

# 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**

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**Pentecost Sunday:** Parish inter-cultural mass (12noon) and fundraising 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
- Any parishioner that can help with the BBQ on the day, should please indicate availability

**Donations of any suitable items, bottles of drinks for the Tombola and freshly baked cakes for sale to raise funds for the parish are welcomed. Raffle Tickets are on sale.**

**Collection to Support the mission of the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) worldwide** to be taken at the Pentecost Masses. This collection is authorised by the Diocese. Please pick up the envelopes for this.

**Islington council Residents Free DIY** sessions for residents - spaces available. Venue: Repairs Training Facility, Unit 9, Bush Industrial Estate, Station Rd, N19 5UN (near Tufnell Park or Archway tubes) You can email or phone **Charmaine Brouard**, Repairs Training Manager – Islington Council on **07834 172 223** **Charmaine.Brouard@islington.gov.uk** (PLUMBING) – how to turn the water off, change tap washers, toilet problems. (DRILLING/CARPENTRY)– use battery drills, make a shelf to take home, (TILING / PAINTING ) – how to replace tiles, replace sealant , painting “cutting in” techniques etc

**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

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

**Christian Stewardship:** 5th May 2024  
**Envelopes:** £253.50 **Loose:** £431.49 **Contactless:** £5 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

## May Diary

Sunday 19th: **Parish Community Pentecost Mass followed by Fundraising Socials in the Parish Car park.**

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**

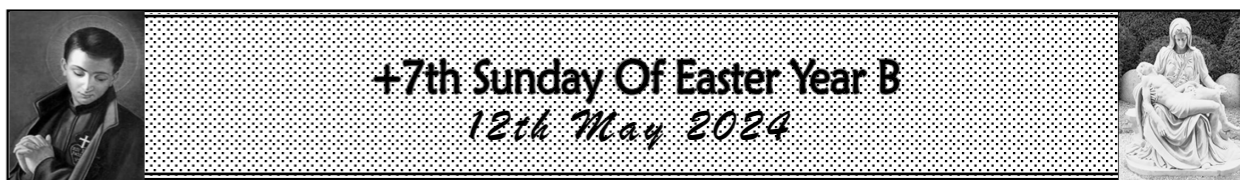
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We wish those who celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries during this week a happy celebration

**Food For Thought**  
**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

In this Sunday, the Sunday after Ascension, the Sunday before Pentecost. Behind us is the life of Jesus, his death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. In front of us is the unknown, the very new thing that God will do among his people. How do the disciples feel in this sort of no-man's land in time? They don't know how long they're going to be there. All they know is that in his physical form Jesus have finally left them – taken up in the brilliance of the light of heaven – and that he has told them to wait in Jerusalem where God will come to them in a new way. We've probably all experienced similar times – times that can be filled with uncertainty and anxiety. Times when we've lost someone or left something behind but aren't yet ready or able to move on into the unknown. Times between school or college and the world of work and careers. Amidst these chaos of life's experiences Jesus offers prayers for the unity of all the world and in fact of all God's creation. "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one." Indeed, what would the world be like if we lived as one, just as the Father and Son live in that complete oneness? The unity that exists in the relationship between the Father and Son is a unity to which we are all called and for which we were all created. When we cease to live in that unity, we are living in a manner that is contrary to how we are called to be in this world. Where there is war, division, discord, hate, and violence, we are living in a manner that goes against the oneness and unity for which we are created to live. When we take steps toward creating peace, unity, and harmony, we are on the path to fulfilling the vocation to which we are called. How then can we as individuals, families, parishioners, and citizens work toward accomplishing these steps toward peace in our own lives? How can we live in the oneness that Jesus prayed for in the gospel so that we live as the Father and Son are one? The answer can seem so simple and obvious that we can sometimes forget or ignore the advice, or rather, commandment, we receive from the scriptures. "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God." We must then love one another so as to be one and to remain in God. Love one another! One for all and all for one!

- Mass Times & Intentions 12th – 18th May 2024**
- Sat 11th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Muriel & George Roberts (RIP), Kathleen Glancy (1st) (ANN)
  - Sun 12th 9:00am:** Maria Marques, Ivone Pereira, Maria Monteiro, Philomena Corcoran (RIP), Odeyemi family, Essien-Oku family, Lina & Maria Piroli, Isaac Biblian, All A Levels & GCSE students in the parish (INT)
  - 11:30am:** Kathleen Forbes, Assunta Turin, Eddie & Giuseppina Zissler (RIP), Fr McDevitt, Departed members of the Moore family, Maureen Cleary (7th) (ANN), All A Levels & GCSE students in the parish (INT)
  - 6:30pm:** Renee Evans (RIP), Huw Evans & family, Maureen Tayler, Julian Coelho (INT)
  - Mon 13th Our Lady of Fatima 12 noon:** Private intentions (INT)
  - Tue 14th St Matthias 12 noon:** Frank Burns (RIP), Mary & Peter Hehir (ANN)
  - Wed 15th 12 noon:** Spiritan Community, Archway
  - Thur 16th:** Marists Community, Archway
  - Fri 17th 12 noon:** Baby Siofra (RIP)
  - Sat 18th 12 noon:** People of the Parish

**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, 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  
**Parish Office Team:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald  
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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 Lord, hear any voice, for I have called to you; for you my heart has spoken; Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia

## OPENING PRAYER

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## FIRST READING Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. In the book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office. We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling around with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’ Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias, they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 102)

### R. The Lord has set his sway in heaven

My soul, give thanks to the Lord; all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

R.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R.**

The Lord has set his sway in heaven and his kingdom is ruling over all. Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word. **R.**

## SECOND READING John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit. We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in Him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.**

**Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth, your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence that, through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished, in the body of the whole Church, what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

### Mass

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

### Readers

Bridget O’Dea  
Ann Waldron  
John Obligar  
Maureen Tayler

### Eucharist Minister

Jackie O’Shea  
Olga Monpeke  
June G & 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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