

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION Colour: PURPLE

Theme: **UNDERSTANDING THE TIME**

Celebrant: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**

Stewards on Duty: **Group D**

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 41 (*Helmsley*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *Look, He is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of Him." So shall it be! Amen. Rev. 1:7*
3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
4. **Collect for Purity**
5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

8. **Collect:**
Almighty God give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

9. **Epistle:** Romans 13: 8-14 - **The Clergy**
10. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 36 (*Bristol*)
11. **Gospel:** Matthew 24: 1 - 35 **The Clergy**
12. **Sermon:** **The Provost**
13. **Creed:** (Page 178)
14. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **The Clergy**
15. **The Peace:** (page 186)
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *"Be very careful, then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15&16*
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 45 (*Veni Emmanuel*)
18. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer** (Pages 187-190)
19. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190-193)
20. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193-194)
21. **Communion Sentence:** *"The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light." Romans 13:12*
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 33 (*Tune A&MRW 583 - Wareham*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 99 (*Cruger*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 55 (*Tune A&MRW 216 - Ellacombe*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 49 (*Soon and very soon*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 327 (*Morning hymn*)
 - (v) A&MRW 51 (*St. Stephen - Newington*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 394 (*Woodlands*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 795 (*Wolvercote*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** Hymn for the Year - see page 13
End of month Thanksgiving
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Lord our Saviour, help us to watch out that no one deceives us and grant us the grace to be patient as we eagerly await Your Second coming that we may be made partakers of Your heavenly glory. Amen.*
26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
27. **Thanksgiving at the Altar**
- *November Birthday Thanksgiving*
28. **Spiritual Tonic: *Psalm 9:18***
29. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Pages 404)
30. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 43 (*Tune A&MRW 784 - Morning Light*)

At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun

The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

19. Homily - The Provost
20. Hymn: Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending
(Sunday Collection will be taken)
21. Thanksgiving
 - **November Birthday - A&MRW 359**
 - **Outing - Family of Late Chief Gordon R. Edegware - A&MRW 683**
 - **Mrs. Omolara Wey - A&MRW 739**
 - **End of month Thanksgiving - A&MRW 750**
22. The Peace
23. Offertory Sentence: *“Be very careful, then, how you live not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:15&16*
24. Offertory Hymn: A&MRW 36 (Bristol)
25. Preparation of Gifts - Prayer of Humble Access
(pages 193-194)
26. Communion Sentence: *“The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.” Romans 13:12*
27. Hymns During Administration:
 - (i) A&MRW 32 (Tune: A&MRW 179 - Warrington)
 - (ii) A&MRW 33 (Tune A&MRW 689 - Eisenach)
 - (iii) A&MRW 43 (Tune A&MRW 784 - Morning Light)
 - (iv) A&MRW 49 (Soon and Very Soon)
 - (v) A&MRW 52 (Dundee)
 - (vi) A&MRW 55 (St. John Damascene)
28. Post Communion Hymn: Hymn for the year- (see page 13)
29. Post Communion Prayer: *Lord our Saviour, help us to watch out that no one deceives us and grant us the grace to be patient as we eagerly await Your Second coming that we may be made partakers of Your heavenly glory through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*
30. The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer (pages 195-196)
31. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
 - **Anniversary Thanksgiving**
 - (a) **Men's Bible Class - 96th Anniversary**
 - (b) **Cathedral Torch Bearers - 81st Anniversary**
32. Notices
33. Spiritual Tonic: **Psalm 9:18**
34. The “Great Os” of Advent
35. Advent Collect
36. Benediction to Dismissal
37. Final Amen: Four Fold Amen - ‘Tunde Sosan
38. Withdrawal Hymn: Christ is Coming, let Creation (Tune A&MRW 231- Regent Square)

SUNDAY 03/12/2023

Day 337

Bible in a year: Hosea 9,10; Revelation 2

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Revd. Canon Cornelius C.C. Eke, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Niger Delta and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.
- ❖ The Revd. Tobias Ikecukwu Nwosu
- ❖ Mrs. Mary Ajoka Adeoye
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Nzara (Western Equatorial Province, South Sudan)**

- ❖ Mrs. Oluremi Motomori Williams, Mr. Olusegun Akintunde Alo, Mrs. Eugenia Morenike Pereira-Alagbala, Mrs. Solveig Shalewa Ojora, Miss Omowonuola Martins, Miss Victoria Uzoma Chukwunonye Abattam, Mr. Francis Sope Oyesiku, Mrs. Bukola O Babalola, Mr. Samuel Abbey Essien, Miss Oyindamola Fagbohun.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Mr and Mrs. Olujimi Ogunlela, 7th Wedding Anniversary.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
Mrs. Margaret Abiodun Lardner, 15 years' mind.

