

NEWS AND VIEWS

Mothering Sunday: We congratulate all our mothering figures in our lives. We sincerely appreciate your pivotal role in the homes and our communities.

Children's Mass: We thank our children for facilitating the 11.30am mass for us. We appreciate the great effort made by the Catechists, the Children's Liturgy Group, and the parents in getting them ready.

Parish Project Collections will be taken this weekend. God bless you all for your generosity. Thank you.

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.**

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. Our parish outreach project has benefited from this appeal. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Confirmation Classes 6.30pm: Sessions are as follows on Wednesdays, **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. Sun. 30th (Children's Mass/Mothering Sunday) April 27th. All meetings are in the Meeting Room.

R.I.P Ann McCarthy - Our dear Ann who most of us know from the 9am Mass as the quiet lady who was always at the repository

(shop) after 9am Mass. She passed away. Her funeral mass will be announced in due cause. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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.

100 Club March draw: The **April** draw will take place after the First Friday Service on 4th April. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by the weekend of **29th/30th March** at the latest. New members welcome.

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 forebearers

Christian Stewardship: 23rd March 2025

Envelopes: £209 **Loose:** £421.63 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.

MARCH DIARY

Sunday 30th **Children's Mass/Mothering Sunday**

Second Scrutiny of RCIA candidates at the 6.30pm Sunday 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 Hour / Benediction followed by 100 Club in the Meeting Room 7.45pm Parish Quiz in the Meeting Room.

APRIL DIARY


Sunday 6th **Third Scrutiny of RCIA candidates** at the 11.30am mass

Tuesday 15th **Penitential Service** at 7pm

DIARY DATES

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

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COMPLAINED FATHER DEAD **SONS LIFE DEBAUCHERY**

HUSKS **BELLY**

KISSSED **CALF**

FEAST **ELDER**

ANGRY **BROTHER**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Without a vision for your future, you will always return to your past."

"Make the rest of your life the best of your life."

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



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4th Sunday Of Lent Time Year C

30th 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

The fall of the prodigal son started the moment he claimed his rights; when he separated his interests from the interests of his family. The desire to leave home and face the responsibilities of adulthood is perfectly natural but the restless yearning to flee responsibilities. Sometimes the worst thing God can do is to give us what we want to show us that our desires can't bring satisfaction. The prodigal son got what he wanted, but lost what he had. Destitute, he was forced to work for a stranger, what he refused to do for his own father. And there could be no more demeaning labour for a Jew than to attend to pigs. Sin promises freedom but it only brings slavery...it promises success, but it only brings failure...it promises life, but "the wages of sin is death!" (Romans 6:23). However, the lost son "came to his senses", and "found" himself. The first step of repentance comes when people realize the foolishness of their actions, and sense the despair into which they have fallen. The next and even more important step is to summon the courage to humbly surrender. He seized the moment, embarked on the long journey back to his father. He complains about no one but himself, and speaks of no unworthiness but his own. He admits his eagerness to leave the protection of his home and offers no excuses to cover his guilt or justify his waywardness. A mark of true repentance is the prodigal's desire to be subject again to authority. He became lost when he claimed his rights to be free; he is found when he surrenders them. In the same way, modern man will continue to drift away in his quest to be free of all norms; he can only be found when he surrenders himself to the rule of life as provided in the Word of God!

Mass Times & Intentions 30th March- 5th April 2025

Sat 29th 6:30pm: Irene Wharton, Laurence Whitehead (RIP), Sharon Gaudio (ANN), Mary Cleere (Birthday) (INT)

Sun 30th 9:00am: Carlo Avanzi, Maria Marques, Maria Monteiro, Lina Piroli, Ann McCarthy (RIP), Anthony McDonagh (4th) Essien-Oku family (Private intentions) (INT)

11:30am: Ellen & Martin Togher & family, Margaret Reilly (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Agnes & Michael Heneghan (ANN), Mary Mullee (INT)

6:30pm: Priests and People of the Parish (INT)

Mon 31st 12 noon: Ivy von Bock & parents (RIP)

Tue 1st 12 noon: Eileen & Jim Roche (RIP), Eileen & Jim Roche, Tony & Betty McGrane (ANN), Bridie Ronan (Private Intention), Tuesday Bingo Club members (INT)

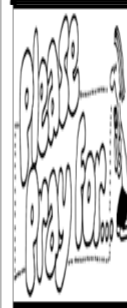
Wed 2nd 12 noon: John & Kathleen O'Connor (ANN)

Thurs 3rd 12 noon: Fr Ray Armstrong CM (INT)

Fri 4th 11:30am: Stations of the Cross followed by First Friday Healing Mass/ Holy Hour/Benediction

6:30pm: Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

Sat 5th 12 noon: Duffy family (INT)



Rebecca Campbell, Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Jarlet Fallon, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnely, 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, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta, Marie Therese Tourette, Mary Gallagher, Gloria Murnian, 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, Deean Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Patricia & Christopher Howe, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega

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

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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

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breasts.

Opening Prayer

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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 Joshua 5:9-12

In those days: The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33)

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

This lowly one called; the LORD heard,
and rescued him from all his distress.

Second Reading Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

I will leave this place and go to my father and say:
'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.'

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.' 'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

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Prayer over the gifts

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlightens everyone who comes into the world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour

of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you all in sincerity. 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	Readers	Eucharist Minister	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Carmel Cannon	June G	Jeanette Fayers / Joan Fitzgerald
Sun. 9.00am	Ann Waldron	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Children's Liturgy	June G & Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Roxanne C	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.

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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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