



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



FIRST OF ADVENT

Year C / Week 1

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please take this bulletin home

And then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

A truly blessed Advent to all - we remember today that Jesus told his disciples that his final great sign would be his return in glory at the end of the age. He would come this second time as Judge and Merciful Redeemer. Jesus declared that this last sign at the end of the world would be unmistakable. All would recognize and "see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (*Luke 21:27*). The title which Jesus most often used to describe his Messianic role was the expression "Son of Man".

Many churches in the East and West, since the early first centuries of the Christian era, have marked special seasons to celebrate the central truths of the Christian faith. The Advent season which precedes Christmas and Epiphany reminds us that we are a pilgrim people, aliens and exiles in this age who long for our true home with God in his heavenly kingdom, and who await with joyful hope the return of the Lord Jesus at the end of the age. The end times begin with the first coming of Jesus Christ (his Incarnation which we celebrate at Christmas and Epiphany) and culminates in his final return on the Day of Judgment.

Quote from the early church fathers: The coming of the Son of Man, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD) "He says that they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Christ will not come secretly or obscurely but as God and Lord in glory suitable for deity. He will transform all things for the better. He will renew creation and refashion the nature of people to what it was at the beginning. He said, 'When these things come to pass, lift up your heads and look upward, for your redemption is near, the dead will rise. This earthly and infirm body will put off corruption and will clothe itself with incorruption by Christ's gift. He grants those that believe in him to be conformed to the likeness of his glorious body.'" (excerpt from Commentary on Luke, Homily 139). Meditations may be freely reprinted for non-commercial use - please cite: copyright (c) 2015 Servants of the Word, source: www.dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager

Fr John

PARISH NOTICES

Our Feast Day of Mary Immaculate Conception is on Saturday 5th December, with Mass at 12 noon (*not 10am*). Afterwards, join us in the hall - please bring your own lunch. (*Tea and cake will be provided*). All are welcome!

Following our Feast Day Celebrations, there is a **Parish Tea Dance** 2.30pm-4.30pm. (*doors open 2pm*). Admission £3.00, includes refreshments & raffle in aid of YSVP Redcaps and KSC. All welcome!

The YSVP are selling cards after Mass today to raise funds for the Parish Redcaps trip to Lourdes. Thank you for your support.

Diaries 2016 are on sale in the porch, price 50p.

Westminster Year Book 2016 are available to buy in the porch, price £4.50. **Please place money for both of these in the wall slot marked 'cards'**. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 29 November 2015

Youth SVP Redcaps selling cards after all Masses
18.30* Mass Peter Sturridge (int)
08.00 Mass Parish & People
09.30 Mass Corry Family +
followed by HC Session - PH
11.15 Mass Sean Dunne ann +
 12.30 Baptisms: Elsie Kent & Fione Obe
 17.45 Evening Prayer
18.30 Mass Jacqueline Quesnel +

Monday 30

09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass Mrs Flynn +
 11.00 Meditation - P (*all welcome*)
13.00 Mass @ Chase Farm Hospital
 20.00 RCIA - JP Room

Tuesday 01

09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass John & Mary Jensen (int)
 18.00 YOB - PH

Wednesday 02

09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass Christian Bernard (int)
(followed by Adoration & Benediction till 11.30)
13.00 Mass @ Barnet General Hospital
 17.15 Novena: Mother of Perp' Help (BSC)
 18-19.00 Adoration - C

Thursday 03

09.30 Morning Prayer
 10.00 Mass Angelica Eutizi (int)
 12.00 Parish Office Closed
13.00 Mass @ Barnet General Hospital

Friday 04

09.30 Morning Prayer
10.00 Mass Sr Silvano Gianoto (int)
(followed by Adoration & Benediction till 11.30)
 12.30 Start of 'Saints' Advent Course - PH
 19-20.00 Adoration - C
 20.15 Start of 'Saints' Advent Course - PH

Saturday 05

09.30 RE Class - JP Room
10.00 Mass India Briens (int)
 18.00 Sac of Reconciliation
18.30* Mass Nora Cochrane +

Sunday 6 Second of Advent (Cycle C)

08.00 Mass Parish & People
09.30 Mass Zammit Family +
followed by HC Session - PH
11.15 Mass Alice Parker +
 16.00 Confirmation Session Year 10 - PH
 17.15 Holy Hour
18.30 Mass David Isaac +

The Parish Office is closed on Monday 30th

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PA/Parish Secretary: Janet Nestor (*office: mon-fri 9.15-15.00*)

Music Co-Ordinator: Frances Novillo

Priest Signing dates for Primary School only is now available - please contact the presbytery to book your appointment.

Life Ascending Group meet on Tuesday 1st December in the JP room, **11.00am prompt**. Guest speaker on Jewish Faith - a really interesting enlightenment. Please remember to bring that special gift you have promised for the Christmas hamper, and don't forget the finger food for lunch that day. *Molly*.

