

# NEWS AND VIEWS

**Feast of St Gabriel of Our Lady Of Sorrows:** This year our feast day (27th February) will be celebrated with the only Mass on that day being at 6pm. Followed by refreshments (*bring and share*) and entertainment at our 722 Holloway road, parish centre 2.

**Repository:** Our repository is stocked up for the upcoming yearly events. Please ask inside the shop for all your St Patrick's day shamrock brooches, cards, candles, etc. We have you covered.

**Parish Pilgrimage To Assisi 2026** This will commemorate with the 800th year of Francis of Assisi, we will also visit the final resting place of the first millennial saint, Saint Carlos Acutti. The itinerary will be pasted in the porch. The dates and cost will be **26th-30th October, 2026. The cost for the trip will be £1440** based on shared accommodation. Initial deposit of **£350 will be made by February 16th**, final payment is expected in **August**. For more information please contact the parish office.

**Parish Community Birthday Celebrations:** To this effect, any parishioner who wishes to join in the *bring-and-share* after the 11:30am Mass is kindly asked to indicate their name and month of birth at the parish office. February birthday thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 22nd after the 11.30am Mass. **If people drop their names in the parish office.**

**First Holy Communion 10.15am Lesson Dates in Mar.** 1st, Sat. 7th Reconciliation@10am, 15th, 22nd, **Apr.** 12th, 19th, 26th, **May** 10th, 17th, 31st, **June** Sat. 6th @10am Reconciliation/Rehearsal, **Sunday 7th Celebration of the First Holy Communion.**

**Parish thanksgiving mass for milestone birthdays** will take place in June. If any parishioner here in our parish is turning the following years **30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 70th, 80th, 90th & every year after their 90th.** Please kindly send your name and birth month via the parish email or just leave a note with the details. Let us join hands and celebrate each other.

**Chinese New Year celebration** will take place on Saturday, 21 February 2026. The event will commence at 12 noon at the ICA, 21 Hatchard Road, London N19 4NG. See poster in the porch for more information..

**Gratitude:** Andrew and Julia Panayiotou would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for joining in the two days of prayer for their beloved mother, Kathleen Panayiotou. The family is deeply grateful for the kind words, happy memories, beautiful flowers, and cards shared, as well as the constant love and support shown to them. Masses will be offered in gratitude.

**Donations of Food items for the less privileged:** As we are in the cold season, there is increasing demand on us for food handouts from the less privileged. We count on our parishioners for the generous donations of non-perishable food items; tins, beverages, confectioneries, cereals, grains etc. A plastic container is made available for these under the desk for Mass sheets at the back.

**Christian Stewardship:** 8th February 2026

**Envelopes:** £174 **Loose:** £ 1338.88. We also receive £700 weekly from standing orders. Thank you for your continuous support for our parish. 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**  
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**REPOSITORY IS STOCKED UP!!!!**

## February Diary

Wednesday 18th: **Ash Wednesday beginning of Lent**  
Saturday 21st @ 2.30pm: **Rite of Election for RCIA at Westminster Cathedral**  
Sunday 22nd after the 11.30am Mass: **February birthday celebration bring-and-share in the meeting room.**  
Friday 27th @ 6pm: **Feast day of St Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows followed by socials**  
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 Last Sunday of the month: **Parish birthday celebrations for each month. (except stated otherwise).**  
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.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Feb 27th @ 6pm- Feast of St Gabriel**

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ABOLISH KINGDOM ANCESTORS ALTAR  
COMPLETE HEAVEN KILL THRONE  
PURPOSE VIRTUE ANGRY FOOTSTOOL



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT


**"Surround yourself with people who will lift you higher."**

**"No one is perfect. That is why pencils have erasers."**

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




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## + 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A

