

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**



Children's Mass 24th November: We would like to invite the children of the parish (aged 4-14yrs) to come to the church on the following dates;

♦ **Saturdays 9th, 16th and 23rd Nov—1.30pm-2.30pm**
This is to prepare for the **24th November** during the 11.30am Mass which is the **Feast of Christ the King**. The children will take active part during the Mass.

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

Confirmation Classes starts Wednesday 13th November at 6.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Dates for subsequent Confirmations Classes are the following Wednesdays **Nov. 27th, Dec. 11th, January 15th, 29th, February 12th, 26th, March 12th, 26th, Easter break. April 23rd, May 7th, 21st, June 4th, 18th, July 2nd, Saturday 5th (Rehearsal for the ceremony). 6th July at 11.30am Mass**, Bishop Hudson will celebrate the **Confirmation Mass**.

Parish Pilgrimage 2025: FATIMA 20-24th October 2025. £960 per person, shared room. Enrolment is ongoing. Details of the itinerary has been pasted in the porch notice board.

RCIA 2025 is for adults who want to be fully received into the Catholic Church. We hold weekly faith sharing forum open to all on Saturday mornings at 10am. It is an opportunity for existing Catholics to share and grow in faith while RCIA candidates are supported in their journey. Please all RCIA candidates should endeavour to fill up their forms and submit them in the Parish Office for documentation.

Monday 18th 12.30pm Deanery Mass at St Peter & St Paul, Clerkenwell Mass for the repose of the souls of priests and religious who served in our parishes, hence there won't be any **12noon Mass** here in our parish. Parishioners are encouraged to join all the Islington deanery priests at St Peter & St Paul, Clerkenwell for 12.30pm Mass.

Diocesan Collection for Sick & Retired Priests The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met. You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular donation and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

Food Donations: Thank you to those who always respond. We are still taking in food items for our friends at the door, such as biscuits, soups, fizzy drinks, tea & coffee, sardines, pot noodles and any food on the go. We appreciate this donations. Thank you and God bless.

Parish & Community Christmas Carol Concert. This will take place on the 13th of Dec., based on how great it was last year, we are asking for anyone who wishes to participate to notify the Parish Office.

Christian Stewardship: 3rd November 2024
Envelopes: £234 **Loose:** £390.06 **Contactless:** £0.00 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

November Diary

Wednesday 13th @ 6.30pm: **Confirmation Classes**
Weekend 16th/17th **Diocesan Collection for sick & retired priests at all Masses.**
Sunday 24th 11.30am **Mass of Enrolment for First Communion Candidates**
Sunday 24th 11.30am **Christ the King & Children's Mass** (4-14 years children to participate).
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

- **Nov. 24th— Children's Mass** @ 11.30am
- **Dec. 13th @ 6.30pm -Parish Carol Concert**
- **Dec. 15th @ 11.30am — Volunteers Mass**
- **Dec. 17th @ 7pm—Penitential service**


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+ 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year B
10th November 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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Jesus notes that the Scribes and the Pharisees "like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted reverently in the market square, to take the front seats in the synagogue and the places of honour at banquets; yet they rob the widows while making a show of lengthy prayers." "God does not have favourites", Saint Paul tells us, but God always makes a special place for the poor, and those whom society would push into second place. In the traditions of Israel God invited the people to have special care for the "widows and orphans" - so the story we hear in today's Gospel would have a particular resonance. The paradox of Christian faith is this: in giving, we receive. Christ gave everything, sacrificing his very life, and in return received a new and unending life. The First Reading recounts the encounter between the prophet Elijah and the widow of Zarephat during a time of great famine. The poor widow and her son are literally down to their last meal; they see nothing but death before them. It is in this situation of absolute hopelessness that Elijah turns up. God visits us at the moment of our greatest vulnerability not when we feel powerful. The prophet asked her for a drink. What an irony that a woman in desperate need is being asked to give. With that gesture of giving, her jar of flour never went empty nor did her jug of oil run dry throughout the season of scarcity. This is a challenge to us in our turn: what are we invited or asked to give, and in what spirit will we do so, and what will be our reward?

Mass Times & Intentions 10th – 16th November 2024
Sat 9th 6:30pm: Hannah Holden (Birthday), Margaret O'Neill (INT)
Sun 10th 9:00am: McAndrew family, Ann Connell, Liliana Accursi (Piroli) (RIP), Attracia Reynolds, Tom & Phil Gowan, Maria & Lina Piroli, Rita & Gino Avanzi (INT)
11:30am: Joe Brickley, Brendan Nelson, Mary Slattery, Alice McCoy (RIP), Etukudoh family, Dina Abalaro Perez (INT)
6:30pm: Essien-Oku family, Manny Ekong family, Philip & Tunu, Amy & Laurence, Oluchi & Chioma Adiele (INT)
Mon 11th St Martin of Tours 12 noon: Sarah Martina Ferrick (RIP)
Tue 12th St Josaphat 12 noon: P.J Heavin (9th) (ANN), Liz Pappas, Private Intention (INT)
Wed 13th 12 noon: Spiritans Community
Thurs 14th 12 noon: Adrian Bradley (INT)
Fri 15th People of the Parish
Sat 16th St Edmund of Abingdon 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish




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, Innocent Teme, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Susie Burrows, Norman Wills

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 Ndubuisi 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

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



Food For Thought

"The fears we do not face, become our limits."

"Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible into the visible."

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

TODAY'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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. Amen

FIRST READING 1st King 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent; jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth." The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145)

R My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he, who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mass

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

Readers

Ann Heekin
Paula Zanre
Joseph Baffoe
Eugenia Ackah

Eucharist Minister

June G
Olga Monpeke
June G & Mary A
Roxanne C

Stewards

Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald
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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