

NEWS AND VIEWS

Golden Jubilee Day, Sunday 11th June: Mass by the Cardinal Vincent at 11am followed by socials/refreshments at the Parish Centre. There will be no other Mass on Sunday. We thank the members of the Golden Jubilee Committee and indeed all our parishioners for taking ownership of this celebration and working very hard towards its success.

Parish First Holy Communion next Sunday the 18th at the 11.30am Mass. Candidates will have their confession and practice next Saturday 17th at 10am to prepare for the event. Please keep our 13 candidates in your prayers.

Hugh Meehane RIP: The death has occurred of Hugh, a longstanding and amiable parishioner. His funeral Mass has been fixed for Friday the 23rd of June at 12noon. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Health and Safety Training: The Islington Deanery is organising free Fire Warden training at St Joan of Arc Church on Tuesday June 20th at 7.00pm. We encourage as much pa-

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Dates for First Holy Communion Sessions: June: 17th Rehearsal @ 10am, 18th Celebration of First Holy Communion

Dates for Confirmation Sessions: Confirmation Ceremony Sunday July 9th at 11.30am Mass.

Dates for Youth Club sessions: June 24th, July 8th, 22nd (last one before summer holidays)

Christian Stewardship (4th June 2017) Envelopes: £402.07. Loose: £433.78. We receive £132 weekly from standing orders. Golden Jubilee so far: £28,215.13. Thank you for your continuous support.

June Diary

Sunday 11th at 11am: **Jubilee Mass followed by socials in the Parish Centre**
 Saturday 17th at 10am: **Confessions/Rehearsals for First Communion Candidates**
 Sunday 18th at the 11.30am Mass: **Parish First Holy Communion**
 Friday 30th at 8pm: **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



A mother calls 999 very worried asking the dispatcher if she needs to take her kid to the emergency room, the kid had eaten ants. The dispatcher tells her to give the kid some Benadryl and he should be fine, the mother says, 'I just gave him some ant killer' Dispatcher: 'Rush him in to emergency right away'



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St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Archway



The Most Holy Trinity, Year A

11th June 2017

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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Holy Trinity: Buy one get two free

Nobody has ever succeeded in clearly explaining the mathematics of the Holy Trinity; that the one God exists in three distinct Persons - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. However, a most instructive insight into the mystery of the Trinity came from a very obscure source; an incident reported in the classic African novel Things Fall Apart, which captures the conflicts of the natives with the emergent Western missionaries. As one of the missionaries explained to the natives that there are three persons in the one Christian God, he talked about God the Father which made sense to them in the sense of a Father being the head of a family. Then, he talked about God the Son which also made sense to them since a Father could have a Son in a family structure. The missionary finally spoke about the Holy Spirit and the natives expected him to logically conclude that this is the wife of the Father and the mother to the Son. But the missionary hesitated. Eventually, he told them that the Holy Spirit came from the Father and the Son which sounded abominable to them. They told him that the equation simply didn't add up and on that note they took their leave. However, while the Trinitarian arguments between the missionary and the native elders lasted, the native children were not interested in what they saw as a 'mad' logic. They were rather captivated by the loving atmosphere of the Christian worship which was contrary to the blind justice (you reap what you sew) atmosphere of their traditional religion. It is in the light of such loving atmosphere that the doctrine of the Trinity begins to make sense; the One God existing in three persons being an indication that God does not exist in isolation but in a community of love and sharing. As behaviour is determined by the nature of things (St. Thomas Aquinas), the significance of the doctrine of the Trinity lies essentially therefore in the fact that the more we understand and conform ourselves to the nature of the God in whose image we are made, the more we live true to our nature. Hence, as we are made in the image of a Trinitarian God that exists in a community of love and sharing, we are made for a life of loving relationships and sharing and only by so living can we live fulfilled. It is therefore not consistent with our nature to live in selfish isolation. Our nature in the Trinity challenges a culture of individualism and independence which seems to work for us in our youth when we are strong. But we soon realise that it is not consistent with our nature when we begin to pay the price in loneliness and dehumanised isolation in later years, dumped in hospices and care homes.

Mass Times & Intentions 11th - 17th June 2017

Sat 10th Vig. 6:30pm: John Fogerty (RIP), Patricia Griffin, Tom (INT)
 Sun 11th No 9am Mass
 11:00: Golden Jubilee Mass, presided by Cardinal Vincent Nichols
 No evening Mass
 Mon 12th 12:00: Hugh Gallagher, Michael Griffin, William Lyons, John Welsh (RIP), Eileen Dineen (ANN), Anne Flanagan, Ann & Michael Finan (INT)
 Tue 13th St. Anthony of Padua 12:00: Jim Day (RIP), Liam & Breda (INT)
 Wed 14th 12:00: Maureen Cleary (Month's Mind), Ilda Noronha (RIP), Eileen Saayell (ANN)
 Thur 15th 12:00: People of the Parish
 Fri 16th St. Richard of Chichester 12:00: Holy Ghost Fathers
 Sat 17th 12:00: John Griffin (INT)

Please Pray for...

