# 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 are on sale at all masses.** 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.

**Home mission Sunday (Evangelii Gaudium collection:** This will take place all through this weekend.

**First Holy Communion:** Meet and Greet for parents and children who are registering for **2026/2027 classes will meet on Sunday 27th September** at 10.15am.

**Sacraments for next year**

**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 has started this September. Please pick your enquir 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. **Speak with the Priests or the parish office.**

**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 names 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.

**St Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Ages 2-11) Open Morning**- Join us for our Open Morning at 9.30am on Wednesday 30th September. Explore our vibrant learning environment, meet our dedicated staff and experience school life in action! Please sign up on our website www.st-josephs.islington.sch.uk We look forward to welcoming you to the St Joseph's Family.

**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**

**"Grow through what you go through."**

**"Make the rest of your life the best of your life."**

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## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
*20th 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 presents us with the surprising generosity of God. The workers who laboured all day were unhappy when those who arrived later received the same wage. Yet Jesus reminds us that God's generosity is not measured by human calculations of fairness. We can sometimes compare ourselves with others and feel that we deserve more because of how long we have served, how much we have sacrificed, or how faithfully we have lived. But God's love is not a reward that we earn; it is a gift freely given. The Lord invites us to rejoice in the blessings others receive rather than allowing comparison or jealousy to take away our peace. As Isaiah reminds us, **"My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways."** May we learn to trust God's wisdom, appreciate His generosity, and become generous towards others. Let us ask for the grace to serve God faithfully, not because of what we expect to receive, but because we love Him.

**Mass Times & Intentions 20th – 26th September 2026**

**Sat 19th Vigil Mass 6:30pm:** Damien Bradley **(RIP),** Martin Bradley **(ANN),** Joan Fitzgerald, Forrester family **(INT)**

**Sun 20th 9:00am:** Essien-Oku family, Ann Waldron, Joyce McDaid, Julie Antwi, Rita & Gino Avanzi family **(INT)**

**11:30am:** Margaret Kennedy, Margaret Hension **(RIP),** Sally & Patrick Sweeney **(ANN),** Etukudoh family, Kwame, Jennifer & family Martin Burke, Mary Doyle, Elizabeth McCormack **(INT)**

**6:30pm:** Mary & Jimmy Kelly **(RIP)**

**Mon 21st St Matthew 12 noon:** Volunteers of the parish

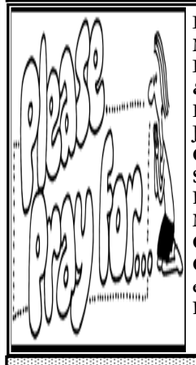
**Tues 22nd 12 noon:** Con O'Leary **(ANN),** Liam & Chantelle Madden, Alan & Izzy Humphreys, Maureen Currie, Gabby Bou-Chedid **(INT)**

**Wed 23rd St Pius of Pietrelcina 12 noon:** Joe Roarty **(ANN),** Bridie Lynch, Eileen Tarrant, Marie Catherine **(INT)**

**Thurs 24th Our Lady of Walsingham 12 noon:** Priests and People of the parish

**Fri 25th 12 noon:** Ginika Anakor **(INT)**

**Sat 26th 12 noon:** Young people of our 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, Justina Ogu**

**Parish is served by the Holy Ghost Fathers (Spiritans) Congregation of the Holy Spirit**
**Parish Priests:** Fr. Moses Enehizena CSSp, Fr Augustine I.Katuka CSSp, Fr Martin Goba CSSp
**Parish Office Team:** Patricia Essien-Oku, Maureen Tayler, Mary Aherne, Joan FitzGerald
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Email: archway@rcdow.org.uk Web: www.stgabes.uk (Reg. Charity No.233699)
**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**

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in my distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of your neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 55:6-9**

Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 145(144)**

R. ***The* LORD *is close to all who call him.***

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The LORD is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured.

***The* LORD *is close to all who call him.***

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

***The* LORD *is close to all who call him.***

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

**SECOND READING Philippians 1:20c-24a**

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia**

**Open our hearts, O Lord,**
**that we may pay attention to the words of your Son**.

**Alleluia**

**GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too." 'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

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

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. 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** |
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| **Sat. 6.30pm** | Bridget O'Dea | June G /Debra | Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers |
| Sun. 9am | Rachel McGonigal | Innocent Teme | Essien Ekpenyong-Oku |
| Sun 11.30am | Tracey Mullett | Mary A/ Joyce McD | Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe |
| Sun 6.30pm | Maureen Tayler | 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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