



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



## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C / Week 4

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please take this bulletin home

Jesus was rejected by his own people of Nazareth after he proclaims himself as the anointed of God (messiah) based on the passage he read. Their ground for rejection was not about the lack of truth for what Jesus claims to be but simply because they knew him too well. He could not work miracles there because of their lack of faith and so he turns to the gentiles who readily accept and believe in him.

Jesus' struggle with his own people can be very true today to many who are engaged in the ministry of preaching and in the work of evangelisation, including ourselves who share the task of evangelising our families and communities. Often, the hardest people to convince in sharing and passing on our faith are our own families and friends. They have more to criticise than to appreciate in us even our personal life. Credibility is difficult to establish with people who know us inside and out.

In my diocese, it is a standard policy by the bishop that a priest should not be assigned to his own parish of origin because it is found unhelpful to both the pastor and parishioners. However, with the growing shortage of priests and crisis of vocation in our time there is pressing need for our Christian communities to go beyond the boundaries that prejudice imposes on us and learn to place love (*second reading*) in our relationship so that the Holy Spirit can effectively work in us and through us, continuing to proclaim the good news that Jesus preached in the synagogue of Nazareth. He entrusted his apostles to carry on in the Church transforming our families, communities and the world to become more united, respectful and caring.

Let us then pray for the gift of genuine love to abound in our hearts.

Fr Voltair

### PARISH NOTICES

**Plans for church refurbishment:** you may have seen the recent announcement in the local press of our application for planning permission from Barnet Council. As soon as we have any news, we will let you know. Please pray for a successful outcome.

**Please note the parish office** is closed this Tuesday (2nd).

**Refreshment Weekend 6/7th** February hosted by the Knights of St Columba after all Masses in the JP Room - pop in!

**The Presentation of The Lord**  
**Tuesday 2nd February:** we

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 31 January 2016

- 18.30\*** Mass Sisters of Summerhill (int)  
**08.00** Mass Parish & People  
**09.30** Mass Agnes Nagle +  
*1st HC Children - PH*  
**11.15** Mass Jeremiah, Katie & Tracey Cahill ann +  
**16.30** Confirmation Year 9 - PH  
**17.45** Evening Prayer & Benediction  
**18.30** Mass Sue Day & Caritas (int)

#### Monday 01 February

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

#### Tuesday 02

##### The Presentation of the Lord

(Blessing of candles with procession)

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass Nellie Doran +  
**10.30** Life Ascending - JP Room  
**18.00** KOB - PH

#### Wednesday 03

##### Sts Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass Lorraine Furlong +  
*(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 04

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass Kitty Kingston +  
**12.00** Parish Office Closed

#### Friday 05

##### St Agatha

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass Noel Wickramasinghe +  
*(followed by Adoration & Benediction till 11.30)*  
**19-20.00** Adoration - C

#### Saturday 06

##### St Paul Miki and Companions

- 09.30** RE Class - JP Room  
**10.00** Mass Eve Gleeson ann +  
**14.30** Parish Tea Dance - PH  
**18.00** Sac of Reconciliations  
**18.30\*** Mass O'Shea Family (int)  
**19.30** Christian Year in Painting - PH (see notices)

#### Sunday 07 Fifth in Ordinary Time

- 08.00** Mass Carmeno & Carmena Vassallo +  
**09.30** Mass Laurence Cullen ann +  
*1st HC Children - PH*  
**11.15** Mass John & Peter Gibbons & Kathleen Scahill ann +  
**12.30** Baptism: Milo Davies  
**16.00** Confirmation Year 10 - PH  
**17.15** Holy Hour  
**18.30** Mass Parish & People

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celebrate that event, the feast which closes the Christmas festival of light. Candles are blessed and we carry them in procession to welcome Christ, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and the glory of his people. All welcome!

**Next Parish Tea Dance** is this Saturday (6th), 2.30pm (doors open 2pm). Admission £4, includes raffle and refreshments. Prizes & cakes gratefully received. All welcome.

## YEAR OF MERCY

Starting on **Friday 26th February** at 12.30pm or 7.00pm, join us for a new and exciting 12 week Lenten Bible Course called '**The Big Picture**' - a perfect follow-on from 'The Gift' course. "*In the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis tells us, 'The Father never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature.'* The Big Picture Course is an ideal opportunity to reflect on the mysteries of the Father's mercy." Details to follow!

To Celebrate the Year of Mercy, our parish are hosting a **Mass for Healing** on Saturday 20th February. Rosary at 10am with Mass at 10.30am. Please invite family, friends and neighbours for this special liturgy. *Leaflets will be available soon.*

**Saturday 6th February at 7.30pm The Christian Year in Painting: Part 2 of 3.** An illustrated talk on religious paintings by John Dixon (Arts Correspondent of The Catholic Times) in support of the Youth SVP. Admission £3.00, to include a free glass of wine or soft drink. For further information please contact Mary Boland via the Presbytery.

**Saturday Classes:** is for children attending non-catholic

schools from Reception to Year 6. Details of next year's dates will be available at the back of the Church., New Children are warmly welcomed to join our friendly group! **Dates:** 6 & 20 February and 5 & 19 March 2016 - 9.30-10.45 in the JP Room.

**Life Ascending Group:** meet this Tuesday (2nd). The 10am Mass is being offered for Nellie Doran RIP. We gather afterwards in the JP Room. Full details & forms will be available for the **Retreat at Aylesford Priory 20-23 June.** Cost: £195 full board.

**Friendship Club:** showing of 'Brooklyn' (*a drama romance film set in 1950's Ireland/New York*) on Wednesday 24th February, 1.30pm in the JP Room.

**Nursery School Applications:** a date is available (*more to follow*) for signing of priest forms. Please contact the office to book your appointment.

**Holy Hour** next Sunday (7th) at 5.15pm in Church - all welcome!

**Ash Wednesday: 10th February** - Mass at 10.00am and 7.30pm with distribution of Ashes.

### Universal Prayer Response

*Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in the valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Pray for us O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**The Sick & Homebound:** Jane-Rose Azemi, Thomas Houlihan, Jean Ellis, 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, Theresa Mordue, Doreen Bernas, James Brown, Nancy Dillon, Bridget Allin, 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, Elio Marcangelo, Fr Fred De L'Orme, Diana Faller, Pat Cosgrove, Stuart Atkinson, Mary O'Toole, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, 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, Jean Legg, Liam Kinsella, Margaret Greaney, Mary Chamberlain.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Milo Davies, Logan Browne, Caoimhe Keenan, Dolly Elderfield, Elissa Bush, Lucas Brennan, Cody Davey, Sophia De Vera

**Please pray** for all Catechumens and Candidates being received into the Catholic Church this Easter.

## MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

### 9.30 Mass

**Entrance:** 819  
**Offertory:** 779  
**Communion:** Love, love, Jesus is love. God's greatest gift is the gift of love. All creation sings together, praising God for love.  
979  
Going Forth: 794

### 11.15 Mass

**Entrance** 979  
**Offertory:** 877  
**Communion:** Faith, hope and love, these three shall remain, but the greatest of all is love.  
**Going Forth:** 794

### Music Co-Ordinator

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