

NEWS AND VIEWS

Sunday 11.30am Mass streaming link: You can also scan with the QR Code below. <https://bit.ly/st-gabriel> February: Sunday Masses will be streamed during **11.30am**



Parish Project Collection will take place at all masses this week-end. Thank you.

Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows (Patron of our Parish) this Tuesday 27th February with Mass at 12noon followed by light refreshments in the meeting room.

The Season of Lent

- **Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday of Lent at **11.30am** (before the noon Mass) and **7pm**.

Cardinal Lenten Alms Appeal collection will go on all through the Lenten period. Please support the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal by picking up an envelope at the back and returning it. Thank you.

First Holy Communion dates: Feb. Sat. 24th @ 10am (First Reconciliation), 25th, Mar. 3rd, 17th, 24th, Apr. 14th, 21st, 28th, May. 12th, Sat. 18th @ 2.30pm, Jun. Sat. 1st @10am Rehearsal 1st Holy Communion 2nd June @ 11.30am.

Parish Quiz Night: Friday 1st March at 7.45pm. All welcome to join. £5 per person, all funds raised goes to the development fund.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 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 2024. 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).

Prague/Poland in 25th-31st May 2024: Cost £870. including flight, lodging (sharing), breakfast and dinner. **for 7 days. SEE FULL ITINERARY ON THE GLASS NOTICE BOARD** Next instalment of 25% by March 5th 2024, Final instalment by April 5th 2024. Those who need visa to travel will sort it out by themselves; the tour company will provide hotel reservations to support visa application. Travel insurance will also be gotten by individuals for themselves. **(A few spaces still available)**

100 Club March draw will take place after the First Friday Service on 1st March. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by the weekend of 24th/25th February At the latest. New members welcome! Application forms at the back of the church.

Christian Stewardship: 18th February 2024
Envelopes: £177 **Loose:** £357.10 **Contactless:** £105. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

February Diary

Tuesday 27th: **Feast of St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows.** Mass at 12 noon followed by socials in the Meeting Room
Every Last Saturday of the month: **Baptism (always confirm in the parish office)**
Every Saturday at 10.30am: **Faith Sharing/RCIA sessions in the main Sacristy**
Every Saturday evening after Mass: **Bingo in the meeting room**
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 **100 Club in the Meeting Room** 7.45pm **Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room**

March Diary

Friday 1st 12noon: **Healing Mass / Holy Hour / Benediction** followed by **100 Club in the Meeting Room**

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MOUNTAIN PRESENCE BLEACHER WHITE ELIJAH MOSES RABBI THREE SHADOW BELOVED VOICE

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



Food For Thought

Proverbs 14:16-18

A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil, But a fool is arrogant and careless. A quick-tempered man acts foolishly, And a man of evil devices is hated. The naive inherit foolishness, But the sensible are crowned with knowledge.



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+2nd Sunday Of Lent Time B
25th February 2024



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

We spool forward a few centuries in the story of the Old Testament, to arrive at Abraham, "our Father in faith". Today we hear of another Covenant (like last week) - even though the word is not used. God promises Abraham descendants like "the stars of heaven", and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus: God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son (just as Abraham was willing to do); but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God's right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in the glory that is rightfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after the Resurrection will the disciples see this fully again.

Mass Times & Intentions

25th February – 2nd March 2024

Sat 24th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Gerald Lennon (2nd), Bridie Redmond (ANN)

Sun 25th 9:00am: Pietro Piroli, Carlo Avanzi, Laurence Lohan (RIP), Essien-Oku's family special ints (INT)

11:30am: Charles & Ann Nevin (Deceased members), Brendan Nelson (2nd) (ANN), Jack O'Neill, Katie Donnelly, Tony & Maureen Nevin, Michael & Ann Nevin, Etukudoh family (INT)

6:30pm: Kathleen Galvin (RIP), Trudy Smith (ANN), Joan Ogbonna & family (INT)

Mon 26th 12 noon: Brendan Nelson (2nd), Michael John O'Brien (3rd) (ANN), Martin McDonagh, Essien-Oku's family special ints (INT)

Tue 27th Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows 12 noon: Paul Smith, Donna Coor (RIP) Essien-Oku's family special ints (INT)

Wed 28th 12 noon: Martin & Ellen Togher, Maria da Felicidade da Silva Vivas Zanre (3rd) (ANN) Essien-Oku's family special ints, Michael Osijo (birthday) (INT)

Thur 29th 12 noon: Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli (RIP), Essien-Oku's family special ints (INT)

Fri 1st St David 12 noon 11:30am: Stations of the Cross followed by Healing Mass/Holy Hour/ Benediction 7:00pm: Stations of the Cross Essien-Oku's family special ints (INT)

Sat 2nd 12 noon: Essien-Oku's family special ints (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, 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, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggane, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Mary O'Connell, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, 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 Essang, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Ola Gam-Ikon, Private Intention, Eddy Renwick, Ralph Nwosuh, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Sr Joseph, Prince Henshaw

Parish Projects

1. Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £17,900 + VAT= bal. £9,900. **Trinity Fund £8,000 granted**
 2. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by **National Lottery Fund**
 3. New Security Gate around Parish Carpark/ Exit on Holloway Road (Harling Security Solutions) £25,522 + VAT
- Donations towards the projects would be highly appreciated. Donations so far received **£32,633.08** Thanks.

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enchizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka CSSp, Francis Hoang Son CSSp

Parish Office Team: Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald

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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 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

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not your face from me.

OPENING PRAYER

O God who has commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 115)

R. **I will walk in the presence of the Lord
In the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
Is the death of his faithful. R.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I:
You have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. R

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem R

SECOND READING Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!"

Glory and praise to you O Christ!

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them anymore but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

PRAY OVER THE GIFTS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased:
listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	Jackie O'Shea	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Innocent Teme	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Mark Renner	Mary A & Roxanne	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle C	Joseph Ogbonna

The Spiritual Communion Prayer (For Online Mass) ONLY

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

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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