### 15th February 2026



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 first Christians were all Jews. Even after their conversion, they continued to observe many of their traditional Jewish customs such as circumcision and Temple worship. But as more and more non-Jews (Gentiles) became Christians and did not have to observe some of the traditions of the Jews, the Jewish Christians became worried; they felt that this could lead to their traditions being abandoned; traditions which were so much part of their religious and social life. The Gospel of Matthew from which this Sunday's passage is taken essentially addressed this concern. It reassures them that Jesus has not come to break with their past but as the fulfillment of the promise of salvation made to their forefathers (in the Old Testament), i.e. Jesus is that long-awaited Messiah. Today's Gospel therefore emphasises the relation between the Jewish Law and the teaching of Jesus. It assures that Jesus has not come to abolish the Law and the prophets but to bring them to completion. But Jesus did this by radically moving from the literal requirements of the Law to its spirit which is the love of God and love of neighbour. To keep the Law without love is like having a body without a soul. Thus, while literally keeping the Law of God can make one 'a good Jew', it cannot make one a good Christian. That was why Jesus declared that "if your virtue goes no deeper than the Scribes and the Pharisees [who were perfect observers of the letters of the Law], then you will never enter the Kingdom of God." When the Pharisees kept the Law they aim to obey God but very often they neglected the needs of others. They were mainly concerned about their own 'perfection' just as we ourselves can be exclusively concerned about being in a 'state of grace' while being very uncharitable. Some people in confession are sorry because their sins offend God or had let them down but often they show little awareness of how their sins hurt other people. For Jesus, we cannot separate our relationship with God from our relationship with people. If we cannot find God in our brothers and sisters, we cannot say that we really love God. Remember the injunction, 'as often as you fail to do it to the least of my brothers and sisters, you failed to do it to me.' Jesus goes further to highlight some of the Laws to help us understand that we do not keep the Law through our behaviour but through our basic attitudes, our basic values.

**Mass Times & Intentions 15th – 21st February 2026**  
**Sat 14th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Maureen Ginty, Bridget Redmond (RIP), Barran family, Anna Marie Thomas (INT)  
**Sun 15th 9:00am:** Kathleen Panayiotu (RIP), Tom Waldron (ANN), Essien-Oku family, Emo Paddy Essang, Odeyemi family (INT)  
**11:30am:** Ann, Paddy & Mariah McDonagh, Richard Gliney, Houli souls, Deceased members of Roarty family (RIP), Etukodoh family, Adrian Bradley, Philomena Kpodo (birthday) (INT) **6:30pm:** People of the Parish  
**Mon 16th 12 noon:** Kathleen Panayiotu, Shane Lenighan, Maria Lewis (RIP)  
**Tues 17th 12 noon:** Philip Arayo, Kathleen Panayiotu, Holy Souls (RIP), Eileen Maloney, Dora Yiannakis, Shanta Govindasamy, Bridget Finnerty, Bingo Club members (INT)  
**Wed 18th Ash Wednesday 12 noon:** Sally Staples (posthumous birthday) Kathleen Panayiotu, (RIP), Rita Avanzi (birthday) (INT) **7:00pm:** Priests and Volunteers of the Parish  
**Thurs 19th 12 noon:** Kathleen Panayiotu (RIP), Rita Avanzi, Mary-T Lynch (60th b'day) (INT)  
**Fri 20th 11:30am:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass: Kathleen Panayiotu (RIP), Lina Piroli (1st), Bridget Walshe (ANN)  
**6:30pm:** Stations of the Cross followed by Mass **Sat 21st 12 noon:** Liam Coen Kathleen Panayiotu (RIP), Coen family (INT)

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, Mary Mullarkey, Bernadette Ikwuka, Mary Dunne, Christy & Maria Christopher, Lourdes Sisneros, Emmanuel & Magdalene Debonne, Douglas Meyers, Sylvia Traynor, Frances Quinn, Tony Colbert, Maureen Walsh, Gabby Mehmet, Freda Glackin, Maureen Currie, Joan McGonigal, Madeleine Hourihan, Stella Anakor, Jacinta L, 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 Alvis, Padra Williams, Winston Fernando, Lourdes Bastardo, Norman Wills, Cronin Hehir, Maura O'Leary, Artoro Davila, Mary Brady, Teresa McDonagh, Christine Cheah, Valentine Olayemi, Mary Mullee, Elizabeth Ortega, Gomes family, Agnes Quainoo, Hannah Conwell, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher, Errol Roberts, Louisa Carter, Doreen Timoney, Oliver Chime, Stella Chime, Maura Eivers, Ann Forrester, Danielle, Margarita, June Gray

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, John Duong 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

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

## OPENING PRAYER

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through Christ 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 Sirach 15: 15-20

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 119 (118))

### R. Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!  
Blessed are those who keep his decrees!  
With all their hearts they seek him.

R.

You have laid down your precepts  
to be carefully kept.  
May my ways be firm  
in keeping your statutes.

R.

Deal bountifully with your servant,  
that I may live and keep your word.  
Open my eyes, that I may see  
the wonders of your law.

R.

LORD, teach me the way of your statutes,  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Grant me insight that I may keep your law,  
and observe it wholeheartedly.

R.

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has

seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.**

Alleluia.

## GOSPEL Matthew 5: 17-37

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not

take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

## PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. 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	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Ann Waldron	Innocent Teme	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Mark Renner	Joyce McD & Mary A	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle 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

## 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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