

# NEWS AND VIEWS

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



## The Season of Lent

- **Stations of the Cross** will be held every Friday of Lent at **11.30am and 7pm** (followed by the Masses).

**CAFOD Fast collection** will be collected after all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your usual support.

**Mothering Sunday Mass** will take place next Sunday **10th** in the Church.

**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.

**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).

## March Diary

- Sunday 10th: 11:30am **Mothering Sunday**
- Sunday 17th: Feast of **St Patrick's Day**
- Sunday 24th: **Palm Sunday beginning with of Holy Week.**
- 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**

**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)**

**Mary's Meals** would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency\* no matter how old or obscure. In 2 weekend's time there will be envelopes at the back of church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. Mary's Meals feeds in over 18 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year! We also take UK currency that aren't legal tender

**Planned Giving Envelopes 2024** is ready for collection from the parish office.

**Christian Stewardship:** 25th February 2024  
**Envelopes:** £215 **Loose:** £451.51 **Contactless:** £185. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

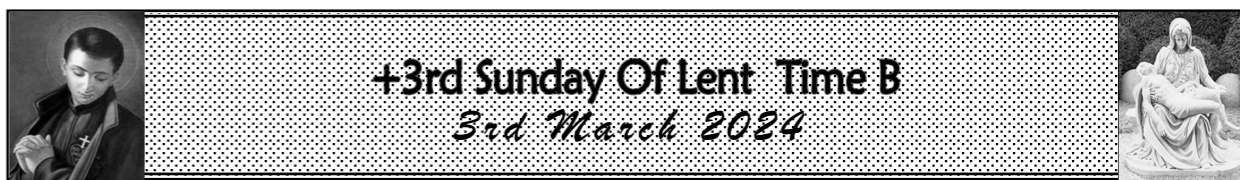
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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

**Food For Thought**  
**John 7:38**  
 "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."



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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

**Purification of the Temple and of religion'**  
 'Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up': He is no longer speaking of the trade and trafficking going on in the Temple. In fact, John the Evangelist remarks immediately; 'He was speaking of the temple that was his body'. The Jews were convinced that God lived in the Temple of Jerusalem, and that is why they went there to offer Him sacrifices. Jesus now says this type of belief is over. God will soon build a new Temple where one acceptable sacrifice will be offered. The kind of worship and the form of sacrifice will be Jesus Himself. The building will not be made of stones. The building will be a Spiritual building acceptable to God. By raising His son from the dead God has built this new Temple and this was completed on Easter day in three days, therefore, laying the cornerstone of the new Holy place. Those who have accepted the invitation of Jesus form part of this building making the body of Christ the new Temple where God now lives. We can offer sacrifices acceptable to God now, not incense and the blood of animals, but works of charity, the generous service to our neighbour, where the needs of the poorest and the weakest are met in the community, the new body built by the individual members of Christ's disciples. The Gospel speaks about purification of the Temple, it also announces the replacement of the old one with new. We are the new Temple, but we also need purification from all that hinders our offering from being acceptable to God. To be acceptable we are asked to purify our ways of reasoning. We should not think like the Jews and the Greeks, St. Paul tells us in the second reading. The Ten Commandments shows us concretely which sacrifices are acceptable to God. It is an invitation to purify our religion of false notions that do not give proof of our love for God and love for our neighbours.

**Mass Times & Intentions 3rd – 9th March 2024**

**Sat 2nd Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Michael Hayes (RIP), Tom O'Connor (ANN)  
**Sun 3rd 9:00am:** Essien-Oku's family intentions (INT)  
**11:30am:** Patrick Egan, Kieran Doyle, Marie McFlynn, Agnes & Michael Heneghan, Mary Slattery (RIP), Brendan Nelson (2nd) (ANN), Etukudoh family, Private Intention, Amaobi Maduako & family, Jide Maduako (INT)  
**6:30pm:** Raymond Tomlinson, Richard & Margaret Costello (ANN), Christine Morris & family (INT)  
**Mon 4th Saint Casimir 12 noon:** Rose & J.J McGrath (RIP), Martin & Ellen Togher (ANN) Essien-Oku family intentions (INT)  
**Tue 5th 12 noon:** Noreen McGreevy (RIP), Essien-Oku's family intentions, Bernie Carr, Margaret Togher, (INT)  
**Wed 6th 12 noon:** Ann Fitzgerald (2nd) (RIP), Michael Togher (ANN), Essien-Oku's family intentions (INT)  
**Thur 7th 12 noon:** Essien-Oku's family intentions (INT)  
**Fri 8th St John of God 11:30am:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass : People of the Parish  
**7:00pm:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass : Essien-Oku's family intentions (INT)  
**Sat 9th St Frances of Rome 12 noon:** Ellen & Martin Togher (RIP), Michael Togher (ANN), Essien-Oku's family intentions (INT)

**Please Pray For**

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 Duggase, 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, Olla 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 (Ozzy 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 **£32,968.76** 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  
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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

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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 Exodus 20:1-17 (Long version)

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 18)

**R. You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold

And sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. **R.**

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.

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## GOSPEL John 2: 13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The sparrow finds a home, the swallow finds a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.

## Mass

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

## Readers

Jeanette Fayers  
Rachel McGonigal  
John Obligar  
Maureen Tayler

## Eucharist Minster

June Gray  
Innocent Teme  
June G & Mary A  
Roxanne C

## Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers  
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku  
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe  
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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