NEWS AND VIEWS

Young Adults & Unity Cup: As part of their fundraising for WYD 2027, the **St Gabriel Unity Cup Tournament** will take place on **Sunday, 6th September**. Application forms are available on request. Whether you play, come along to support, or make a donation, your encouragement will help make this pilgrimage possible. **Young Adults Meet & Catch Up:** Join us today at **3:00pm at St Mellitus** for an opportunity to meet, connect and catch up. Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you.

Lepra Appeal 2026: Please kindly support this appeal which will take place this weekend. The key 5 areas of work are; prevention, detection, treatment, disability support and inclusion. Give generously.

Sacraments for next year
First Holy Communion: Children who will be 7 years old or above by the 31st of August should please be registered for catechism classes which will begin in September.

Confirmation: Candidates who are 13 years old or above by the 31st of August should register for catechism classes which also begins in September. Please pick forms from the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Adults who wish to convert fully to the Catholic faith should also register for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) to be received at Easter. The lessons will also start in September. Please pick forms for these from the Parish Office.

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. All the parish social activities **will be off to resume in September. Parish office will close after the 12noon daily Masses.**

Parish Fundraising Dance (17th Oct.) – Donation envelopes for our Parish Fundraising Dance are available. Funds raised will support our **Food & Friends Outreach Project**, which provides daily breakfasts, Thursday lunches, and food parcels distributed from the presbytery door to those in need within our community. We kindly ask that you return your completed donation envelopes when possible. Alternatively, donations can be made quickly and securely using the parish bank account or the QR code provided.

100 Club draw: The next draw is on **Friday 4th September after the First Friday Service.** Subscriptions due in by the weekend of 29th/30th August.

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: 26th July 2026
Envelopes: £136 **Loose:** £406.89. 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

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Scan this QR Code here on the newsletter, the ones on the Parish benches and on the doors.

AUGUST DIARY

Parish Office will open for half day during the month of August from 9am – 1pm. Thank you.

Weekend of 22nd/23rd: **Lepra Appeal 2026**
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

6th September: St Gabriel Unity Tournament @4pm

17th October: Parish Fundraising/Dance

26th –30th October: Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi 2026

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



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Being kind is never wasted."

"Make everyday a masterpiece."

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
23rd August 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples a very important question: **"Who do you say that I am?"** Peter responds with faith: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."** This is more than simply knowing something about Jesus. Peter recognises who Jesus truly is and places his faith in Him. Jesus then gives Peter a special mission: **"You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church."** The same question is addressed to each of us today: **Who is Jesus for me?** Is He simply someone we hear about on Sundays, or is He truly the Lord of our lives? Our answer should be reflected not only in our words but also in how we live, forgive, serve and love others. Faith in Christ also comes with responsibility. Like Peter, each of us is called to play a part in building up the Church. We may not all have the same role, but every act of kindness, prayer, service and generosity helps to strengthen the community of faith. Let us therefore renew our faith in Christ and pray for the grace to live as His faithful disciples. May our lives proclaim, as Peter did: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

Mass Times & Intentions 23rd –29th August 2026

Sat 22nd Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Jim Cleary (29th) **(ANN)**

Sun 23rd 9:00am: Otuanwan Ekpenyong-Oku **(RIP),** Essien-Oku family, Eche Anakor, Maureen Currie **(INT)**

11:30am: Eche Anakor, Philomena Kpodo & family (Thanksgiving), Maureen Currie **(INT)**

6:30pm: Michelle Carr, Maureen Currie **(INT)**

Mon 24th St Bartholomew 12 noon: Eche Anakor (birthday) **(INT)**

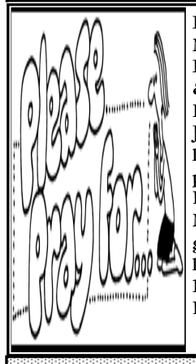
Tues 25th 12 noon: Otuanwan Ekpenyong-Oku **(11th) (ANN)**

Wed 26th 12 noon: Tim O'Connell **(RIP),** Frank Cheah (27th), Joe Carr **(ANN)**

Thurs 27th St Monica 12 noon: Priests & People of the parish

Fri 28th St Augustine 12 noon: Ann Colbert **(RIP),** Carmel Kearney, Breege Brosnan **(INT)**

Sat 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish



Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnelly, 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, 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, Padra Williams, 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, Julie Antwi, Stephanie Kafari, Angela Gallagher, Errol Roberts, Louisa Carter, Doreen Timoney, Oliver Chime, Stella Chime, Ann Forrester, Danielle, Margarita, June Gray, Carmel Cannon, Dominic Roberts, Maria Cruz, Maria Minodora, Patricia Quinn, Mary Fahey, Francis & Justina Ogu

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

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 the day long.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this 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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 22: 19-23

Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, 'Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 138(137)

R. O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

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.

O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul.

O* LORD*, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.

O* LORD*, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

SECOND READING Roman 11: 33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! 'For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?' 'Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13-20

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.' Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

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.

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 Minster	Stewards
Sat. 6.30pm	Ann Heekin	June G /Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Rachel McGonigal	Innocent Teme	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	Mary A/ Joyce McD	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Maria 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 bow*) 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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