NEWS AND VIEWS

Parish Fundraising Dance (17th Oct.) – 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. **NO EVENING MASS NEXT SATURDAY**

First Holy Communion classes dates: 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.**

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:** 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**

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.

ROOM TO RENT WANTED : A female parishioner is looking for a room to rent in Holloway, Archway or Highgate areas. A quiet, clean and suitable home would be preferred. If you have a room available or know of one, please contact the parish office or. **07951 988968**. Thank you and God bless.

Holy Souls Book of Memorial will be out on the Bulletin Desk behind, during the week. Please write down names of all that you wish to pray for. Some names already written down in the past need not be repeated. Accompanying envelopes are available for donations for the Masses. There will be 2 Masses for the Holy Souls on Monday the 2nd of November at 12noon and 7pm.

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: 5th October 2026
Envelopes: £144 **Loose:** £568.04. 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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October Diary
The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. We are encouraged to make greater effort to pray the Rosary this month. We have the opportunity to pray this solemnly as a community before each of the Sunday Masses or Fridays at 11.30am & 6pm
Weekend of 17th/18th: **World Mission Sunday (MISSIO RED BOX)**
Weekend of 24th/25th: **Spiritan Mission Appeal**
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

"If it doesn't challenge you, it won't change you."

"Live for the moments you can't put into words."

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
11th October 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.

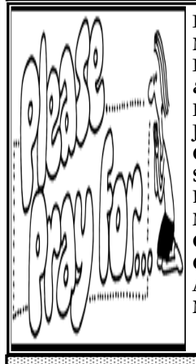
REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 22:1–14), Jesus tells the parable of a king who prepares a wedding banquet for his son. Although the guests are invited, many refuse to come, choosing instead to attend to their own affairs. The king then extends the invitation to everyone, both good and bad, so that the wedding hall is filled. This parable reminds us that God's invitation is open to all. He calls us into a relationship of love with Him and invites us to share in the joy of His Kingdom. Yet, like the guests in the Gospel, we can sometimes become so occupied with work, family responsibilities and worldly concerns that we leave little room for God in our lives. Every celebration of the Eucharist is an opportunity to respond to God's invitation and encounter His love. But accepting the invitation requires more than simply coming to church; it calls for a change of heart and a life that reflects Christ's love, mercy and compassion. The wedding garment in the parable reminds us that we must be prepared to live according to the values of the Gospel. As we gather as a parish family this Sunday, let us ask ourselves: Are we making room for God in our daily lives? Are we welcoming others, especially those who feel forgotten or excluded? May we never take God's invitation for granted, but respond with grateful hearts and lives filled with faith, kindness and generosity.

Mass Times & Intentions 11th – 17th October 2026

Sat 10th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Rory O'Conner, Marion Sigerson **(RIP),** Giovanna Spittle (4th) **(ANN),** Sr Andrena & the Marist community **(INT)**

Sun 11th 9:00am: Ekanem Ekanem **(RIP),** Essien-Oku family, Rita & Gino Avanzi family, Ann Waldron, Etukudoh family **(INT)**
11:30am: John Lynch, Sue Reilly **(RIP),** Brendan Hehir **(ANN),** Private Intention **(INT)**
6:30pm: Fr Moses **(INT)**
Mon 12th 12 noon: Miranda Avanzi **(RIP)**
Tues 13th St Edward the Confessor 12 noon: Stanley Stout **(RIP),** Gwen Bou-Chedid **(INT)**
Wed 14th 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish
Thurs 15th St Teresa of Jesus 12 noon: Joanne Etukudoh **(INT)**
Fri 16th 11:30am: *Recital of the Rosary followed by* ***Mass:*** Mary Tracey **(RIP),** Eddie McCormack (10th) **(ANN)**
6:00pm: *Recital of the Rosary followed by* ***Mass***
Sat 17th St Ignatius of Antioch 12 noon: John Lynagh and Kathleen Mooney (Posthumous 83rd birthdays) **(RIP)**



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

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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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

OPENING PRAYER

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 25: 6-10

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 23(22)

R. *In the* LORD'S *own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.*

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.

In the* LORD'S *own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

In the* LORD'S *own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

In the* LORD'S *own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life. In the LORD's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

In the* LORD'S *own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

SECOND READING Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most Holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. 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	Jeanette Fayers	Debra	Joan Fitzgerald/Jeanette Fayers
Sun. 9am	Paula Zanre	Olga Monpeke	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Tracey Mullett	Roxanne C/ Mary A	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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