



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Sixteenth in Ordinary Time

Year C Week 4

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please take this bulletin home

As a parish we are now entering the season of pilgrimage. Some of us have returned from pilgrimage in Poland, some will go to Lourdes, others will travel through Europe at World Youth Day. Spiritually the notion of Pilgrimage can first be seen when God the Father decides to send His Only begotten Son into the world for our salvation. Later Abraham is sent out to a new country not really knowing where he is going, except for the great promise of God – “I will show you, I will tell you, where to go”. Pilgrimage is all about Faith in God.

This weekend we hear of Jesus making a short pilgrimage to his friends Mary and Martha. Both Mary and Martha are on different stages of their journey, one is active, the other is listening to The Lord.

“Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her.”

Both Martha and Mary are looking for happiness in different ways. At Pope St John Paul II last World Youth Day in Toronto in 2002, he reminded young people that on our pilgrimage through life God has sent His Son Jesus to bring us fulfilment and happiness:

“People are made for happiness. Rightly, then, you thirst for happiness. Christ has the answer to this desire of yours. But he asks you to trust him. True joy is a victory, something which cannot be obtained without a long and difficult struggle. Christ holds the secret of this victory.” - Toronto, Canada, 2002 Years before the Holy Father encouraged us to persevere as pilgrims and to keep walking in Faith:

“Dear friends, to believe in Jesus today, to follow Jesus as Peter, Thomas, and the first Apostles and witnesses did, demands of us, just as it did in the past, that we take a stand for him, almost to the point at times of a new martyrdom: the martyrdom of those who, today as yesterday, are called to go against the tide in order to follow the divine Master, to follow ‘the Lamb wherever he goes’ (*Rev 14:4*).” - Rome, Italy, 2000. Happy Holidays, happy Pilgrimage!

Fr John

PARISH NOTICES

Funeral Mass: for Jean Slade is on Tuesday 19th July, 10am.

Funeral Mass for Grace Leonard is on Monday 18th July, 10am.

Please pray for their family and friends. May they both rest in peace.

Life Ascending Summer Garden Party will be held in Summerhill Convent, Leecroft Road on Tuesday 19th July after 10am Mass, starting with coffee at 11am, lunch at 12.30pm. *[Please remember what you put on the food list!]*

THIS WEEK

Sunday 17th July 2016

- 18.30* Mass Flower Ladies (int)
- 08.00 Mass Anthony Mills +
- 09.30 Mass John Joe Ruain +
- 11.15 Mass Parish & People
- 12.30 Baptism: Lucas Brennan
- 17.45 Evening Prayer & Benediction
- 18.30 Mass Malcolm Arthur (int)

Monday 18

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 **Funeral Mass** Grace Leonard +
- 11.00 Meditation - P (all welcome)
- 13.00 Mass @ Chase Farm Hospital

Tuesday 19

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 **Funeral Mass** Jean Slade +

Wednesday 20

St Apollinaris

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 **Mass** Anthony Cox (int)
(followed by Adoration & Benediction till 11.30)
- 13.00 **Mass** @ Barnet General Hospital
- 17.15 *Novena: Mother of Perp' Help (BSC)*

Thursday 21

St Lawrence of Brindisi

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 **Mass** Sue & Ivor Francis
(thanksgiving)

Friday 22

St Mary Magdalene

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 **Mass** Mary Keane, Katy Daly & Mike O'Leary +
(followed by Adoration & Benediction till 11.30)

Saturday 23

St Bridget

- 10.00 **Mass** Gertrud Landen ann +
- 18.00 Sac of Reconciliation
- 18.30* **Mass** Alice Tuckwood +

Sunday 24 Seventeenth of Ordinary Time

- 08.00 **Mass** Parish & People
- 09.30 **Mass** Annette Sacker ann +
- 11.15 **Mass** Brian Fitzgerald +
- 17.45 *Last Evening Prayer & Adoration - C until further notice, pending church build*
- 18.30 **Mass** Sabrina Roach (int)

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Foodbank Appeal: St Mary's Church in East Finchley are urgently appealing for tins of food for their foodbank. If you can help, please deposit the tins in the usual way (*in the bin in the porch*). The tins will be taken out and collected. Thank you for your support.

