

NEWS AND VIEWS

Farewell Mass For Jerrico: We will have the opportunity to say thank you and wish him well during this weekend of 26th/27th July. After the 11.30am Mass, there will be light refreshments to share with each other. Please stay back after the Mass for this community event.

Enjoy your holiday: We heartily welcome our school boys and girls as they break up for the summer. You have worked hard during the term so do enjoy a deserving break. Remember that the Church is our second home so don't forget to come to church while you enjoy your holiday. We also wish all our parishioners who will be going on holiday this summer a happy holiday. Do have a refreshing experience and come back to us safe and sound. **During the month of August, all the parish social activities will be off to resume in September. Parish office will close after the 12noon daily Masses.**

Early Music Youth Academy: The concert was a success and an enjoyable musical evening for those who were able to attend.

The Diocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on the 20th of September. A coach will be leaving from Sacred Heart Eden Grove. If anyone is interested please let the parish office know.

Parish Hall 2 @ 722 Holloway road is available for hiring at £60 an hour between 10am and 10pm. Please contact Ann Waldron and Joseph Baffoe on 07449110910 & 07961128416 respectively.

Sea Sunday Appeal: This will take place this weekend, the Apostleship of the Sea provides spiritual and welfare support for seafarers visiting Great Britain. We will have Christopher Howe speak about them next weekend. Let us encourage and support them.

100 Club July draw: The 1st prize of £147 went to no.70; 2nd prize of £59 to no.07; prizes of £29 to nos.36, 37 & 17. The next draw is on **Friday 1st August after the First Friday Service.** Subscriptions due in by the weekend of 26th/27th July. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!** Application forms at the back of the church.

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 July 2025

Envelopes: £205 **Loose:** £387.43. 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.
WRCDT St Gabriels Upper Holloway
Sort Code: 40-05-20 **Account No:** 01097024



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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.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

We are made to understand that the solution to our problems is only as far away as our knees are to the ground; in other words, as far as we can pray. Today Jesus teaches us how to address God as 'Our Father' who cares about us. The prayer starts with the words "Our Father" which sets the tone of what our relationship with God should be; one of a loving father and his lovely children. Yes, having a loving Father calls for children who are lovely and nice in return. By saying "Our Father" which is plural and collective as opposed to "My Father" which is individualistic, then 'give us', 'forgive us' and not 'give me', 'forgive me', Jesus wants to say in clear terms that nobody comes to God alone. If God is 'our father' we are all his children and in effect brothers and sisters of each other, members of one great family. Unless we accept this as fact, it will be hypocritical to call God 'Father'. Whenever we come to knock at the door of a loving God therefore, we must knock in the spirit of Our Father and not that of My Father. That collective spirit implies that for each time a voice cries in hunger for bread, someone receives on behalf of all but sadly holds it back selfishly. Our prayers are answered when we focus less on the self and more on the common good. God our loving Father gives only good gifts. He will say NO if it is not good for us. He certainly does not always give us what we WANT, for our wants are often short-sighted and self-centred. Better therefore that his will be done in our lives because his will is the best for us. St. Thomas Aquinas wrote that 'the Lord's Prayer' is the most perfect of prayers because in it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired. So, what do we prioritise in our prayers? How often do we ask for the virtues; to be more loving, to be more forgiving, to be more humble, to be more tolerant, patient and understanding. Remember, Jesus said 'seek ye first the kingdom of God and all other things will be added for you'. The way we pray and what we ask for can be extremely revealing of where we are in our relationship with God, with people and with the world around us.

JULY DIARY

Weekend of 26th/27th: **Apostle of the Sea Appeal** retiring collection
Farewell Mass For Jerrico Luna CSSP
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.

DIARY DATES

20th September: Diocesan Jubilee Year to Walsingham Pilgrimage.
25th October: Parish Auction

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PLACE
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Everyone needs help sometimes."

"We all have ability. The difference is how we use it."



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

Mass Times & Intentions 27th July – 2nd August 2025

Sat 26th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Bill Keran (RIP)
Sun 27th 9:00am: Jerry Keane (RIP), Ann Waldron, Tosin Pedro (INT)
11:30am: Tom O'Leary (RIP), Martin & Eileen McAndrew (ANN), Jerrico Luna (INT)
6:30pm: People of the Parish
Mon 28th 12 noon: Michael O'Donovan (RIP), Vania Rodrigues (1st) (ANN)
Tue 29th Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus 12 noon: Padraic Campbell, Margaret Creeg (RIP), James Gallagher, Bingo Club members (INT)
Wed 30th St Peter Chrysologus 12 noon: Bill Keran (RIP), Hugh McDaid (ANN), Ann Waldron (INT)
Thurs 31st 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish
Fri 1st St Ignatius of Loyola 12 noon: *First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction*
Sat 2nd 12 noon: Kitty Waldron (ANN), Carmel Dunne (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 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, Padra Williams, 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, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega, Gomes family, Private Intentions, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell, Stephanie Kafari

Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit
Parish Priests: Fr. Moses Enehizena CSSp, Fr Augustine Isah Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp, Jerrico Luna 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

OPENING PRAYER

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING (Genesis 18:20-32)

In those days: The LORD said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 137)

R. On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down towards your holy Temple. **R**

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
For you have exalted over all
your name and your promise. On the day I called, you
answered me; you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,

and the haughty he knows from afar.
You give me life though I walk amid affliction;
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes. **R**

With your right hand you save me;
the LORD will accomplish this for me.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

SECOND READING (Colossians 2:12-14)

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons,
by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'
Alleluia

GOSPEL (Luke 11:1-13)

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.' And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, we pray the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant we pray, that this gift, which he himself gives us with love be-

yond all telling, may profit us for salvation. 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. 9am
Sun 11.30am
Sun 6.30pm

Readers

Ann Heekin
Paula Zanre
Joseph Baffoe
Eugenia Ackah

Eucharist Minister

June G
Innocent
June G & Roxanne C
Michelle

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe

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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