

NEWS AND VIEWS

Memorial mass in memory of Pope Francis will take place here in our parish on **Wednesday 30th April @ 7pm.**

Divine Mercy Sunday: There will be exposition at 3pm today.

Parish Easter Outing for our young people: Many of our young people have demonstrated commitment and sense of service to our church and community by serving on the altar and participating in the young people's activities. We want to appreciate them by taking them out on **Saturday 3rd May at 10am** to have some fun. Please help sponsor them. There will be a basket in the porch for your donations.

Prayer & Life workshops: A new prayer and life workshop for adults will hold every Thursday going forward. We encourage more parishioners to take part. For more information Contact **Mary: 07828455333** or **Thelma: 07404026955.**

Confirmation Classes 6.30pm: Wed, May 7th, 21st, June 4th, 18th, July 2nd, Sat. 5th (Rehearsals). Bishop Hudson will celebrate the **Confirmation Mass on 6th July at 11.30am.**

First Holy Communion Lesson Dates in May 4th, 11th, 18th, June 1st, 15th, **Saturday 21st @ 10am, Sunday 22nd @ 11.30am (Celebration of 1st Holy Communion).**

Youth Jubilee Year 2025 this begins from 28th July till 3rd August 2025 in Rome. This opportunity is for Young adults 18 years and above. On that note we shall be collecting second collection every second Sunday of the month to support the young people going for this trip.

100 Club May draw will take place after the First Friday Service on 2nd May. Subscriptions should be handed in at church by this weekend. New members welcome. Application forms at the back of the church.

Death of Ann Marie Lydon nee Patten passed away before the Holy week. She was a very committed and very hands on parishioner who loved to help the less privileged. She gave her time and resources to feeding and serving them. She will be sorely missed by her family, friends and parish community. Her funeral Mass will take place here in our parish on the **1st of May at 1pm.** May her loving soul rest in perfect peace.

Gratitude: Maria and Giuseppe (Joe) Piroli would like to thank all at St Gabriels Church and its parishioners who gave help and support during this very sad time in their lives, in respect of their beloved mother **Lina Piroli nee Solari "R.I.P"** They would like to extend special thanks to all who sent condolence cards/messages, attended the funeral mass and to those that gave generously to their Just Giving Page in memory of their mother. Lina had requested that instead of flowers that people could contribute monies to be donated to charities. The total amount raised was **£1,368** to which they have match funded same amount. Therefore, both **St Gabriels Church** and **Age UK Islington** have now each received **£1,368** for their respective projects.

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: 20th April 2025

Envelopes: £170 **Loose:** £772.68 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

APRIL DIARY

Saturday 26th: **Baptism preparation @ 11.30am** followed by 12noon Mass and Baptism

Monday 28th: **Funeral Mass for Patrick Gunning @ 6pm**

Wednesday 30th at 7pm: **Memorial Mass In Loving Memory of Pope Francis**

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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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The fears we don't face become our limits."


"Wise people are always learning."

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



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2nd Sunday of Easter/ Year C

27th April 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

Many Gospel incidents witnessed to the resurrection of Jesus but none does it more than the coming together of the disciples under one roof only a few days after the disgraceful outing of most of them during the passion of Jesus where Peter denied him, some slept while others ran away. Normally, if people ever come together after such disappointing outing, it would be to trade blames and for telling off. Hence, that the disciples were rather able to come together in solidarity, in an atmosphere free of rancour as we read in today's Gospel is a proof that something transformative has happened among them in which they all share. Those early disciples demonstrated this new life by a powerful witness of love among them which so amazed the pagans and drew thousands of them to conversion. Hence, as the Christian community of today, it is to the extent that love can override antagonism among us and the extent that we can live together irrespective of our differences and shortcomings that we can demonstrate that we share in the resurrected new life. Rancour, division and selfishness are scandals to the body of Christ. If we cannot, like the disciples in today's Gospel, overcome differences and sit round the same table with one another, with a brother or a sister irrespective of our status, our colour, our gender, our strengths and our weaknesses, in the Church, in our homes or in the communities, then, we have not shared in the resurrection of Christ and we can never be genuine Christian witnesses. In fact we are more of hypocrites. In today's Gospel, Jesus affirms the Christian community as a community of love when he appeared and impacted his blessing on the group while Thomas who isolated himself missed out. God is not encountered in isolation. God is not encountered in your private space or selfish independence. God is encountered only in relationships.

Mass Times & Intentions 27th April – 3rd May 2025

Sat 26th 6:30pm: Michael McLoughlan (INT)

Sun 27th 2nd Sunday of Easter 9:00am: Essien-Oku family, Sally Staple (INT)

11:30am: Ann McCarthy, Mrs Dines (RIP), Bridget Phelan (ANN), Madeleine Hourihan, Sr Patricia, Bridie McGivney (Birthday), Josephine O'Halloran (INT)

6:30pm: Anna Marie Lydon (RIP), Paul Benjamin Lavelli (9th) (ANN), (INT)

Mon 28th St George 12 noon: Sr Roisin, Canon Gerard King, Canon Chris, Sr Stella, Fr Overton, James Morrissey (INT) **6:00pm:** *Repatriation Mass of Patrick Joseph Gunning*

29th: St Catherine of Siena 12 noon: Anna Maria Lydon (RIP), Bingo Club members (INT)

Wed 30th 12 noon: Patrick Dorrian, Bridie McDaid (posthumous birthday) (RIP), Kathleen & John O'Connor (ANN), Amen Ekhaton (INT) **7:00pm Mass:** *Memorial Mass in loving memory of Pope Francis*

Thurs 1st St Joseph the Worker: No 12 noon Mass 1:00pm: Funeral Mass of Anna Marie Lydon

Fri 2nd 12 noon: First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction

Sat 3rd Sts Philip & James 12 noon: Joe Brickley (ANN)

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 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, Teresa McDonagh, Dee-Arn Sewell, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Patricia & Christopher Howe, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega

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

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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

Like newborn infants you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

OPENING PRAYER

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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 Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 117)

R. Give praise to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the LORD say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.
'This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.'

We beseech you, O LORD, grant salvation;
we beseech you, O LORD, grant success.
Blest is he who comes
in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD;
the LORD is God, and has given us light.

SECOND READING Revelation 1:9-11. 17-19

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.' Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept O Lord we pray, the oblations of your people and of those you have brought to new birth, that renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. 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	Ann Heekin	June Gray	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9.00am	Paula Zanre	Olga Monpeke	Essien E-Oku/ Gabriel E-Oku
Sun. 11.30am	Joseph Baffoe	June G & Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun. 6.30pm	Maureen Tayler	Roxanne Carter	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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