



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Seventeenth in Ordinary Time

Year C Week 4

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please take this bulletin home

And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

As a parish we are now entering the Summer season. Some of us will be on pilgrimage in Poland, some will go to Lourdes, others will be on the day by day pilgrimage of life here in Barnet. One thing that unites us all is the call to continue to search for God, to seek Him over these coming Summer weeks and to grow deeper in love and faith.

"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." – *(Pope St John Paul II at World Youth Day, Toronto, Canada, 2002)*

Quote from the early church fathers: The privilege and responsibility of calling God Father, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD)

"For the Saviour said, 'When you pray, say, 'Our Father.' And another of the holy Evangelists adds, 'who art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9)... He gives his own glory to us. He raises slaves to the dignity of freedom. He crowns the human condition with such honour as surpasses the power of nature. He brings to pass what was spoken of old by the voice of the psalmist: 'I said, you are gods, and all of you children of the Most High' (Psalm 82:6). He rescues us from the measure of slavery, giving us by his grace what we did not possess by nature, and permits us to call God 'Father,' as being admitted to the rank of sons. We received this, together with all our other privileges, from him. One of these privileges is the dignity of freedom, a gift peculiarly befitting those who have been called to be sons. He commands us, therefore, to take boldness and say in our prayers, 'Our Father.'" (excerpt from commentary on Luke, homily 71.

Happy Holidays, happy Pilgrimage!

Fr John

PARISH NOTICES

We welcome back Fr Miguel who is with us till early September. He is on retreat this week (departs tomorrow) but will be back with us on Saturday 30 July.

Sunday Evening Prayer & Benediction will stop from the 31st July.

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.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 24th July 2016

- 18.30* Mass Alice Tuckwood +
- 08.00 Mass Parish & People
- 09.30 Mass Annette Sacker ann +
- 11.15 Mass Brian Fitzgerald +
- 12.30 Baptism: Hudson Fitzlucas
- 17.45 Last Evening Prayer & Adoration - C
until further notice
- 18.30 Mass Sabrina Roach (int)

Monday 25 St James

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Miles Gray +
- 11.00 Meditation - P (all welcome)
- 13.00 Mass @ Chase Farm Hospital

Tuesday 26 Sts Joachim and Anne

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Clare Lane +

Wednesday 27

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

Thursday 28

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Michael O'Mara +

Friday 29 St Martha

- 09.30 Morning Prayer
- 10.00 Mass Michael Scanlon +
(followed by Adoration & Benediction till 11.30)

Saturday 30

- 10.00 Mass Ken Jones +
- 18.00 Sac of Reconciliation
- 18.30* Mass John McGrory ann +

Sunday 31 Eighteenth in Ordinary Time

- 08.00 Mass Dan Murphy ann +
- 09.30 Mass Evita Foster (int)
- 11.15 Mass Brian Fitzgerald +
- 12.30 Baptism: Carine Gaffar
- 18.30 Mass Parish & People

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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.

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. To enrol, the candidate must be a practicing catholic in our parish [see letter from Fr John available at the back of the church].

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 9.15am Mass in the parish hall. Please bring along your child's original Baptism Certificate.

Sessions are 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 back of the church] 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!

New Dawn in the Church: 'come and experience the power of the Holy Spirit. 1-6 August 2016. Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6AL. Praise & worship, speakers, adoration, youth and children's ministry. For more info, please visit www.newdawn.org.uk or call 0151 228 0724.

A heartfelt thank you for all your messages and prayers offered for my late mother, Grace Leonard. God Bless, Martin.

We should like to thank everyone most sincerely who helped to make Jean Slade's funeral a beautiful celebration of her life. Sheila and Helga.

Date for the Diary

'St Gregory's Feast Day' Saturday 3rd September. Mass: 12 noon (*not 10am*) followed by a shared lunch in the hall and garden (*weather permitting*). All welcome! Help on the day gratefully received. Please contact the presbytery.

Thank you for your kind donation of £100 raised at the coffee mornings in support of the hospice and the work we for do in the community. Jonathan Harrison, North London Hospice.

Lost Property/Unclaimed items: are gathering in the presbytery... car keys, small purse, glasses, rosary beads, child's handbag, clothes, bowls and dishes. Please telephone this week before coming round to collect your things!

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, Emilia Grundy, George Limerick, Sophia De Vera.

MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY

9.30 Mass

There will be no music from now and during the month of August as the choir & musicians take a well deserved rest!

11.15 Mass

Entrance: 933
Prayer R/: We ask you, Lord:
Listen to our prayer
Conclusion Prayer: 367
Offertory: 940
Communion: 930
Going Forth 820

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