

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Rehearsal Dates for Children's/Mothering Sunday Mass:**  
**Saturday 15th and 29th March @ 10am.**  
**Sunday 23rd March after 11.30am Mass**

**CAFOD Lent fast collections** will be taken this weekend. Please give generously. Thank you.

**Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2025**

This Holy Year invites us to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We invite you to consider supporting work being done in the Diocese of Westminster to bring hope into many lives. Your contributions will help fund vital projects across our Diocese, including Youth & Evangelisation, Social Action, Marriage & Family Life, and Catholic Education Initiatives. Thank you for your kindness and support.

**Confirmation Classes 6.30pm:** Sessions are as follows on Wednesdays, **March 26th, April 23rd, May 7th, 21st, June 4th, 18th, July 2nd, Sat. 5th (Rehearsals).** Bishop Hudson will celebrate the **Confirmation Mass on 6th July at 11.30am Mass**

**First Holy Communion Lesson Dates** in Mar. 9th, 16th, Sat. 22nd @ 10am **Sacrament of Reconciliation, Sun. 30th (Children's Mass/Mothering Sunday) April 27th.** All meetings are in the Meeting Room.

**Prayer & Life workshops:** A new prayer and life workshop for adults will begin with a taster session on **Thursday 3rd April**, from 7 pm-9 pm in the meeting room. For more information see the flyers or Contact **Mary: 07828455333 Thelma: 07404026955**

**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.

**R.I.P Lina Piroli** - Funeral Mass is taking place on **Thursday 20th March at 1:15pm at St Peter Italian Church**, 136 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5EN. The family have kindly offered free transportation from St Gabriels Church and return for those who would like to attend. If you would like to book seat(s), please contact **Patricia** at the Church office by Wednesday 12th March. The link below is a justgiving funding in honour of Lina Piroli to raise funds for the charities list. Please no flowers.

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/linapirolineesolari?utm\\_source=whatsapp&utm\\_medium=socpledgemobile&utm\\_content=linapirolineesolari&utm\\_campaign=post-pledge-mobile&utm\\_term=7bNxm9pV6](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/linapirolineesolari?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=socpledgemobile&utm_content=linapirolineesolari&utm_campaign=post-pledge-mobile&utm_term=7bNxm9pV6)

**Legacy:** A gift in your will, left to a registered charity such as the Church, is exempt from inheritance tax and reduces your overall residual tax rate. Legacies may be left either for general purposes or for a specific use. Please remember to include your parish in your will, to continue the good works of our forbearers

**Christian Stewardship:** 2nd March 2025

**Envelopes:** £148.60 **Loose:** £361.43 We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish.

**Contactless Machine Update:** In the meantime, anyone who wants to make a donation can pay into the parish account with the details provided below. **Parish account** details below: **WRCDT St Gabriels Upper Holloway**  
**Sort Code:** 40-05-20 **Account No:** 01097024

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday in Lent at 11.30am before noon mass and 6.30pm before 7pm mass.



**St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Archway**  
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## 2nd Sunday Of Lent Time Year C

16th March 2025

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

Just before the transfiguration incident in today's Gospel, Jesus had told his disciples about his imminent crucifixion and death. They were jolted in frustration. They had left everything to follow Him as the messiah only for him to break this depressing news. What's the point following him then? Is this all there is? They therefore needed reassurance, and Jesus did not let them down. He led them through the transfiguration experience where they saw Him in a new light, dazzling, amidst the heavenly court with the affirming voice of the Father. This was a great morale booster for them; that their discipleship and the challenges therein would not be in vain. But, did the transfiguration experience actually make them see a new Jesus? No! It was the same Jesus but seen in a new way, seen from a height, above the prejudices that blur our vision. There are times in our lives when looking at our circumstances, we wonder in frustration, like the disciples, "Is this all there is?" But, it is not so much about the circumstances of life. It is rather about seeing the circumstances of life in a new way such that they become windows through which we step into a new world and a new way of being. That's what happened for Peter, James, and John. Their eyes were healed and opened so they could see Jesus as he had been but concealed from our distorted view. Whenever life's circumstances become a window through which we see things anew, we stand in a transfigured moment and we come face to face with the glory of God. Circumstances have not changed. We have changed and that seems to change everything.

