NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Fundraising Dance (17th Oct.) – Donation envelopes for our Parish Fundraising Dance are available this weekend and will be taken as a **second collection after the talk at all Masses.**
Raffle tickets are also on sale at all masses. Put on your dancing shoes and get a seat on any available table, so please book early through the Parish Office.

First Holy Communion classes dates: Sept: 27th, **Oct:** 11th, 18th, **Nov.** 1st, 15th, 29th, **Dec.** 6th **(Enrolment mass),** 13th, 20th. All the class are at **10.15am. Lateness and continuous absence will lead to children being dropped off the group.** Let us adhere to this advice. **Parents please support your children, get godparents involved where you can not do it by yourself.**

Confirmation classes dates: Wednesdays between 6.30pm– 7.30pm in the parish meeting room. The initial **meeting with parents and young candidates will take place on Oct:** 7th. Other dates are: **Oct.** 21st, **Nov.** 4th, 18th, **Dec: 2nd, 16th. More dates after Christmas**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) This sessions have begun already on **Saturday mornings at 10.30am**

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.

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

Legion of Mary – Rebirth: As the October devotion commences, the **Legion of Mary** will take an active role at all **Friday evening rosary sessions at 6pm in this month of October.** Please come out in your numbers. We would also like to invite anyone who is interested in joining the group to indicate their interest by leaving their names at the Parish Office or contact **Cesar** on **07494983167.** We warmly encourage anyone interested to get involved and help us revive this important ministry in our parish.

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.**

Christian Stewardship: 20th September 2026
Envelopes: £126 **Loose:** £325.04. 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

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

10th December: Christmas Community concert @ 6pm

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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
27th September 2026



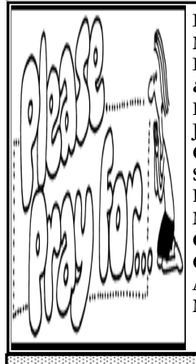
We welcome all to today's mass especially visitors who are celebrating with us for the first time. Please take this bulletin home with you for further reflection on this week's celebration and to follow the activities in the Parish during the week.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of two sons. One initially refuses his father's request but later changes his mind and goes to work. The other agrees immediately but does not go. Jesus reminds us that **what matters is not simply what we say, but how we live**. Our faith is not measured only by our words, promises or intentions. It is shown in the choices we make each day—in our willingness to forgive, to serve, to help those in need, and to respond to God's call with love. The first son teaches us that it is never too late to change. We may sometimes get things wrong, turn away from God or fail to do what is right, but God gives us the grace and opportunity to begin again. What pleases God is a heart that is willing to repent and put faith into action. Let us put our "yes" to God into action by remembering those who are struggling. If we are able, let us support our parish Food and Friends outreach by donating our time and resources. What may seem like a small contribution can make a real difference to a family or individual in need. As we begin another week, let us ask ourselves: **Are our actions reflecting the faith we profess?** May we not only say "yes" to God with our lips, but also say "yes" through our lives.

Mass Times & Intentions 27th September – 3rd October 2026

Sat 26th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Volunteers of the parish
Sun 27th 9:00am: Nora Sullivan **(RIP),** Essien-Oku family, Private intentions **(INT)**
11:30am: Paddy Hughes, Mary Anne & Thomas Eadie, Eileen Scott **(RIP),** Alan Mullee **(ANN),** Etukudoh family, Ginika Anakor (Thanksgiving) **(INT)**
6:30pm: Young People of the parish
Mon 28th 12 noon: Private intentions **(INT)**
Tues 29th Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael 12 noon: Gretta McKenna, Bob Cahillane, Noel Mullaney **(RIP),** Paddy Reaney **(ANN)**
Wed 30th St Jerome 12 noon: (RIP), Catherine Powell (4th) **(ANN), (INT)**
Thurs 1st St Thérèse of the Child Jesus 12 noon: Ekanem Oku-Kurz (posthumous birthday), **(RIP),** Alf Humphreys (40th) **(ANN)**
Fri 2nd Holy Guardian Angels 12 noon: *First Friday Healing Mass/Holy Hour/Benediction*
Sat 3rd 12 noon: Mary Teresa Bulman (Birthday) **(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, Alex 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

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 Ezekiel 18: 25-28

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 25(24)

R. ***Remember your compassion, O* LORD.**

O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation.

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

***Remember your compassion, O* LORD.**

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way.

***Remember your compassion, O* LORD.**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 21: 28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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	Joanna Hemingway	June G /Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Paula Zanre	Olga M	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Ignatius Etukudoh	Roxanne C/ Joyce McD	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Anna Renner	—	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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