- ❖ **Family Intercession:**
Families of Chief Olabode George, Late Dame Dorothy Mbanefo, CPA, Late Revd. Peter Osaro-Ogbomo, Late Mr. J. Adepegba Adeniji, CPA, Mr. Sola Ladeinde, Okwusi, Late Pa Emmanuel O. Ekisola, Engr. Kehinde Saka, Mrs. Gladys C.A. Aberdeen, Sir Josiah C. Onumonuk, Mr. Sylvester Oputa, Mr. Maxwell Olubode Thorpe, CPA.

❖ **Prayer for Businesses**

Crest Diners Ltd, Crest Security Outfit, Delicacies Zone Ltd, Prime Chamber, NEM Insurance, Kofo Coker & Co, Hampton Property Ltd, Rotimi Coker & Co, Shoreline Natural Resources, Costain Nig. Ltd., Lenox Heights Ltd., Purple Scents Ltd, Quintus Projects Ltd, Favoured One Catering Services, Omni Clinic, Career Anchor Consultancing Ltd.; Elikot Nigeria Ltd, Tanurette Nigeria Ltd, D.F. Groups.

SUNDAY 03/12/2023 - MEETINGS

9.00 a.m. *There will be a meeting of The Koinonia.*

after Combined

Service *There will be the General Monthly Meeting of the Cathedral Ladies League at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

- (ii) *The Executive Committee Meeting of the Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearer will take place at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

11.00 a.m. -1.00 p.m. **Clinic**

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 04/12/2023 Colour: PURPLE

Day 338

Bible in a year: Hosea 11,12; Revelation 3

6.45a.m. **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: Revd. Canon 'Kunle Dina

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21: 1-11

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Venerable I.I. Lawrence, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Okrika and the Assistant Synod Secretaries*
- ❖ *Mrs. Martha Senami Okenile.*
- ❖ **The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Sunday Ajibola Folorunsho(40), Mrs. Margaret Olayide Sasegbon, Miss Dorothy B. Din, Mr. Olusola Yesufu, Mr. Olanrewaju Babatola Peters, Mr. Arthur Remilekun Ogunko, Miss Tolulope Orija, Mrs. Adetola Adewunmi, Master Paul Ekunmi-Adayo Ife Ajana, Miss Ateniola Elufioye-Johnson, Master Francis Oluwarotimi Omaseyinmi Fate, Miss Florence Abumere, Miss Oluwayimika Adegbonmire, Mrs. Oluwafunmilayo Doherty, Miss Omotayo Imisioluwa Taiwo.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr. & Mrs. Olugbenga Aboso, 13th Wedding Anniversary.*
- (ii) *Revd. Canon Adekunle & Mrs. Remilekun Dina, 15th Wedding Anniversary*
- (iii) *Mr & Mrs. Jide Ladeinde, 24th Wedding Anniversary.*

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Omoba Adeyinka Alani Ademola,JP, 2 year's mind*
- (ii) *Mrs. Doris E. Adebo, 17 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Mr. Adekunle Olufemi Abisogun, 27 years' mind.*

TUESDAY 05/12/2023 Colour: PURPLE

Day 339

Bible in a year: Hosea 13,14; Revelation 4

6.45a.m. **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Epistle: 2 Peter 1: 12-21

Gospel: Matthew 21:12-22

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Revd. Canon Hanson Bernard, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ahoada and the Assistant Synod Secretaries*
- ❖ *Mrs. Joy Onyebuchi Odogo*
- ❖ *18th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Obinna and Mrs. Obiageli Adiuoku.*
- ❖ *8th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Taiwo and Mrs. Taiwo Adefila.*
- ❖ *3rd Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Oluwatobi & Mrs. Adeola Odeyale.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of El-Obeid (Sudan).**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Gogoba Georgewill, Mrs. Funmilayo Baruwa, Mr. Oluwatoyin Akinosho, Mr. Taiwo Ogunade, Mr. Kehinde Ogunade, Mr. Fidelis Okonkwo, Mrs. Tope Ageh, Mr. Gibson Oluwale Akinosho, Master Joseph Kujeiro, Mr. Iruesiri Obrudu.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr. Charles Toritseju Ola, 16 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mrs. Cynthia Ayodeji Gloria Ogutuga, 18 years' mind.*