Nine Fridays Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus: through the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion on every 1st Friday of the month we will give honour to His Sacred Heart. All are welcome, especially families, teachers and children on **Friday 5 August at 5.00pm** in Church.

Missio: many parishioners have a Red Box in their homes. It's a way we support Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission & the Mill Hill Missionaries. If your box needs emptying, please deposit your money in the envelope provided in the porch and mail it in the presbytery - any questions please contact Linda Atkinson 8441 5846.

Sacramental Programmes: As from the beginning of May 2016, any children or young people enrolling for Parish Sacramental Programmes must be regularly attending Sunday Mass at least six months prior to the programmes starting. Any questions, please speak to Fr John or Mary Boland.

Year 9 Confirmation two year programme: registration takes place on the 19, 20, 21 and 23 of September from 4.00pm-6.00pm. You **MUST** contact the presbytery to arrange an appointment.

Parents and Candidates must attend a meeting on Monday 26 September at 19.30 in the parish hall. Please note ALL sessions and the retreats are mandatory.

Registration for First Holy Communion 2016-17 for parish children Year 3 and above takes place on Sunday 18 and/or Sunday 25 September 2016 after the 9.30 Mass in the parish hall. Please bring along your child's original Baptism Certificate.

The sessions will be on Sundays after the 9.15am Mass. Please note the children must attend the 9.15am Mass for the duration of the programme. To enrol, the child must be a practicing catholic in our parish [*see letter from Fr John available in the porch*]

The registration is a voluntary contribution of £30.00 (£10 refundable on return of parents book).

Churches Together Evening Services during August:

14th: Underhill Baptist, prayer service. 21st: St Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley - Evensong with Communion and on the 28th: Barnet URC, Wood Street 'Songs of Praise'. All welcome!

Youth SVP/Redcaps: The Youth SVP would like to say a huge thank you to all the Parishioners who have supported them in their fundraising events since September, we have managed to raise nearly £8,000 towards our voluntary work in Lourdes. Our latest ventures, the flower sale and Cake sale raised £270.00 and £380.00.

Petitions for Lourdes: If you would like to send any petitions to Lourdes please place them in a sealed envelope (no money) and post them into the Presbytery before by Saturday 23rd. Please mark the envelope c/o Mary Boland: Petitions

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick & Homebound

Jane-Rose Azemi, Thomas Houlihan, Janet Bennett, Anne-Marie Nowell, David Brown, Tony Costello, Thomas Geiger, Linda Quilter, Emanuele Brunelli, Pat Lucid, Pauline Purdue, Helen Day, Niamh Easton, Stasia Ryan, Theresa Mordue, Doreen Bernas, Bridget Allin, Amelia Simon, Linda Atkinson, Dominic Buckmire, Judith Townsend, Troy Hopkins, Elio Marcangelo, Pat Cosgrove, Mary O'Toole, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, Maria Wallace, Bernard Eason, Mariela Mansi, Jean Watkins, Michael Finnegan, Mary Wallace, Eleanor Baker, Martina Rooney, Concetta O'Connell, Jean Legg, Liam Kinsella, Margaret Greaney, Teresa Woodhouse, Billy Lindkvist, Rumbie Madzimure, Maurice Hunt, Margaret Dunne, Philip Tracey, Raymond Heagney, John Joe Murphy, Marian York, Anthony Cox, Paddy Cahill.

Sacrament of Baptism

Isobel Southern, David Morata, Carine Gaffar, Emilia Grundy, George Limerick, Hudson Fitzlucas, Sophia De Vera.

Recently deceased: Pat Caron

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

9.30 Mass

Entrance: 458
Psalm: Those who do justice abide in your temple and dwell on your mountain, O God.
Prayer R/: [See 11.15]
Offertory: 407
Communion: Listen, I stand at the door and knock, open and we shall feast. & 720
Going Forth: 934

11.15 Mass

Entrance: 458
Psalm: [see 9.30]
Gospel Acc: 534
Prayer R/: We ask you Lord: Listen to our prayer.
Conclusion Prayer: 367
Offertory: 720
Communion: Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart. And you'll find rest for your souls for my yoke is easy and my burden light.
Going Forth 934