NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Fundraising Dance (17th Oct.) – Donation envelopes for our Parish Fundraising Dance are available and will be included in a **second collection on the last weekend of September**. **Raffle tickets will also go on sale this weekend.** A special feature of the evening is our **sponsored tables**, priced at **£200 per table of 8**. Families and friends are warmly encouraged to sponsor a table and enjoy the evening together. **Tables are limited**, so please book early through the Parish Office.

Mary's Meal Goodwill visit: A volunteer from **Mary's Meals** will be joining us at our Masses this weekend to thank the parish for its support and to tell us more about the wonderful work they are doing with the foreign currency donations received from our church. We warmly welcome the volunteer

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.

Choir needs: The parish choirs would like to invite parishioners who could sing or play any instruments to please come and identify with both 9am and 11.30am masses choir. **Speak with the Priests or the parish office.**

Parish Newsletter Online: This can be found on the parish web; **http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/archway/**

Legion of Mary – Rebirth: A number of parishioners have expressed interest in restarting the **Legion of Mary** in our parish. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in joining to indicate their interest by leaving their name at the Parish Office or contact Cesar on **07494983167.** The group will initially begin with **prayer meetings**, with further details to follow. We warmly encourage anyone interested to get involved and help us revive this important ministry in our parish.

Young Adults & Unity Cup: As part of their fundraising for WYD 2027, the **St Gabriel Unity Cup Tournament** took place last weekend and we thank all for coming along to support, or make a donation, your encouragement is appreciated.

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: 6th August 2026
Envelopes: £157 **Loose:** £385.11. 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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SEPTEMBER DIARY

Weekend of 19th/20th: **Evangelii Gaudium Appeal (Home Mission Sunday)**
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

17th October: Parish Fundraising/Dance @ Parish Hall 21 Hatchard Road @ 6pm

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

"Diamonds are coal that did well under pressure."

"Do what you can with what you have and where you are."

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
13th September 2026



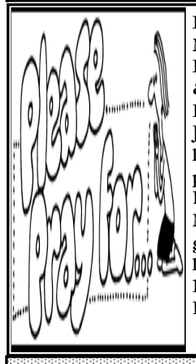
We welcome all to today's mass especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Today's Gospel reminds us that **forgiveness is at the heart of Christian life**. Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone who sins against him—seven times? Jesus responds, "Not seven times, but seventy-seven times." Jesus is not asking us to keep a record of how often we forgive. Rather, he calls us to develop a **heart that is always ready to forgive**. We forgive because God has already forgiven us so generously. The servant in the parable received great mercy from his master, yet he was unwilling to show even a small amount of mercy to another. His failure reminds us that we cannot truly appreciate God's forgiveness while refusing to forgive others. Forgiveness does not mean that what happened was right or that we should ignore injustice. It means choosing not to allow anger, resentment and hurt to control our hearts. As we come to the altar today, let us ask God for the grace to forgive those who have hurt us and, where we have caused hurt, to have the humility to seek forgiveness. **May the mercy we receive from God become the mercy we extend to others.**

Mass Times & Intentions 13th – 19th September 2026

Sat 12th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Joan Fitzgerald **(INT)**
Sun 13th 9:00am: Rory McNichol, Ekanem Ekanem, Noreen Clifford, Maria Expectacao, Crispim Murphy **(RIP),** Frank Cheah, Anna CocoBassey **(ANN),** Lawrence Etim-Bassey, Rita Avanzi, Ann Waldron, Maurice (jnr) Richards (birthday), Joe Coyle (Get Well) **(INT)**
11:30am: Etukudoh family, Theresa Gallagher (Get Well), Rita Avanzi, Mary Dunne, Margaret's special intentions, Irada Fraccassi **(INT)**
6:30pm: Priests & People of the parish
Mon 14th The Exaltation of the Holy Cross 12 noon: Irada Fraccassi **(INT)**
Tues 15th Our Lady of Sorrows 12 noon: Mary Ronan, **(RIP),** Harry Xavier Plummer (1st), Pat McAndrew, Patrick Teahan (5th) **(ANN),** Irada Fracassi (Birthday), Bridget Smith & family, Tuesday Bingo Club members **(INT)**
Wed 16th Sts Cornelius & Cyprian 12 noon: Patrick McAndrew **(ANN)**
Thurs 17th 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish
Fri 18th 12 noon: Philomena & Mick Clifford **(ANN),** Hannah Phelan, John Phelan Jnr, Sr. Stella & Sisters at Aberdeen Park, Sr. Paul Marie, Sr. Jude **(INT)**
Sat 19th 12 noon: Margaret, Bernard Etim-Bassey (posthumous birthday) **(RIP),** Louisa Umuokoro **(INT)**



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, 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

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

OPENING PRAYER

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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 Sirach 27: 30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 103(102)

R. ***The* LORD *is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.***

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

The* LORD *is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

The* LORD *is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults.

The* LORD *is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions.

SECOND READING Romans 14: 7-9

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord,
that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 18: 21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. 'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadows of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. 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 Minster**	**Stewards**
Sat. 6.30pm	Jeanette Fayers	June G /Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Paula Zanre	Olga Monpeke	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Mark Renner	Mary A/ Joyce McD	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Joanna Hemingway	Roxanne 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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