11.00 a.m. **Care Ministry/Women of Grace Christmas Party**

6.00 p.m. **Choir Practice**

WEDNESDAY – 06/12/2023

Colour: PURPLE

Day 340

Bible in a year: Joel 1,2; Psalm 139

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: 2 Peter 3: 1-10

Gospel: Matt. 21: 23-32

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Venerable T.S.O. Kagbara, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ogoni and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *9th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Okechukwu and Mrs. Ihuoma Ukaumuna.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Offa (Kwara, Nigeria)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Engr. Folarin Oladipo Oki, Miss Olufunke Uromidayo Fate, Mr. Abayomi Ayodeji Martins, Miss Yewande Mercy Aremo, Master Kambi Kanma-Okafor, Master Asishana Osho, Miss Obafunmilayo Adewole, Mrs Mosope Phebean Dasuki, Prince Ademayowa Ademide Karunwi, Mr. Believe Iweze, Miss Oluwatoni Peters, Miss Chioma Ikaroha, Miss Ariyike Adu.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

(i) *Mr and Mrs. Akingbuyi Adedamola Kadejo*

(ii) *Mr and Mrs. John Shokare Evabeta, 43rd Wedding Anniversary.*

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

(i) *Mrs. Keziah Ibrinke Doherty, 6 years' mind*

(ii) *Mr. Ephraim Peterside, 10 years' mind*

(iii) *Mr. George Olumuyiwa Aboaba, CPA, 11 years' mind.*

(iv) *Pa Samuel Oyerinmade Okikiade, 70 years' mind.*

5.00 p.m. **Christian wake keep for Chief Ebunoluwa Olamiotan Omoyele, OON at Union Bank Bode Thomas Surulere, Sport Club.**

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 07/12/2023

Colour: PURPLE

Day 341

Bible in a year: Joel 3; Revelation 5

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Epistle: 2 Peter 3: 11-18

Gospel: Matt. 21: 33-46

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Revd. Canon Chuks Moromu, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Etche and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Comfort Odunayo Akinmoladun*
- ❖ *21st Wedding Anniversary of Canon Adeniyi and Mrs. Kikelomo Ajetunmobi.*
- ❖ *26th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Okechukwu and Mrs. Chizoba Ikeri*
- ❖ *7th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Oyionnude and Mrs. Afosubo Obatomi*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Ogbaru (Niger, Nigeria)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Henrietta Adesola Ejemai, Master Emmanuel Oluwaseun Famuagun, Mrs. Folakemi Olamide Fetuga, Mr. Raynold Olusegun Moses, Mrs Adebowale O. Osho(nee Adeluwoye), Mr. Akintunde Oladotun Kehinde, Mrs. Olufunmilayo Ajoke Bewaji, Mr. Andrew Maduabuchukwu Onyeneke, Ms. Lydia Christiana Olajumoke Amoke Kuyinu, Mr. Bamidele Olowole, Mr. Bola Ishola Sulaimon, Master Olnr Taiwo Oriade Sijuade, Miss Olivia Kehinde Oriade Sijuwade, Ms. Oludolapo Omowunmi Hollist, Miss Mofiyinfoluwa Georgina Olatunji, Mr. Adeshina Sowemimo.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

(i) *Mr. & Mrs. Akin Kappo, 21st Wedding Anniversary.*

(ii) *Mr & Mrs. Akinwande Babarinde.*

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

(i) *Mr. Bolaji Finnih, 5 years' mind.*

(ii) *Revd. Col. Josef Adeboyejo Olubobokun, 9 years' mind.*

(iii) *Mr. Michael Amechi Chiedu-Okoro, 25 years' mind.*

(iv) *Mr. V.O. Thompson, 79 years' mind.*

11.00 a.m. **Funeral Service for Chief Ebunoluwa Olamiotan Omoyele, OON**

1.00 p.m. **The Diocesan Mothers' Union Christmas Party at the Seminary ground. Dress Code: Blue and White**

FRIDAY – 08/12/2023

Colour: PURPLE

Day 342

Bible in a year: Amos 1,2; Revelation 6

6.45 a.m. Celebrant: Canon Residentiary

Epistle: Jude 1-16

Gospel: Matt. 22: 1-14

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Venerable C.J. Wachukwu, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ikwere and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *All unemployed and unmarried Youths and Young People in the Diocese.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Ogbia (Niger Delta, Nigeria)**

- ❖ **BirthDay Intercession for:**
Mr. Costello Oladejo Taiwo, Omoba Aderemi Ademola, Mrs. Oluwakemi Abiola Igbinedion (nee Amode), Miss Oluwadarasimi Alu, Mrs. Olayinka Sarah Spaine, Miss Bamidele Badejo, Mr. Nnamdi Ikeazor, Mrs. Adetutu Lashmann-Palmer, Master Olaotan Balogun, Miss Oreoluwa Adeyeri.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Mr. & Mrs. Olajide Aleshinloye-Williams, CPA, 50th Wedding Anniversary.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Mr. Charles Dele Adeola, 2 years' mind
(ii) Mrs. Edith Adebisi Domingo (nee Ibare Jones), 3 years' mind
(iii) Dr. Simi Johnson, 23 years' mind.

