

NEWS AND VIEWS

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



Pope Francis has called for day of fasting and prayer. This is to take place next Monday, 7 October 2024, the first anniversary of the Hamas attacks in Israel. 'I ask everyone,' he says, 'to participate in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world.' The Vatican News website has more detail at <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2024-10/pope-7-october-to-be-day-of-prayer-and-fasting-for-peace.html>.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Collection - You can donate online on the CAFOD website or through the QR code on the posters or by returning the CAFOD envelope this weekend.

Revive London will be available on **Thursday 10th October** at 722 Holloway Road, to have one of their clinic/sessions. They offer free practical support, services and advocacy for refugees and people seeking asylum, regardless of who the person is.

RCIA 2025 is for adults who want to be fully received into the Catholic Church. The sessions will start from the **19th of October**. Please endeavour to fill up your forms and submit them in the Parish Office for documentation.

Parish Charity Auction/Fundraising Event: This event will take place on **Saturday 26th October at 6pm**. Since it is a parish event, **all other activities for that Saturday evening will be cancelled.** The vigil Mass will be cancelled as well to enable full participation from parishioners and priests of our community at the event. Raffle tickets are on sale from this weekend. The flyers and event tickets will go out this weekend. Volunteers from the group will speak at all Masses this weekend and next.

- Entry tickets are £20 a seat (a drink and nibbles incl.)

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.**

1st Holy Communion sessions at 10.15am: October 13th, 27th, November 10th, 24th (Enrolment Mass at 11.30am)/ Children's Mass, December 1st, 8th, 15th.

Christian Stewardship: 29th September 2024

Envelopes: £226. **Loose:** £319.02 **Contactless:** £0.00 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

October Diary

Saturday 26th at 6pm — **Parish Charity Auction/Fundraising Event**
 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**

Important Diary Dates

- **October 26th** — Parish Charity Auction/Fundraising/Entertainment Evening.
- **Nov. 24th**— Children's Mass @ 11.30am
- **Dec. 13th @ 6.30pm** -Parish Carol Concert
- **Dec. 15th @ 11.30am** —Volunteers Mass

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



Food For Thought

"Stay close to anything that makes you glad to be alive."

"Live for the moments you can't put into words."



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+ 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year B
6th October 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

This Sunday's Gospel addresses divorce in marriage, a very sensitive and painful reality of life in our time. The Law of Moses as set out in Deuteronomy 24:1-2 clearly allows for a man to divorce his wife. It says: "If a man takes a wife, and after they are married she is displeasing to him because of something objectionable in her, let him give her a statement in writing and send her away from his house. And when she has gone away from him, she may become another man's wife." Today we tackle the issue of marriage and divorce; Jesus is asked an awkward question about the legality of divorce. He lays down very clearly that what God intends for marriage is what is found in Genesis (where the "two become one" for all time) rather than the dispensation granted through Moses (permitting a writ of divorce) which was an exception, not the rule. Here it is clear that Jesus abrogates this Old Testament procedure - a point emphasised when the disciples press him further on this issue on getting back home. While it is important for us to be sensitive and understanding towards those whose marriages have gone awry, we must be careful to let the teachings of the Lord speak for themselves.

Mass Times & Intentions 6th – 12th October 2024

Sat 5th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Bertie Kenny (INT)

Sun 6th 9:00am: Miranda Avanzi, Mary McGovern (RIP), Richard & Margaret Costello, Elizabeth Breen (9th), Dinah Adjei (ANN), Fernando, Avanzi family, Fr Ray Armstrong CM, Ann Driscoll, Fr Moses Enehizena (INT)

11:30am: Mary McGovern, John Breslin (RIP), Brendan Hehir (26th) (ANN), Private Intentions (INT)

6:30pm: Essien-Oku family, Orjioko family, Oguzie family (INT)

Mon 7th Our Lady of the Rosary 12 noon: P.J Gallagher (RIP), Michael Quirke (INT)

Tue 8th 12 noon: Rosario Peter de Cruz (1st), James Wilson (3rd) (ANN), Fr Moses, Aine, Mervin, Cillian & Alfie Rian family (INT)

Wed 9th St John Henry Newman 12 noon: People of the Parish

Thurs 10th 12 noon: Funeral Mass for Daniel Quaid

Fri 11th St John XIII 12 noon: Chidiebere Orjioko, Chuka Oguzie (RIP), Giovanna Spittle (2nd) (ANN)

Sat 12th 12 noon: Teresa Duffy (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, 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, Maureen Esspay, John Alan, Private Intentions. Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis,

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 **£36,201.83** Thanks.

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

Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enehizena CSSp, Fr. Remigius Nduhuisi CSSp, Fr Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba 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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through Christ 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. **Amen**

FIRST READING Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 127)

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

R.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life!
may you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!

R.

SECOND READING Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Alleluia

GOSPEL Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, we pray the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

June G
Innocent Teme
Joyce & Roxanne
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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