Saturday RE Class: remaining term dates are 5th & 19th December, 9.30am in the JP Room.

Eucharistic Adoration is on **Wednesdays** at 10.30-11.30am in church and 6.00-7.00pm in the chapel, on **Fridays** at 10.30-11.30am and 7.00-8.00pm in church and on **Sundays** at 5.45pm (*1st Sun of the month 5.15pm*) in church.

Singers are welcome to join the churches' regular choirs to lead music at Masses this Christmas. Rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Vigil Masses take place on Thu 10 Dec 5-7pm, Sat 12th Dec from 4-6pm and Fri 18 Dec 5-7pm. **Rehearsals for Midnight Mass** take place on Tue 8 Dec 7.45-9pm, Fri 18 Dec 8-9.30pm and Mon 21 Dec from 7pm onwards.

If you'd like a preview of some of our Christmas music please come along to this week's choir rehearsal on Wednesday 2nd December, 7.45pm-9pm in Church. *Please let Frances know if you're planning to come to any of the above.*

Young singers (*secondary sch age & up*) and instrumentalists please come to a rehearsal this Monday (*30th*) 6.30-7.30pm to prepare to lead music on Sunday 6th Dec, 6.30pm Mass. Regulars and newcomers welcome.

Contact the Elderly: if you know of an elderly person who would like to attend the 'afternoon teas', please take a green form marked 'Guest Application' from the back of the church, get them to fill it in and

return it to the presbytery. We will contact them in due course.

Our next refreshment weekend takes place the weekend of 5/6 December, hosted by the 4th High Barnet Rainbows, Brownies & Guides.

Hot Dogs & Cool Carols: the last event at the Valley Centre is on Tuesday 15 December, 5.30pm-8.30pm. Come and have some festive fun, find out more about the new centre and celebrate 24 years worth of Valley Centre activities. All welcome!

Christmas Bazaar for Christian Aid Syrian Refugee Appeal: at Wesley Hall on Sunday 6 December, 12-5.00pm. Please sign up if you can help on a stall or prepare the day before. Sign up sheet is in the porch.

Love Divine: a Diocesan faith-sharing booklet to help us explore the relationship we have with God, containing daily scripture, reflections and prayers, and featuring pages to share the theme with children. Copies are available in the porch, price £2.00. *Please place money in wall slot marked 'books/cards'.*

My Day by Day booklets for Advent and Christmastide 2015, starting this Sunday, price £1.00. Available in the porch. *Please place money in wall slot marked 'books/cards'.*

Thank you to everyone who helped & supported our Dinner Dance in aid of the Fumbisi Sunshine Home last weekend - we raised an amazing £1,750. Sue and Tony

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: **ADVENT COURSE** :
: **Friday 4th, 11th and 18th:** :
: **December 2015 - 12.30pm in the:** :
: **parish hall or 8.15pm in the:** :
: **church. 'SAINTS helping us:** :
: **'today'** three sessions over Advent: :
: exploring the Saints. Please put the: :
: dates in your diary... details to follow: :
: next weekend! *If you can help in any:* :
: *way, i.e. setting up, tidying away,* :
: *erving refreshments or being a:* :
: *facilitator, please contact Fr John at the:* :
: *presbytery. Thank you.* :
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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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 Brunelli, Michael Mulvaney, Pat Lucid, Pauline Purdue, Michael Ball, Helen Day, Niamh Easton, Stephen Carey, Stasia Ryan, Bishop John Crowley, Theresa Mordue, Doreen Bernas, James Brown, Nancy Dillon, Bridget Allin, Amelia Simon, Kate Waters, Donna Morrison, 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, Mary O'Toole, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, Bernard Lydon, John-Joe Murphy, Maria Wallace, Bernard Eason, Therese Barratt, Mariela Mansi, Jean Watkins, India Briers, Michael Finnegan, Teresa Woodhouse, Mary Wallace, Eleanor Baker, Martina Rooney, Concetta O'Connell, Gillian Campbell, Suzanne Butler, Jean Legg.

Sacrament of Baptism: Caoimhe Keenan, Sophia De Vera, Clara Canova-Murray, Róisín Concannon, Austin Ivers, Sophie-Marie Ekeanyanwu, Ida Gallagher, Connie Burke, Elsie Kent, Lochlann Brooks, Fiona Obe, Logan Browne

Please pray for a group of parishioners who, together with another parish, are travelling to Calais this weekend to give aid to the people in the migrant's camp.

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

09.30 Mass

Entrance 93
Offertory: 72
Communion: 64
986

Going Forth: Awake, awake, for the King is coming. Awake, awake, there's no time to sleep. Awake, awake, for the King is coming, the King is coming in glory.

11.15 Mass

Entrance 851
Gospel Acc: 68
Prayer R/: Come, Lord Jesus, maranatha.
Offertory: 100
Communion: 95
Going Forth: 801

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