

# 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**



**Mothering Sunday Mass** we celebrate all the mothering figures in our lives today and always. You mean everything to us and we remain eternally grateful. We pray for you today; that you may have the contentment and fulfilment you well deserve in life.

**Revamping Of Our Parish Meeting Room** will commence from **11th-24th March**, during this period some of our regular activities will be rescheduled. We are really grateful for the well detailed, befitting design that has been given to us from Jennifer one of ours. She has volunteered her time and resources to make this happen. We remain grateful and keep her and her family in our prayers.

**St Patrick's Feast Day next Sunday:** Celebration will happen after the 11.30am Mass, followed by socials in the car park. Please bring what you have for us all to share together.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection** Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions to the CAFOD Family Fast Day last week, and to the kind people who give regular donations to CAFOD.

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

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

## March Diary

- Sunday 17th: **Feast of St Patrick's Day**
- Sunday 24th: **Palm Sunday beginning 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 6 days.** **SEE FULL ITINERARY ON THE GLASS NOTICE BOARD** 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.

**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 **5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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).

**Mary's Meals** would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency\* no matter how old or obscure. In two 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.

**Christian Stewardship:** 3rd March 2024  
**Envelopes:** £206 **Loose:** £393.06 **Contactless:** £203. We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

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## Food For Thought

### Isaiah 52:7

How lovely on the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace And brings good news of happiness, Who announces salvation, And says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

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



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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

The readings of this Sunday touch on the most important theme in the Bible that God is love. We can think of different types of love; romantic love, fellowship love, and sacrificial love. In romantic love we receive, in fellowship love we give and receive, in sacrificial love we give without expecting returns. God's love for us is sacrificial. While we get and forget, God gives and forgives. One of the greatest mistakes of judgement we make is projecting our ways unto God. For instance, we tend to fall in and out of love, hence we may see God in the same light. We can be unreliable in love but God isn't because God is love. That might appear contrary to the biblical image whereby God appears happy at one moment and enraged at another. Behind God's 'rage' however is His love, His passion to set things right. It is like the anger of a father at his misbehaving child; it doesn't mean hatred, it implies passionate desire for the child to improve. Hence, as noted from the First Reading, God consistently showed His love for His unfaithful Israel through a sustained supply of prophets to admonish them lest they self-destruct. Sometimes, to fix a broken limb, more bones are broken. Thus came the destruction of the city and the Temple, and Israel's seventy years of exile in Babylon. In narrating these ordeals, the Chronicler doesn't see it as God withdrawing His love but, rightly, as a long cleansing and purification of Israel to bring them to their best. How do we read calamities in our own lives? Are these meaningless sufferings that God has abandoned us? No! Through them, God usually draws our attention. In the fullness of time, the God of sacrificial love who consistently gives in love, gave all in Christ. In Christ, God emptied himself, His hands now fixed in an everlasting embrace of all. The cross is the sign of God's loving power. Thus, as the Gospel notes, Jesus is prefigured in Moses, who, at God's instruction, lifted up the bronze serpent in the desert so that anyone who had been bitten by the invading serpents and looked up at the bronze serpent recovered. In other words, as the Gospel affirms, no one who entrusts themselves to God in faith can be condemned.

### Mass Times & Intentions 10th-16th March 2024

- Sat 9th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Muriel & George Roberts, Patrick O'Shea, Mary & Andy Brady (RIP), Sharon Gaudio (13<sup>th</sup>), Cait Murphy, John Patten, Cathleen Lavelle, Wallace Fayers (ANN), Karen Fox, May Fayers (INT)
- Sun 10th 9:00am:** Patricia Etim-Bassey, Otuanwan Ekpenyong-Oku, Mmaeyen Oku, Ekanem Oku-Kurz, Anna Coco-Bassey (RIP), Patsy Whitehead, Noreen Clarkson, Mary Stephens, Private special intentions (INT)
- 11:30am:** Sean & Rosita Mulvehill, Pauline O'Meara, Assumpta Turin, Bridie McDaid, Ethan Patrick Russo (RIP), Brendan Nelson, Departed members of the Lehane family, Christine Fitzgerald (1<sup>st</sup>) (ANN), Etukudoh family, Ann Maurice Horan (INT)
- 6:30pm:** Bridie McClave, Kathleen Moore (RIP), Sr. Estella Flynn (1<sup>st</sup>) (ANN)
- Mon 11th 12 noon:** Eddie McGinley, Helen Basile (RIP), Private special intentions, Bernadette Simpsons (INT)
- Tue 12th 12 noon:** Etna Shaughnessy (RIP), Private special intentions, Ella Humphreys, Margaret Togher (INT)
- Wed 13th 12 noon:** Patricia Etim-Bassey (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Wallace Fayers (ANN), Private special intentions (INT)
- Thur 14th 12 noon:** Alan Mullee, Mary Gallagher, Mary & Andy Brady (RIP), Eddie & Marion Gallagher, Mullee family, Private special intentions (INT)
- Fri 15th 11:30am:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass: Kitty Carroll (17<sup>th</sup>), Bill Ronan (2<sup>nd</sup>), Mary & Andy Brady (ANN)
- 7:00pm:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass Private special intentions, (INT)
- Sat 16th 12 noon:** Marists Sisters Community (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 Kuozwanski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Mary Theresa Madigan, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Padra Williams, Phillip Duggage, 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, Renee Evans, Maureen Esspay

### Parish Projects

- Replacing expired Church meeting room roof (Abbey Roofing) £17,900 + VAT= bal. £9,900. **Trinity Fund £8,000 granted**
  - Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by **National Lottery Fund**
  - 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 **£33,068.96** 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

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 2 Chronicles 36:14-16.19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 136)

R. **O let my tongue cleave my mouth if I remember you not!**

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs,

R.

our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said 'one of Zion's songs.'

R.

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?

If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

R.

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

R.

## SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

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## GOSPEL John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

## Mass

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

## Readers

Joanna Hemingway  
Maureen Tayler  
Ignatius Etukudoh  
Bridget O'Dea

## Eucharist Minister

Jackie O'Shea  
Innocent Teme  
Joyce & Mary A  
Michelle 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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