bridie & Terence Glynn, Sarah Connelly, Mary Aherne, Ogo Chime & family, Sharon Glen & family, Peggy Conlon & family (INT) **No Evening Mass**

Mon 2nd Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen 12 noon: Cara Brett, Jim Ryan, (RIP) Queeneth & Ekpo, Rotimi, Ugo & family, Emma, IY & Etim family, Vincenzo Le Voci (INT)

Tue 3rd The Most Holy Name of Jesus 12 noon: Effy Inam family, Maura O'Leary, Sarah Connelly (INT)

Wed 4th 12 noon: Alf Humphreys (RIP), Wendy Winsler, Vincenzo Le Voci (INT)

Thur 5th 12 noon: Paani Dias, Rita Rawlings (INT)

Fri 6th The Epiphany of the Lord 12 noon: *First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction*

Sat 7th St Raymond of Penyafort 12 noon: Kath Conway (RIP)



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 Munnely, 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

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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

Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary, bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, 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 Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "Say this to Aaron and his sons: 'This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.' This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 66)

R. O God be gracious and bless us.

God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon the earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult, for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. You guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception. **R**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who in your kindness begin all good things and bring them to fulfilment, grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God, that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace, so one day we may rejoice in its completion. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord; grant, we pray, that it may lead us to eternal life, for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary Mother of the Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	June Gray	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Maureen Taylor	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	June/Joyce	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
NO EVENING MASS			

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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