

NEWS AND VIEWS

The Diocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to Walsingham is on the 20th of September. Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham 20th September. Meeting time: 7:30 am Return time: Approx. 8:00 pm

Cost: £37 per adult / £30 Children under 12. (includes coach and Pilgrims' Levy Fee). Payment can be done in cash in the parish office or via bank transfer. Ref: Name—Pilgrimage. Proof of payment MUST be sent via email to Holloway@rcdow.org.uk or to What's App 07484354098. Bank account details

Acc name: WRCDT Holloway, Sort Code: 40-05-20
Acc Number: 71308319

Payment MUST be received by **Friday 29th August.** Thanks you

Annual Pilgrimage in Honour of Blessed Cyprian Iwene Tansi is on Saturday 30th August: Please contact **Liz Bruno** 07486382825 to book for your coach seat. Coach seat can only be reserved after payment. Cost Adult - £30, Child - £20.

First Communion/RCIA: Registration is now open for children who will be making their First Holy Communion next year. They need to be 7 years old by the 31st of August. Adults who are yet to be baptised or to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church should also register for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Please register at the Parish Office.

Youth Mass at St Mellitus on 7th September @ 3pm. There will be games, food and presentations on the trip to Rome. Please encourage more young people to join in.

Parish Office will close at 1pm in the month of August. Thanks for your cooperation.

100 Club Draw: The next draw is on **Friday 5th September after the First Friday Service.** Subscriptions due in by the weekend of 30th/31st August. 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 forebearers

Christian Stewardship: 10th August 2025

Envelopes: £157 **Loose:** £340.41. 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

August Diary

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 from 6th September**

Every Tuesday after the noon Mass: **Parish social forum in the Meeting Room from 2nd September**

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. from 5th September**

DIARY DATES

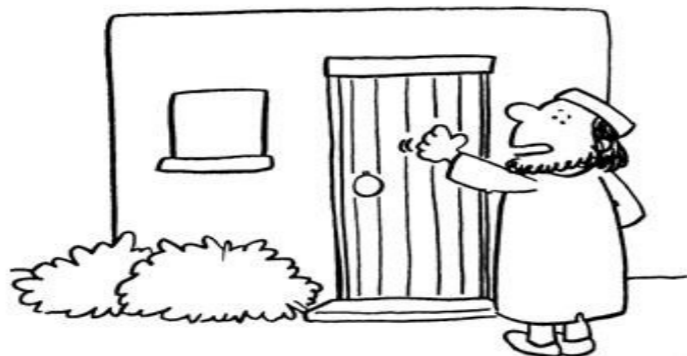
20th September: Diocesan Jubilee Year to Walsingham.

25th October: Parish Auction

December: Parish Community Carol Concert

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Being Happy Doesn't Mean Being Perfect."

"There is something in you that the world needs."

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



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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

The question posed to Jesus in today's Gospel "Lord, will only a few be saved?" reflected the belief of many Jews at the time that they alone were God's "Chosen People" guaranteed of salvation. By implication, "unbelievers" who did not observe the Law of Moses were outcasts to be rejected by God forever. Yet, the concept of a "chosen people" is not only confined to the Jews. It is found even among Christians. In fact there is a tendency among people of each religion to feel that they are the privileged group with a guaranteed future. In response to that question Jesus says "My friend, strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able". In other words "Try and save your own soul now that you still have the chance." Jesus does not respond to the speculative question of how many would be saved. What he does say is that salvation is not guaranteed for anyone including the so called "Chosen People". The whole thrust of the Gospel is that Jesus came to bring God's love and freedom to the whole world. There is not a single person, people, nation, race, or class, which is excluded from experiencing the love and liberation that God offers. The primary role of the Christian community has never been simply to guarantee the "salvation" of its own members. The role of the Christian community is first and foremost to proclaim to the whole world God's saving Good News in words and action. It also hopes that many will respond to its message of life through a conversion of their lives. To "be saved" means to live and to die in a close loving relationship with God and with others. The narrow door that leads to life is the door of love. To guide all one's action only by love is a choice that many are unable to make. Many find it extremely difficult and many simply reject it. They prefer to go by the broader way of hatred, resentment, jealousy, competitiveness and revenge which they consider more human. The Gospel says that those who think that they had known Jesus too well and associated with him all their lives will have the door slammed in their face because they had failed to recognize him in all those people they may have hated, resented, used, exploited, manipulated, rejected, trampled on. As often as you failed to do it to the least of my brothers and sisters, you neglected to do it to me.

Mass Times & Intentions 23rd – 30th August 2025
Sat 23rd Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Breedge Munnely (RIP), Michelle Carr (INT)
Sun 24th 9:00am: Essien-Oku family's private intentions, Eche Anakor, Sr Margaret Healey, Marists Sisters (INT)
11:30am: Brendan Nelson, Sr Zandra (RIP), Con & Nora Murphy (ANN), Stella Anakor & family, Mark Renner (INT)
6:30pm: Priests & People of the Parish
Mon 25th St Louis 12 noon: Una Hearn, Patsy O'Sullivan (RIP)
Tue 26th Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God 12 noon: Frank Cheah (ANN)
Wed 27th St Monica 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish
Thurs 28th St Augustine 12 noon: Parish Office & Admin Team
Fri 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist 12 noon: Spiritans Communities
Sat 30th Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line & Margaret Ward 12 noon: Paddy Essang, (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, Angela Gallagher

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, 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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all day long.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unit in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of the world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 (Isaiah 66:18-21)

Thus says the LORD: 'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the LORD, 'just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 116)

R. Go into all the world and proclaim the Good News.

O praise the LORD, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples! **R**

For his mercy has prevailed over us;
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever.

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SECOND READING (Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13)

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 13:22-30)

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets." But he will say, "I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!" In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain

us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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
Tracey Mullett
Eugenia Ackah

Eucharist Minister

June G
Innocent
June G & Roxanne
Michelle C

Stewards

Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Essien Ekpenyong-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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