NEWS AND VIEWS

Sick & Retired Priests' Fund: Next weekend's second collection is to ensure that our elderly and sick priests are financially supported in their senior years after a lifetime of service. Our priests baptised us, counselled us in times of sorrow and worry, and celebrated with us in times of joy. Since we have received so much from their generosity, it is now our turn to assist them in their old age. The fund ensures that their housing, medical, convalescence, companionship and spiritual support needs are met. Please be generous. There are donation leaflets available in the pews and at the back of the Church.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group: A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit us on the weekend of 21st / 22nd November to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated" (when you help the poor you help our Lord").

First Holy Communion classes dates: Nov. 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. **Nov.** 4th, 18th, **Dec:** 2nd, 16th**. More dates after Christmas**

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

Parish Office Resumes : The parish office will operate as usual. Thank you for your understanding.

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: 25th October 2026
Envelopes: £144 **Loose:** £328.47. 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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<u>November Diary</u> ***This month we are enjoined to remember the dead in our prayers)***

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.**

<u>DIARY DATES</u>

10th December: Christmas Community concert @ 6pm

20th December: Volunteers annual Mass of thanksgiving @ 11.30am

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

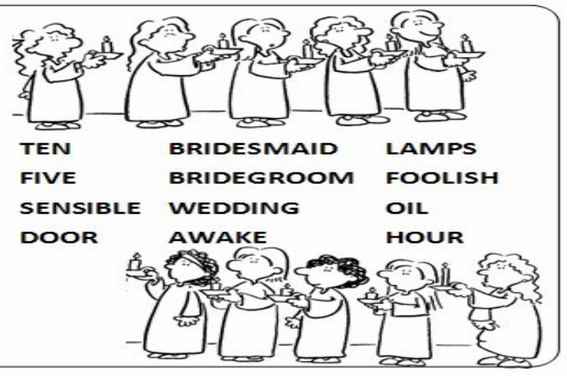


<u>FOOD FOR THOUGHT</u>

You're allowed to be a masterpiece and a work in progress simultaneously.

Everything will work out in the end.

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TEN BRIDESMAID LAMPS
FIVE BRIDEGROOM FOOLISH
SENSIBLE WEDDING OIL
DOOR AWAKE HOUR

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+ 32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time Year A
8th November 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 25:1–13), Jesus tells the parable of the ten bridesmaids. Five were wise and brought extra oil for their lamps, while the other five were foolish and failed to prepare. When the bridegroom arrived unexpectedly, only those who were ready could enter the wedding feast. This parable reminds us that our Christian faith requires more than simply knowing about God or attending church. We are called to remain spiritually prepared, keeping the flame of faith alive through prayer, love, kindness and good works. The oil in our lamps represents the personal faith and commitment that we must nurture each day. Sometimes, life becomes busy, and we postpone prayer, forgiveness, acts of charity or making time for God. Yet the Lord invites us not to wait until tomorrow to deepen our relationship with Him. We do not know when He will call us, but we can choose to live each day with faith, hope and love. As we journey through life, let us ask ourselves: Are our lamps burning brightly? Are we prepared to welcome Christ whenever He comes? May we be wise in our choices, faithful in our daily lives and ready to meet the Lord with hearts full of love. Let us keep our lamps burning!

Mass Times & Intentions 8th – 14th November 2026

Sat 7th Vigil Mass 6:30pm: Joan Fitzgerald, Barran family **(INT)**

Sun 8th 9:00am: Ekanem Ekanem **(RIP),** Essien-Oku family, Uche Ekanem & family**,** Ekpenyong Ene Cobham & family**,** Emo, Paddy Essang & family, Rita & Gino Avanzi, Liz Pappas & family **(INT)**

11:30am: Brendan Nelson, Seán Carroll, Christine McKevitt **(RIP),** Martin Carly, Muzey Zeray, Mary Aherne, Joyce McDaid **(INT)**

6:30pm: Nellie Taylor (5th) **(ANN),** Mary Aherne & family **(INT)**

Mon 9th The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 12 noon: Volunteers of the Parish

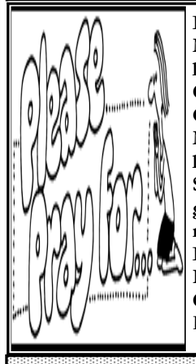
Tues 10th St Leo the Great 12 noon: Christine McKevitt **(RIP), (ANN),** Allan Humphreys (80th Birthday)**,** Bingo Club members, Yvonne Adiele (birthday), Chioma Adiele (birthday) **(INT)**

Wed 11th St Martin of Tours 12 noon: *Funeral Mass of Sean Hughes*

Thurs 12th St Josaphat 12 noon: Cara Brett, Merriam Baio **(RIP),** P.J Heavin (11th) **(ANN),** Liz Pappas (birthday) **(INT)**

Fri 13th 12 noon: Pat, Neil & family, Essien-Oku family **(INT)**

Sat 14th 12 noon: Priests and Parishioners of the Parish



Ella Humphreys, Rita Avanzi, Christopher Jerome, John Bruno, Mary Burton, Frank Gibbons, Maria Kuozwatski, Philip Mayne, Bridget Munnelly, Christopher Nelson, Paddy Essang, Philip 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, Muzey Zeray

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

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 Wisdom 6: 12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 63 (62)

R. ***For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.***

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water.

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise.

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you.

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God

SECOND READING 1st Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and be ready,
for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 25: 1-13

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall not want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those heavenly power has entered. 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	Debra Allen	Joan F/Jeanette F
Sun. 9am	Rachel McGonigal	Olga Monpeke	Essien Ekpenyong-Oku
Sun 11.30am	Tracey Mullett	June G/ Joyce McD	Bernie Shevlin/Joseph Baffoe
Sun 6.30pm	Anna Renner	Michelle Carr	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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