NEWSLETTER

**Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great**

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year B / Week 2

A warm welcome is extended to everyone  Please take this bulletin home

" No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father." The Lord Jesus Christ describes friendship as the mutual bond of trust and affection, especially when one has the willingness to give totally of oneself, even to the point of laying down one's life for a friend.

Jesus calls his disciples his friends. It is good news for us to remember that He personally enjoyed their company and wanted to be with them. He ate with them, shared everything he had with them - even his inmost heart and thoughts, and went to the Cross for our salvation. We learn in the Scriptures that it is a blessing to be called the friend of God. Abraham is called the friend of God (*Isaiah 41:8, James 2:23*). God spoke with Moses as a man speaks with his friend (*Exodus 33:11*). Jesus, the Lord and Master, calls the disciples his friends rather than his servants.

*Quote from the early church fathers: Love encompasses the other commandments, by Ephrem the Syrian (306-373 AD)* "This is my commandment." Have you then only one precept? This is sufficient, even if it is unique and so great. Nevertheless he also said, "Do not kill" (Matthew 19:18) because the one who loves does not kill. He said, "Do not steal," because the one who loves does even more - he gives. He said, "Do not lie," for the one who loves speaks the truth, against falsehood. "I give you a new commandment" (John 13:14). If you have not understood what "This is my commandment" means, let the apostle be summoned as interpreter and say, "The goal of his commandment is love" (1 *Timothy 1:5*). What is its binding force? It is that of which [*the Lord*] spoke, "Whatever you want others to do to you, you should do also" (*Matthew 7:12*)."Love one another" in accordance with this measure, "as I have loved you." If I, who am your Lord and God, die for you, how much more should you die for one another." *(excerpt from commentary On Tatian's Diatessaron 19.13)*

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## PARISH NOTICES

**We have a new website address**: **parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet** Please note the old address is no longer in circulation. The parish is now using the Diocesan website. Any queries/updates on the website are to be directed to John Ainslie on john.ainslie@btinternet.com You will find the newsletter by clicking on SUNDAY NEWSLETTER on the left hand side of the home page.

**Life in the Spirit' Retreat Day Saturday 16th May.** We begin the retreat by sharing lunch at 12.30pm in the parish hall. 'Adoration, Praise & Worship and Silent Prayer.' All welcome!

**Funeral Mass** for Evelyn Daniel is on Friday 15th May, 10.00. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

**Friendship Club** meets on Wednesday 13 May, 2pm in the JP Room. We will be celebrating the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday 10 Sixth of Easter**

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| **18.30*** | **Mass** Susan West ann + |
| **08.00** | **Mass** Parish & People |
| **09.30** | **1st HC Mass** Mark Hurry (int) |
| **11.15** | **1st HC Mass** Patrick & Mary Cahill (int) |
| *17.45* | *Evening Prayer & Benediction* |
| **18.30** | **Mass** Mary & Colin Boland (int) |

**Monday 11**

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| **10.00** | **Mass** Marian Curd ann + |
| *11.00* | *Meditation - P (all welcome)* |

**Tuesday 12**

**Sts Nereus and Achilleus**

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| **10.00** | **Mass** Rose Isaac (int) |
| *18.00* | *KOB - PH* |

**Wednesday 13**

**Our Lady of Fatima**

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| **10.00** | **Mass** Roger Brabyn ann + *(followed by Adoration & Benediction till 11.30)* |
| *14.00* | *Friendship Club - JP Rm (see notices)* |
| *17.15* | *Novena: Mother of Perp' Help (BSC)* |
| *18.00* | *Adoration - C* |

**Thursday 14**

**St Matthias**

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 10.00 | **Mass** Laurence Cattini ann + |
| 12.00 | Parish Office Closed |

**Friday 15**

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer |
| **10.00** | **Funeral Mass** Evelyn Daniel + |
| *12.30* | *Bible Timeline Course - PH* |
| *19.30* | *Bible Timeline Course - C* |

**Saturday 16**

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| *09.30* | *RE Class - JP Room* |
| **10.00** | **Mass** Bridget Gibbons & Martin Walsh ann + |
| *12.30* | *Life in the Spirit Retreat - PH* |
| *18.00* | *Sac of Reconciliation* |
| **18.30*** | **Mass** Patrick, Margaret & Laurence Murray ann + |

**Sunday 17 The Ascension of the Lord**

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| **08.00** | **Mass** Parish & People |
| **09.30** | **1st HC Mass** Watson Family (int) |
| **11.15** | **1st HC Mass** Johnny Deane + |
| 16.00 | Confirmation - PH |
| 17.45 | Evening Prayer & Benediction |
| **18.30** | **Mass** Sue Day (int) |

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with facts, figures and much more - come along and join us -all welcome

**Saturday RE Classes**: A programme for Primary School children attending non-Catholic school from Reception to Year 6. Sessions will be held in the JP Room at 09.30-10.45am on 2nd, 16th & 30th May, 13th & 27th June and 11th July. Any questions, please see Mary.