**Mass Times & Intentions 16th – 22nd March 2025**

**Sat 15th 6:30pm:** Ann Mansfield (RIP), Sharon Ann Gaudio (14th) (ANN)  
**Sun 16th 9:00am:** Ivone Pereira, Fr Kevin McDevitt, Fr Aodh O'Haplin (RIP), Lilly Hanway (ANN), Essien-Oku family, Maria & Joe Piroli (INT)  
**11:30am** Julie Curran (RIP), Joyce McDaid, Maura O'Leary, Julie Antwi (INT)  
**6:30pm:** Leah Hamell, Rosemary Touati (RIP)  
**Mon 17th St Patrick 12 noon:** Michael & Peter Togher, Togher family, Joe Brickley (RIP), Josie Amooty (8th), Sr. Josephine Grimes, Matre Tighe (ANN), Eammon & Marguerite Herlihy, Anna Marie & Pat Lydon (INT)  
**Tue 18th 12 noon:** Alan Mullee, Joe Brickley (RIP), Carlos Mendonca, David Mendonca, Nelio Mendonca, Bill Ronan (3rd) (ANN), Jossy Meehan (INT)  
**Wed 19th St Joseph 12 noon:** Adrian Bradley (INT)  
**Thurs 20th 12 noon:** Lina Piroli (Month's mind) (RIP), Fr. Kevin McDevitt (3rd) (ANN)  
**Fri 21st 11:30am:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass  
**6:30pm:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass  
**Sat 22nd 12 noon:** Edward McCormack (posthumous birthday), Elena Marciano (RIP), Sheila Moriarty (Get well) (INT)

Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnelly, Brian Coleman, Shiela Farrell, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Phillip Duggase, Terry Earley, Elizabeth Earley, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikwuka, Margaret Togher, Mary Dunne, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Angela Fairbank, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Kathleen Panayiotou, aureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Munian, Teresa O'Dea, Percy Shackell, Eddy Renwick, Gino Avanzi, Nicholas Stephens, Anastasia Nervais, Margaret Foley, Prince Henshaw, John Alan, Rashmi, Joan Fitzgerald, Savindra de Alwis, Innocent Teme, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura O'Leary, Artoro Davila, Margaret Nelson, Mary Brady, Anne-Marie Lydon, Teresa McDonagh, Dee-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Patricia & Christopher Howe, Mary Mullee, Ann McCarthy

**Parish Projects**

1. Refurbishing 722 Holloway Road, Church reclaimed property (Ozzy Home Repairs Ltd) £20,000 paid in full by National Lottery Fund  
 2. 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 £40,201.83 Thanks.  
 WRCDT St Gabriels Parish, Upper Holloway Sort Code- 40-05-20 ACCT: 91099450 (Church Development Fund Acct)

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

**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enechizena CSSp, Fr Augustine Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp  
**Parish Office Team:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald, Jerrico Luna CSSp  
**Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri. -(9am – 3pm). Tue, Thur. -(9am-1pm)  
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 Email: archway@rcdow.org.uk Web: www.stgabes.uk (Reg. Charity No.233699)  
**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 ...*

**MARCH DIARY**

Weekend 15th/16th: **CAFOD Family Fast Day collection**  
 Monday 17th **Feast of St. Patrick:** Masses at 12 noon & 7pm.  
 Sunday 23rd **First Scrutiny of RCIA candidates** at the 11.30am mass  
 Sunday 30th **Children's Mass/Mothering Sunday / Second Scrutiny of RCIA candidates** at the 11.30am mass  
 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

**DIARY DATES**

March 30th:  
**Children's Mass /Mothering Sunday celebration @ 11.30am**

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

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**"Don't let the fear of what could happen stop anything from happening."**

**"Nothing can dim the lights which shine from within."**

# TODAY'S READINGS

## Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord that I seek; hide not your face from me.

## Opening Prayer

O God who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 **Genesis 15:5-12.17-18**

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, 'Look towards heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.' And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. And he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking firepot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

## Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 27**

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?

**R.**

O LORD, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me. Of you my heart has spoken, 'Seek his face.'

**R.**

It is your face, O LORD, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help

**R.**

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong; be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD!

**R.**

## Second Reading **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

## Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

## Gospel **Luke 9:28-36**

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah' — not knowing what he said. As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!' And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

## Prayer over the gifts

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

## Communion Antiphon

'This is my beloved Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

## Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still

on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER (For Online Mass)

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.

## Mass

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

## Readers

Bridget O'Dea  
Rachel McGonigal  
Ignatius Etukudoh  
Joanna Hemingway

## Eucharist Minister

Debra  
Olga Monpeke  
June G & Roxanne C  
Michelle C

## Stewards

Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald  
Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku  
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe  
Joseph Ogbonna

## 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 NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (*all bon*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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
- Vulnerable people **MUST be** accompanied in the Church.

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