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Class

SATURDAY – 09/12/2023

Colour: PURPLE

Day 343

Bible in a year: Amos 3,4; Psalms 140,141

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Jude 17-25

Gospel: Matt. 22: 15-22

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Venerable Inoru David Inoru, The Synod Secretary of Northern Izon and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Motomori Omolara Olajide*
- ❖ *28th Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Oghenekevwe and Mrs. Funmi Agboro.*
- ❖ *6th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Oluwatimilehin and Mrs. Titilope Ebiniyi.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Ogbomoso (Ibadan, Nigeria)**

- ❖ **BirthDay Intercession:**
Lt. Gen. Theophilus Yakubu Danjuma, CPA, Mrs. Omolara Motomori Olajide, Mr. John Adelana, Miss Cecilia Tosin Baoku, Mr. Olumuyiwa Coker, Mr. Kyuata Charles Bako, Mr. Adekunle Olufolahan Abisogun (Snr), Mr. Ayodeji Ademola Adenekan, Dr. (Chief) Adetoun Adekitan, Mr. Jeremiah Ayomide Adeyinka, Mr. Adebola Akiyode, Miss Ibinabo Kilali David-West, Mr. Tas Animashaun, Mr. Emmanuel Aderibigbe Shamonda.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Mr. and Mrs. Mayokun Owolabi, 34th Wedding Anniversary.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Deaconess Olufunmilayo Merriman-Johnson, 12 years' mind.
(ii) Engr. Olunmi Santos, 16 years' mind.
(iii) Omoba John Olufemi Onabajo, CPA, 17 years' mind.

9.00 a.m. The Diocesan Girls' and Ladies' Guild Christmas Party at Archbishop Adebola and Mrs. Oluranti Ademowo Resource Centre, Faith Plaza, Bariga.

11.00 a.m. Diocesan Readers' & Altar Servers' Carol of Nine Lessons.

Bible Study Outline

**THEME: GOD'S CHILDREN AS PILGRIMS TO THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM:
MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S REIGN ON EARTH**

SUB-THEME: Equipped for Pilgrimage 6

TOPIC: Sword of the Spirit

TEXTS: Luke 4: 1-13

AIMS:

i. to expose the Sword of the Spirit as the Word of God

ii. to analyse how current human challenges can be surmounted through the spiritual sword.

INTRODUCTION

The Sword of the Spirit according to Ephesians 6:17 is the Word of God. It is as an offensive weapon against the enemies. Our Bible passage today reveals how Jesus conquered satan and his tempting power with the word of God. The more we study meditate on the word of God, the more we see the mystery and secret of God's power to deliver from all challenges.

STUDY GUIDE:

1. Biblically, define the 'Sword of the Spirit' and why is it called the 'Sword of the Spirit? Psa 119:50; John 6: 63; Eph. 6:10.
2. Analyse the victories of Jesus by the word of God in today's text. (Luk 4:1-13)
3. When and how can we apply the following passages to life challenges? Gen 39:9; Ps 46; Isa 43:19; Phil 4:19.
4. Read Ps 107:20. How can the word of God heal? Give biblical examples.

CONCLUSION: Whoever takes up the sword continuously, believes every portion of it with a true and real faith, listening and hearing it, studying it, exercising it continuously; will never make a shipwreck of their Christian Faith.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: When your "*Thus says the Lord*" is rightly quoted from the Bible, it becomes an offensive weapon to conquer the enemies.

MEMORY VERSE: Psa 119:50

"This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me".

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

PSALM 9:18

“... God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish.”

My Father and my God, my hope is in You; do not forget me. Let all Your promises find fulfilment in my life. Sustain me in the present victory of Your Son and Keep me for the greater victory that awaits me at His second coming through the same Jesus Christ my LORD and Saviour. (Amen)



ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS

39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION

ARTICLE IX

9. Original or Birth-sin

Original sin is not found merely in the following of Adam's example (as the Pelagians foolishly say). It is rather to be seen in the fault and corruption which is found in the nature of every person who is naturally descended from Adam. The consequence of this is that man is far gone from his original state of righteousness. In his own nature he is predisposed to evil, the sinful nature in man always desiring to behave in a manner contrary to the Spirit. In every person born into this world there is found this predisposition which rightly deserves God's anger and condemnation. This infection within man's nature persists even within those who are regenerate. This desire of the sinful nature, which in Greek is called *phronema sarkos* and is variously translated the wisdom or sensuality or affection or desire of the sinful nature, is not under control of God's law. Although there is no condemnation for those that believe and are baptized, nevertheless the apostle states that any such desire is sinful.

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*

(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

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(The tithe is a tenth of all our increase)

'You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field, year by year' Deut. 14:22.

SUSTENTATION

Please pay your Sustentation/Church Dues (for the upkeep of the Church to: First Bank: **2000519164**
(Kindly indicate the following: Name & Sustentation No)
157, BAMGBOSE BUILDING PROJECT

Please pay all donations toward the project into Cathedral Access Bank Account Number: **0773948851**

(I Chronicles 29:14)

PAYMENT INTO CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS

"Honour the LORD with your possession... so your barns will be filled with plenty". Proverbs 3: 9&10.
Your kind and generous donations to the Cathedral will be highly appreciated. Below are the Church's Bank Accounts.

No	PURPOSE	BANK	ACCT NO
1.	Social Welfare Service Unit	Polaris Bank	1770128010
2.	Cathedral Clinic	First Bank	2000514561
3.	Donations/Sunday Collection/Thankoffering	GT Bank	0124088211
4.	Offertory/Communion Basket	UBA	1017498994
5.	Sustentation	First Bank	2000519164
6.	Family Harvest/Harvest Donatons	FCMB	0130543010
		Union Bank	0071028724

You can also visit the Cathedral website www.thecathedrallagos.org to make your donations.
GOD WILL COUNTENANCE YOUR SACRIFICE



FOR YOUR OFFERINGS AND OTHER
DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

WOMEN'S CORNER

NOTICES

- 7/12/2023 - Diocesan Mothers' Union Christmas Get-together
9/12/2023 - Girls'/ Ladies Guild Christmas Fiesta at Faith Plaza Bariga.
17/12/2023 - Cathedral Women End-of Year Thanksgiving: Dress Code: Torch of Green.

Payment of Sacrifice

- Women's and Girls' Organisations

May God bless and prosper you as you give monthly towards Women's work in the Diocese. Thank you for giving to the Lord. Kindly make cheques payable to Womens' & Girls' Organisations, Diocese of Lagos.

THIS MONTH IN THE HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL - DECEMBER

- By Church History Sub-Committee

1915

Dec. 25 First Carol Service held in the Church.

1917

Dec. 31 25 Broad Street was bought for 2,780 pounds sterling from Late Bishop James Johnson as the official residence of the Rector of the Church.

1924

Dec. Free supply of sand by Commander Hall of Marine Dept, and iron rods by the Railway Dept for the Cathedral building. Mr. J.H. Doherty (son of one of the wardens who were present at the Laying of the Foundation stone on 29th March 1867) paid 1,600 pounds and ordered 3,000 barrels of cement from the United Kingdom.

1944

Dec. 6 Canon Adalokun Williamson Howells was appointed Canon Residentiary of the Cathedral in succession to Bishop S.C. Philips.

1946

Dec. Inauguration of the Cathedral Guild of Stewards.

1951

Dec. 12 First broadcast by the Choir on the BBC

NEEDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Donations are vital to the Cathedral's future, and your gift will make a difference.

Kindly donate towards the purchase of any of the items listed below. Thank you.

- i. Risograph Printing Machine @ N5.5m
- ii. Toyota Coaster Bus @ N105m
- iii. Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ \$1500
- iv. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- v. D-link Switch - DGS-1210-28P @ NGN230K
- vi. IP Camera @ NGN1,196,000
- vii. One 1.5 hp Airconditioners @ N220,000 each
- viii. Two 3 hp Airconditioners @ N300,000 each
- ix HP all - in- one desktop computer "Intel core i7 16gb ram 1TB ssd - 1,650,000.00

OBAFUNKE AKINKUGBE GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPENED. VISIT THE SHOP FOR YOUR BRANDED GIFT ITEMS, COFFEE AND SNACKS. THE SHOP OPENS DAILY EXCEPT ON MONDAYS. THANK YOU.

SUNDAY 10/12/2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

(Second Sunday Before Christmas)

Stewards on Duty: **Group A** Colour: **PURPLE**

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: BEFRIENDING THE WORD

Celebrant: **Canon Residentiary**
Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10-17 **Mr. Olaniyi Tayo**
Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23 **Canon Residentiary**
Address: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
Prayers: **Mrs. Bukola Tayo**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

9.00 a.m. *There will be a meeting of The Koinonia.*

9.30 a.m. *The Finance and General Purpose Sub-Committee will meet at the Cathedral Library.*

9.15 a.m. CHORAL MATTINS

- 49th Anniversary – Social Welfare Service Unit

Theme: BEFRIENDING THE WORD

Cantor: **The Provost**
Sermon: **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
O.T. Reading: Joshua 1: 1-8
N.T. Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 10-17
Reader: Social Welfare Service Union
Prayer: **Revd. Henry Mooh**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

After Mattins

- (i) *The Monthly General Meeting of the Cathedral Ladies Friendly Society will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (ii) *The Cathedral Women's Guild Auxiliary will meet at the Fellowship Centre.*
- (iii) *The Monthly Meeting of the Cathedral Busy Bees Women's Society will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (iv) *The Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearer will meet at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (v) *There will be a meeting of the Girls' Guild at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Clinic

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

11.15 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

-77th Anniversary – Cathedral Guild of Stewards

Theme: BEFRIENDING THE WORD

Celebrant **Revd. Henry Mooh**
N.T. 2 Timothy 3: 10-17 **Guild of Stewards**
Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23 **Revd. Henry Mooh**
Address: **Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi**
Prayer: **Guild of Stewards**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

WELCOME

A warm welcome to this and every worship in this Cathedral. Whether you have come from far or near, may you find real joy and inspiration in this service. We are very happy to see you and hope that you will come again.

GENERAL NOTICES

- 1. Advent Sunday:**
Today is Advent Sunday. It is the first day of the ecclesiastical season immediately before Christmas. It is observed as a penitential season, in preparation not only for Christmas but also for the second coming of Christ on the Last Day. The first day of Advent i.e. Advent Sunday, begins the liturgical year. Happy New Year!
- 2. Decorum during Communion:**
This is to remind us again of our age-long tradition of decorum during Communion. Let us note that there should be no exchange of pleasantries while coming to or returning from the Lord's Table to receive the communion elements.
- 3. The Cathedral Torch Bearers:**
We congratulate members of the Cathedral Torch Bearers Society on their 81st Anniversary today. We wish them God's abundant blessings always.
- 4. Men's Bible Class:**
We congratulate all the members of the Men's Bible Class on their 96th Anniversary today. We pray that the good LORD will continue to sustain them.
- 5. 77th Anniversary of the Cathedral Guild of Stewards** will hold on **Sunday, 10th December, 2023** during the 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
There will be admission of new members that are advised to be fit and proper by their respective Group Leaders. There will be recognition and award to the Best Group and Best Steward.
- 6. Cathedral Women End-of Year Thanksgiving** will hold on **Sunday 17th December, 2023 at 9.15 a.m. Choral Mattins**. Reception follows at the Seminary Grounds. Dress Code: **Touch of Green**
- 7. Children's Church Christmas Service:**
The Annual Children's Church Christmas Service and party is coming up on **Sunday, 17th December, 2023 at 9.15 a.m.** Parents who would like to contribute snacks and other items to ensure that the children have a very nice party, should kindly contact the Superintendent, Mrs. Tola Akinola at the Children's Church or by telephone on 08023131628.
- 8. Light Up The Night 2023**
This year's Light Up the Night comes up on **22nd December, 2023 at 5.30 pm** at the seminary grounds of the Cathedral. Preparations have started in earnest to make this year's even a memorable one. We are inviting willing members of the Cathedral to kindly join the 100 of Us choral group to sing a few songs during the event. Please contact Gbenga Bello – 0802 315 6979 or Michael Agbogidi - 0802 918 0308 to indicate interest. God bless you as you offer to serve.
- 9. 2024 Vestry Meeting and Election** comes up Sunday, February 25, 2024. To vote at the Election, a voter must be a financial member of the Cathedral and must be on the sustentation list as having subscribed a minimum of **N5,000 in 2023**. The congregation is hereby reminded to make payment on or **before 31st December 2023**. Pay into Cathedral Church of Christ, **First Bank Account No. 2000519164**.
- 10. Home Call:**
We announce the home call of **Engr. Olabisi Adebayo Mabogunje** on Friday, 1st December, 2023 at the age of 90 years. He was a member of the Cathedral Circle. *Funeral arrangements will be announced later.* May his gentle soul rest in peace.
- 11. Annual Report 2023**
All Societies, Sub-Committees and Service Units are to please send a one-page report of their activities for the year 2023 to the Secretary, Standing Committee, **Mr. Soji Kuboye** by email to sojikuboye@yahoo.com before **December 31**.

12. 2024 Confirmation

Confirmation Preparatory Classes will start on **Sunday, 14th January, 2024**. Classes will hold at 9.15 a.m. every Sunday, thereafter at the Ayo Rosiji Hall, Cathedral House. Candidates must be at least 13 years old. Interested candidates are to register with Revd. Henry Mooh.

13. Mid-Week Fellowship and Love Feast:

Are you celebrating your birthday or any joyous occasion in your family or remembering a loved one? Think of sharing your joys with the less privileged, who can give you nothing in return, but are being led to Christ by us. Sponsor a Wednesday afternoon.

Cost is N100,000 per Wednesday. You can pay part of an afternoon's cost. See Omoba Ademola or the Parish Clerk during the week. Thank you and God bless.

14.(a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 10/12/2023

Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: December 2023

Sunday, 24/12/2023 - **Mr. Oluwadamilola Mojolaoluwa Ajilo** for his Birthday after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15a.m. Services

(c) Fellowship Hour - Parishioners who are not the main hosts of the Fellowship Hour but who wish to celebrate any events in their lives or who will like to simply contribute to the 'community spirit of the Cathedral are encouraged to do so by providing fruits, cakes, muffins, etc. Such parishioners should please contact Omoba Adegbola Ademola.

(d) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2023

The following dates are available for booking for **Fellowship Hour on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of 2024**. Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

		7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m.
Sundays	14&28/1/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	11&25/2/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	10/3/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	24/3/2024	Booked	Booked
Sundays	14&28/4/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	12&26/5/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	9/6/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	23/6/2024	Booked	Booked
Sundays	14&28/7/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	11&25/8/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	8&22/9/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	13&27/10/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	10&24/11/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	8/12/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	22/12/2024	Booked	Booked



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WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

Parishioners should please inform either the Welfare Sub-Committee - Mrs. Ayo Shodipo-Olabode 0802 787 2516; Mr. Akin Martins - 0802 316 0305 or Mrs Mary Ojutiwon (Provost's Secretary) - Tel No. 08053322557 of any one that has not been present in the Church for some time (young or old) either due to illness or any other reason whatsoever and who needs to be given Communion at home.

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT (SWSU)

- ❖ *The SWSU Panel wishes through this medium, to appreciate all those who are helping the needy through the Unit (SWSU) in cash and kind. God Almighty will bless and enrich you more in Jesus name. Amen.*
- ❖ *In the course of the week the Unit received an anonymous donation of N2,160,000 (Transfer) May God bless the donor more abundantly.*

(a) Sponsorship:

Our Social Welfare Service Unit is seeking sponsorship for the following. Part payments will be gratefully appreciated.

1. Adereti Esther Oluwatimilehin (19 years) needs the sum of N1,083,995 for her University Education. She got an admission into Lagos State University for 5 years at N216,799 per session.
2. Mr. Jimoh Aleem a secondary School student needs a sum of N900,000 for a 6 years level of education at N50,000 per term.
3. Master Daniel Elijah (10 years) needs the sum of N900,000 for his Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
4. Miss Ikuomola Oluwanifemi Blessing (13 years) needs the sum of N900,000 for her Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
5. Master Iremide Ejionome (3 years) needs the sum of N1,308,000 for his hearing aid He is a cerebral palsy child.
6. Mrs. Bimbo Durosimi-Etti (50 years) need the sum of N4,901,000 for a hip replacement surgery.

- (b) The members of the Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate the donation of fairly used clothes, shoes for both young and old, and also food items like Rice, Gari, Beans, Provisions, etc.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Eternal Father, the only God of wonders and possibilities, Your power is beyond compare, with You there is no impossibility, we acknowledge before You our feebleness; if Your power will not be our power we are doomed to failure: Grant, O Lord, that each day of our lives, this year and beyond, will be a reflection of Your wondrous power, level the mountains and break down gates of bronze before us to make possible every impossibility that lies ahead. We beseech You also to visit our land with Your unfailing help, cut through the bars of iron to deliver to us the treasures and riches stored in secret places, in Your mercy redeem and re-establish our Nation; and accomplish for Your Church what only You can accomplish to the praise and honour of Your one and only Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen

Theme for year: "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"