**From Sunday 3rd to Sunday 24th May** our First Holy Communions will be taking place during the 9.30 and 11.15 Masses. Please keep the Communicants and their families in your prayers.

**CAFOD has launched a £3m emergency appeal following the earthquake in Nepal.** Thousands of people in this already impoverished country have been killed and many thousands more are in urgent need of food, water, shelter and emergency supplies. 8 million people are affected. CAFOD is responding with Church partners and has deployed a team to provide specialist support. There is to be a retiring collection TODAY in support of CAFOD's appeal. Thank you for your support.

**Remaining Offertory Envelopes** are available from the presbytery for collection. Please contact Bridget Sawyer (020 8449 7914) should you have any queries.

**High Barnet Good Neighbour Scheme:** is a warm and friendly voluntary service giving practical help to the elderly, sick, disabled and anyone living at home in the EN5 area finding it difficult to cope. They are in need of volunteer drivers (*expenses paid 45p per mile*). If you are able to spare an hour a week or maybe more, please contact Liz or Diane at the GNS Office in Church House, Wood Street, EN5. 8441 5678 or email hbgns@greenbee.net

**A parishioner** would appreciate help by way of transport to see her husband who is in a home. She visits three times a week and needs to travel from Barnet to Shenley. If you are able to help in any way, please contact the presbytery.

**Forty Hours of Devotion** at St Mary's Magdalen, Whetstone. Thursday 14, Friday 15 and Saturday 16th May - 9am-9pm and Sunday 17th May 8am-12noon.

**Evening Prayer and Benediction** takes place every Sunday at 5.45pm in Church, except the first Sunday in each month when there is **Holy Hour at 5.15pm.** All welcome.

**The Catenian Rosary Group** has been sending rosaries to aboriginals in Australia and third world countries in Africa since 2009. To date, they have dispatched 150,000 rosaries but many more are needed. Quite often we have unused Rosaries hidden away in cupboards and drawers. Please may we ask you to give your support by donating any unused rosaries you may have, via the presbytery. We will forward them on your behalf. Thank you for your support.

*There will be no refreshment weekend in May because of the Holy Communion Masses. Our next one is 6 and 7 June.*

**Please pray for the 1st Holy Communion Children this weekend...**

Dylan Le Page, Milo McAnallen, Karol Mikulski, George Nassif, Stephanie Nassif, Maddison Austin-Ajaero, Adrian Baxter, Ana Luna Blaikley-Gomez, Louis McGuinness, Daniel McKie, Samuel Negash, Ezra Ntege and their families.

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**Baptisms**: Cian Flynn, Sophia Twohill, Emma Dean, David Gago, Rafferty Stevens, Milana Bragoli, Isaac McElhone, Brooke Mazokera, Kandle, Keandra & Keanna Kadima, Ronnie Toplis, Olina Rolfe.

**The Sick & Homebound**: Jane-Rose Azemi, Thomas Houlihan, Don & Ann Lewis, Liz Clarke, Janet Bennett, Anne-Marie Nowell, David Brown, Tony Costello, Thomas Geiger, Linda Quilter, Margaret Trehy, Emanuele & Elisa Brunelli, Michael Mulvaney, Pat Lucid, Pauline Purdue, Michael Ball, Helen Day, Niamh Easton, Jeanne Ellis, Stephen Carey, Stasia Ryan, Bishop John Crowley, Theresa Mordue, Doreen Bernas, James Brown, Nancy Dillon, Bridget Allin, Stephen Connor, Amelia Simon, Kate Waters, Donna Morrision, Linda Atkinson, Dominic Buckmire, Judith Townsend, Christopher & Clifford Browne, Michael Wildsmith, Shelley Rowan, Alex Mayer, Troy Hopkins, Arthur Spikes, Segun Balogun, Tommy Watkins, Annabel Nnochiri, Elio Marcangelo, Fr Fred De L'Orme, Diana Faller, Pat Cosgrove, Stuart Atkinson, Evelyn McManamon, Mary O'Toole, Irene Jones, Eleanor Rooney, Ivor Francis, Bernard Lydon, Maxwell Hutchinson, John-Joe Murphy, Maria Wallace, Bernard Eason, Therese Barratt, Siobhan Hickey.

**Recently Departed**: Beverley Quin

## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

**09.30 Mass**

**Entrance** 293

**Offertory:** 920

**Communion:** 641 / 943

Love, love, Jesus is love, God's greatest gift is the gift of love. All creation sings together, praising God for love.

**Going Forth**: 287

**11.15 Mass**

**Entrance** 920

**Gospel Acc:** 268

**Univ Prayer**: Through our Glorious Risen Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Offertory:** 458

**Communion:** 303
Ubi Caritas est vera, est vera. Deus ibi est.
810

**Going Forth**: 801