

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**



Parish Planned Giving Drive: A mandatory Diocesan planned giving drive for our parish will finish this weekend and we will carry on with the practice. Leaflets will be circulated for more in depth information.

Priest Training Fund Collection: This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for this fund will take place the weekend of **4th/5th May**. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Donation leaflets are available in the back of the church. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can also donate online anytime at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.

Food Donations for the needy: Thank you to parishioners that have responded to our call for help. We humbly request for the following: pot noodles, tinned fish, biscuits, soft drinks, tea, milk (longlife), sugar and coffee. Please drop these in the basket in the porch or at the priests' house. The generosity of parishioners have been pivotal in our ministry of care to the needy in our community

Pentecost Sunday: Parish inter-cultural mass (12noon) and fund-raising socials (meal/music) in the car park.

- Parishioners are encouraged to dress in cultural outfits. We would like element of different cultures reflected in the mass
- The second reading will be in Gaelic, Irish (an English translation will be provided).
- Bidding prayers will be in different languages, Music will be in different tongues by the parish joint choirs. Anybody that would like to join the choirs for the celebration should please see the Parish Priest.
- Every parishioner is encouraged to provide some items for the refreshments; please sign up the sheets behind. Thank you

100 Club April draw: The **May draw** will take place after the First Friday Service on **3rd May**. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by this weekend of 27th/28th April at the latest. New members welcome! Application forms at the back of the church.

Adult Piano Lesson Teacher: A male parishioner has requested for piano lessons, please if anyone is interested to teach him, please kindly reach out to him on **07480748476**.

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

Christian Stewardship: 21st April 2024

Envelopes: £241 **Loose:** £316.12 **Contactless:** £27 We also receive £500 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

April Diary

Weekend of 27th/28th: **Final/ 3rd/Final Planned Giving Drive weekend**
 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**

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

Food For Thought

Matthew 17:20

"...Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."



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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

Last week it was about the sheep: this week, it is the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to "belong" to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him. "I am the vine and you are the branches... cut off from me, you can do nothing." "Unless you eat my body and drink my blood you will not have life in you." It was then that Peter responded, "To whom shall we go Lord, you have the word of eternal life." "All that exist came to be through him." Why then in the world would we wander away from the one who is the foundation of the universe? Only rooted in God can we truly flourish, can we grow to our full potential. What we identify ourselves with can help bring out the best in us or, on the contrary, help kill the potential in us. The eagle identified herself with chickens and ended up not being able to fly even though she had all the potential. Jesus defines himself as the "true vine" and we, his followers, as the branches. To flourish, the vine branches must be grafted unto the "true vine" for, as he said, "cut off from me, you can do nothing."

Mass Times & Intentions	28th April – 4th May 2024
Sat 27th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:	Nelio Mendonca, Alan Mullee, Harold Bradley, Baby Siofra, Minet Masho (RIP), Kathleen Glancy (1 st) (ANN), Marcio Liz Jeanfer, Mullee family, Adrian Bradley, Jim English (INT)
Sun 28th 9:00am:	Baby Siofra, Minet Masho (RIP), Martin McDonagh (29 th) (ANN), Renée Evans & family (INT)
11:30am:	Minet Masho, Peggy O'Sullivan, Joe O'Doherty, Jane Amooty, Tommie Moore, Tom Corduff, Reggie Bierings, Baby Siofra (RIP), Bernadette Reilly, Mary Keane (INT)
6:30pm:	Baby Siofra, Minet Masho (RIP), Essien-Oku's family intentions (INT)
Mon 29th St Catherine of Siena 12 noon:	Carlo Avanzi, Pietro Piroli, Brendan Reilly (RIP), Betty & Tony McGrame (ANN), Mary Roddy (INT)
Tue 30th 12 noon:	Peggy O'Sullivan (RIP), Bridie McDaid (Posthumous 95 th birthday) (ANN), Renée Evans & family (INT)
Wed 1st St Joseph the Worker 12 noon:	Amen Ekhatior (birthday), Christie De Cruz, Christy Christopher (INT)
Thur 2nd St Athanasius 12 noon:	Funeral of Saeg George Rosa Taq Taq
Fri 3rd Sts Philip & James 12 noon:	First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/ Benediction
Sat 4th The English Martyrs 12 noon:	Tony Brennan (1 st) (ANN)

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, 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, Ola Gam-Ikon, Eddy Renwick, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Sr Joseph, Prince Henshaw, Renee Evans, Maureen Esspay, John Alan

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 **£34,068.96** Thanks.

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

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enehizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Ndubuisi CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka CSSp

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Confessions Sat. 11am. 6pm, before Masses **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Meditative Rosary:** Sun. 10.30am

Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction: First Fridays 12noon **Prayer/Faith Group:** Sat. 10am

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

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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 Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 21)

R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

R.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
Before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **R.**

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **R.**

SECOND READING 1 John 3: 18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant we pray, that as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in

plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Joan Hemmingway	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	June G & Mary	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Bridget O'Dea	Roxanne 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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