TEXT: MATTHEW 19:26

HYMN FOR THE YEAR

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM

1. All things are possible to him
That can in Jesus' name believe;
Lord, I no mote thy truth blaspheme,
Thy truth I lovingly receive;
I can, I do believe in thee;
All things are possible to me.
2. The most impossible of all
Is that I e'er from sin should cease;
Yet shall it be; I know it shall;
Jesus, look to thy faithfulness!
If nothing is too hard for thee,
All things are possible to me.
3. Though earth and Hell the word gainsay,
The word of God can never fail;
The Lamb shall take my sins away,
'Tis certain, though impossible;
The thing impossible shall be,
All things are possible to me.
4. When thou the work of faith hast wrought,
I here shall in thine image shine,
Nor sin in deed or word or thought;
Let men exclaim and fiends repine,
They cannot break the firm decree;
All things are possible to me.
5. Thy mouth, O Lord, to me hath sworn
That I shall serve thee without fear,
Shall find the pearl which others spurn,
Holy and pure and perfect here;
The servant as his Lord shall be;
All things are possible to me.
6. All things are possible to God,
To Christ, the power of God in man,
To me, when I am all renewed,
When I in Christ am formed again,
And witness, from all sin set free,
All things are possible to me.

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 26/11/2023

7.15 a.m.	Holy Communion (Youtube 335/Facebook 166 views)....	217
9.15 a.m.	Children's Church/Sunday School.....	150
9.15 a.m.	Cathedral Youth Church	49
9.15 a.m.	Choral Mattins (Youtube 272/Facebook 163 views).....	224
11.15 a.m	Sung Eucharist.(Youtube 179/Facebook 163 views).....	195

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday		Wednesday	
25/11/2023	20	29/11/2023	26
Monday		Thursday	
27/11/2023	16	30/11/2023	27
Tuesday		Friday	
28/11/2023	17	1/12/2023	36

COMING EVENTS (DECEMBER 2023)

10/12/2023`	-`49th Anniversary of Social Welfare Service Unit
10/12/2023	- 77th Anniversary of Cathedral Guild of Stewards
17/12/2023	- Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.



SOUL FOOD 49/2023

UNDERSTANDING THE TIME

“And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.” Romans 13:11

Today is Advent Sunday, the beginning of the Advent season - a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and, more importantly, the anticipation of His second coming. Advent season, therefore, is a period of spiritual introspection and renewal, recommitting to Christian values and preparing spiritually for Jesus' second coming. Our theme – **Understanding the Time** - underscores the need for discernment and spiritual awareness as we anticipate this all-important event. It suggests that believers should be conscious of the spiritual and moral conditions of the time in which they live, understanding both the challenges and opportunities these conditions present for living out their faith.

In Matthew 24:4-8 Jesus speaks about the end times and His second coming. In these verses, Jesus, responding to His disciples' questions about the signs of the end times and of His return, says: “Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.” (Matthew 24:4-8) Here, Jesus calls for vigilance, faithfulness, and discernment as history moves towards its divine culmination.

Like the men of Issachar in 1 Chronicles 12:32, we must understand the time and know what to do. In Matthew 24, Jesus warns His disciples, “Watch out that no one deceives you.” He also mentions that many will come in His name, claiming, “I am the Messiah,” and will deceive many people. This prophecy points to the emergence of various leaders or figures throughout history who will mislead people by claiming messianic authority or roles. We must gain an understanding of the deception of this time when many false prophets and false messiahs have arisen, claiming divine authority and identity.

In Verses 6-7 of Matthew 24, Jesus hinted that there would be wars and rumours of wars but advised them not to be alarmed. He indicates that these events, while significant, are not the final sign, as “the end is still to come.” The verse continues with Jesus predicting famines and earthquakes in various places. These natural disasters and societal upheavals are described as “the beginning of birth pains.” This metaphor of birth pains implies that these events, while distressing, are only the start of more significant events leading up to the end times.

Consequently, and rightly too, Paul, in Romans 13:11, invites believers to be spiritually awake, aware of the times, and actively engaged in their faith journey. He says: “And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.” With this admonition, Paul encourages a lifestyle that is alert to the spiritual realities and demands of the present, actively working towards the fulfilment of Christian duties and the anticipation of Christ's return.

The phrase “The Hour has Already Come” used by Paul in our text conveys a sense of urgency. It implies that the moment for action and awakening is not in the distant future but is already upon the believers. We must, therefore, wake up from our slumber – our spiritual complacency or inactivity, lack of awareness, indifference, or inaction in our spiritual lives and responsibilities. Understanding that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed should spur us into taking the necessary steps to receive the Lord.

Paul argues: “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.” (Ephesians 5:8-11) He

says: "The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So, let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh." (Romans 13:12-14)

This is not the time for us to give up on our faith or give in to the myriads of hardship staring us in the face; it is rather the time for us to make ourselves ready for the second coming of the Lord by casting away all sinful acts and putting on the armour of light, shaking off passivity and embracing a proactive and conscious faith that impacts daily life.

Happy New Christian Year!

The one who serves among you,



Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi, PhD

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