Rebecca Campbell, Babs Kavanagh, Ella Humphreys, Tess McNaney, Nora Harkin, Rita Avanzi, Carlo Avanzi, Nancy Olaiya, Jarlet Fallon, Kitty Waldron, Mary Sullivan, Nora Hoare, Margaret Anne Quinlan, Ann Larkin, Philip O'Connor, Cath Gallagher, Mary Wallace, Christopher Jerome, May Kennedy, Nora Moran, John Bruno, Louis James, Dennis Parillon, Austell Bruno, Katie Howard, Theresa Reilly, Rita Parasandalo, Yuk Ying Pang, Joyce Digby, Mary Slow, Jean Willis, Mary Duffy, Isabella King, Maisie Craig, Florence Pinfield, Carol Belsten, Denis O'Gorman, Anthony Mulligan, Rita Rawlings, Wendy Winsler, Rica Coelho, Alan Harrison

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit
Parish Priests: Fr. Dr Ugo Ikwuka CSSp, Fr. Daniel Adayi CSSp, Fr. Vincent Waiga CSSp, Fr. Terkura Igbe CSSp
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Pastorals/Devotions: Confessions Sat. 11.30am & 6pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/
Meditative Rosary: Sun. 10.30am, **Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction:** First Fridays 12noon - 1.30pm. **Legion of Mary:** First Wed. 6.30pm, **Monday Prayer Group:** 1st & 3rd Mon. 6.30pm

Gentle reminders: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent ...

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father and the Only begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit: for he has shown us his merciful love.

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of Truth and the Spirit of sanctification, made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. 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 34:4-6.8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, he went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Daniel 3 52-56)

R. **To you glory and praise for evermore.**

You are blest, Lord, God of our fathers.
Blest your glorious holy name.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.

You are blest who gaze into the depths. **R.**
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **R.**

SECOND READING 2Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "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."

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

R. Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray,
R. O Lord our God, this oblation of our service,
R. and by it make of us an eternal offering to you.
R. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out, Abba, Father.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity. Through Christ our Lord.

Mass
Sat. 6.30pm

Readers
Orla Heekin

Eucharistic Ministers
Christina Cheah

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
Feast Day: 27 February

We remember this week, the patron saint of our church here in Archway.

St Gabriel Francesco Possenti was born on 1 March 1838 in Assisi Italy. In 1851 he became desperately ill and promised to enter religious life if he recovered. Once he had recovered, his promise was soon forgotten. However, after the cholera epidemic that killed his sister ended, Spoleto clergy and civic authorities organised a procession of the ancient icon of the Virgin Mary in Spoleto's cathedral. He attended the procession and as the image passed by him, he felt an interior voice asking why he remained in the world. After the procession he sought the advice of a priest and resolved to enter the Passionist Congregation. Eventually, after many attempts by family to dissuade him, he arrived at the novitiate at Morrovalle in 1856, and moved to the monastery of Isola del Gran Sasso 3 years later. He proved an excellent student and his excellence in academic life was only outdone by the great progress he was making in his spiritual life. At the same time he began to display the first symptoms of tuberculosis. Before he could be ordained a priest, Gabriel died in the retreat at Isola del Gran Sasso the early hours of 27 February 1862, in the presence of the community, holding close an image of Our Lady of Sorrows and smiling peacefully. Those who were with him when he died reported that, at the moment of death, he sat up in bed and his face became radiant as he reached out to an otherwise unseen figure that was entering the room. It was the opinion of Fr Norbert, his spiritual director, that he had seen the Virgin Mary at the very moment of his death. The two miracles presented for the beatification of Gabriel were the inexplicable healings of Maria Mazzarella from pulmonary tuberculosis and periostitis, and the instantaneous cure of Dominic Tiber from an inoperable hernia. At his canonisation on 13 May 1920, Pope Benedict XV declared him a patron saint of Catholic youth, of students and of those studying for the priesthood. In 1959, Pope John XXIII named him the patron of the Abruzzi region, where he spent the last two years of his life and, of course, he is the patron saint of our church here in Archway.



Our Golden Jubilee Prayer

God of love, we thank you for planting the seed of the Christian faith in our community. As we mark the Golden Jubilee of our church, we remember with gratitude the good works of generations of parishioners, through which you blessed us with a beautiful church of which we are the living stones. We thank you for our increasing diversity which gives expression to your beauty. We pray that this Jubilee will be a year of joy and renewal for our parish and community. May the fruits of the faith: love, justice, peace and reconciliation flourish in abundance. In facing the years ahead with hope, teach us that what we are is more important than what we have. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for us.

Echoes from Parish Archives (1967 - 2017)

6 May 1967: Foundation stone of St. Gabriel's Church laid by the Rt. Rev Patrick J Casey, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.
17 December 1967: 1st Mass in St. Gabriel's presided by His Eminence Cardinal John Carmel Heenan.
16 June 1981: Solemn dedication of St. Gabriel's Church and Altar by His Eminence Cardinal George Basil Hume.
11 June 2017: Golden Jubilee Mass presided by His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols.