



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



# First Sunday of Advent

Year A Week 1

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please take this bulletin home

"But know this, that if the householder had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have watched and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect." We gather together this weekend to welcome in the Season of Advent.

Advent is the time when God calls us to watch with expectant faith and long for the return of Christ. He comes to us each and every day and he knocks on the door of our heart and home. We are asked to listen for his voice and welcome him into our lives. Let the Word of Christ in the Scriptures and the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts draw us into a deeper faith, hope, and yearning for his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Those who wait upon the Lord today and listen to his word will not be disappointed.

*Quote from the early church fathers: Hilary of Poitiers (315-367) an early church father, Scripture scholar and writer, explains the meaning of today's parable.*

"Christ shows that a judgment is coming, since between two people in a field, one is taken up and one left behind. Between two grinding at the mill, one is chosen and one rejected. Between two lying in bed, one departs and one remains. This teaching means that the separation of the faithful from the unfaithful will consist in one being accepted and the other abandoned. For only some of the Jews, like Elijah, believed through the apostles that they must be justified by faith. One group will be taken up through the faith that produces good works, and the other group will be abandoned in the fruitless works of the law, grinding in vain at a mill that will never produce heavenly food." (*commentary on Matthew 26.5*)

Fr John

### PARISH NOTICES

**Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Thursday 8th December.** Mass is at 10am and 7.00pm - please note new time - in our parish hall. Refreshments & Raffle available straight after the 10am Mass in the hall. (*Rosary will be said in the JP Room*). **Raffle Tickets** will be on sale after all Masses next weekend,

the 4/5 December, price £1 each. All proceeds will go towards the Church Build Fund. All welcome!

**Barnet High Street Christmas Fayre** is on Sunday 4th December. Please note the High Street will be closed from 8am onwards. **CTFCB are holding a bazaar** on the day in Wesley Hall in aid of Doctors

### THIS WEEK

#### Sunday 27th November 2016

- 18.30\*** Mass Christopher Hurley + URC  
**08.00** Mass Ken Buckley ann + URC  
**09.15** Mass Bridget Minihane + URC  
*(1st HC Children Liturgy - PH)*  
**11.15** Mass Joan O'Connell & Family (int) HC  
**18.30** Mass Parish & People HC

#### Monday 28

- 09.30 Morning Prayer - PH  
**10.00** Mass Diarmaid Murphy, Brendan Daly and Sonia Broderick + PH  
 11.00 Meditation - PH (all welcome)  
 19.30 RCIA - JP Room  
 19.30 HC Parents Session - Our parish hall

#### Tuesday 29

- 09.30 Morning Prayer - PH  
**10.00** Mass Holy Souls - PH  
 10.30 Life Ascending Day of Prayer at Summerhill Convent (see notices)  
 18.30 YOB - PH

#### Wednesday 30

##### St Andrew, Apostle

- 09.30 Morning Prayer - PH  
**10.00** Mass Sean Dunne ann + PH

#### Thursday 01

- 09.30 Morning Prayer - PH  
**10.00** Mass Pamela Hand + PH

#### Friday 02

- 09.30 Morning Prayer - PH  
**10.00** Mass Michael McCaffrey + PH

#### Saturday 03

##### St Francis Xavier

- 10.00** Mass Angelica Eutizi (int) - PH  
**18.30\*** Mass Liam Hogan + URC

#### Sun 04 Second of Advent (Year A)

(Union Street Closed from 8am onwards)

- 08.00** Mass Helen & Julian Bondell + URC  
**09.15** Mass Frances Novillo (int) URC  
*(1st HC Children Liturgy - PH)*  
 13.00 Baptism: Sophia De Vera  
**11.15** Mass John O'Connell ann + HC  
 16.30 Year 9 Confirmation - HC  
**18.30** Mass Parish & People HC

URC = United Reformed Church, Wood Street, EN5 4BW

HC = Hope Corner Community Centre, 185 Mays Lane, EN5 2DY (near the Co-Op)

PH = Our Parish Hall (access via Stapylton Rd)

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Music Co-Ordinator: Frances Novillo

without Borders. If you can contribute towards this, please bring your items along to Wesley Hall on Friday 2nd Dec from 5-7pm or Saturday 3rd from 10am-3pm.

**Dates for Primary School Priest Signing\* dates**, are now available; please contact the presbytery to book an appointment. \*In order for Fr John to sign the form with honesty and integrity, he is expected to confidently ascertain that the applicant's established pattern of practice has continued for a substantial period of time - this is possible where an applicant has resided in the parish for a long time and has regularly attended Sunday Mass. If this isn't the case, please note you will have to attend Sunday Mass here over the course of the next six months or obtain a written referral from your previous parish priest (*if new to the parish*) before booking your appointment. Any questions, please contact Fr John at the presbytery.

**Missio-Red Boxes.** Still time to drop your Missio Collection to the presbytery this week. Any queries, please contact Linda Atkinson on 8441 5846.

**Life Ascending 'Day of Prayer':** Tuesday 29th November at Summerhill Convent, Leecroft Road. Gathering for intro, 10.30am. Tea/Coffee. First talk at 11am followed by reflection. Mass at Midday. Lunch 1pm - soup & bread for all. Talk & discussion in the afternoon, finishing at 3pm.

**Youth of Barnet** Youth Club for parish children in school years 6, 7 and 8 have places available. They meet alternate Tuesdays 6-7.30pm in the hall for fun activities and meeting up with friends. If you are interested, please contact the presbytery 8449 3338.

**Carols for Caritas:** as part of our social outreach we have organised an afternoon of musical entertainment on 8th December at Fernbank Nursing Home in Finchley Way, N3 and any parishioners interested to come along and join in the carol singing are welcome. No experience necessary - word sheets provided. Simply arrive by 2.15pm, finish approx 3.30pm. Please contact Helen Tierney [tierneyhelen@hotmail.com](mailto:tierneyhelen@hotmail.com) or [sueday@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:sueday@rcdow.org.uk)

**Advent Day of Prayer** with Bishop John Crowley on 8th December at the Niland Conference Centre at Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey heath WD23 4EE. 10am start; Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 3pm. Suggested donation £12. Please bring a packed lunch; tea & coffee provided.

**Diaries & Westminster Year Books for 2017** are available to purchase during the week in our hall after the 10am Mass or at the presbytery - please telephone beforehand. Diaries: 50p each. WYB £4.50 each. Place money in the box provided.

*Please note a donation will be given from the parish for the Poor Clare's Collection this Advent.*

## MASS LOCATIONS for Christmas

**Sat 24th Dec: 4.30pm and 6.30pm Family Christmas Vigil Mass** (*include the Nativity Story*) will be held at Ewan Hall, United Reformed Church.

**Sat 24th Dec: 10.00pm\* Mass during the Night** will be held at Ewan Hall. *\*This Mass is replacing the Christmas Vigil & Midnight Mass this year.*

**Sun 25th Dec:** 8.00am, 9.15am and 11.15am Masses will be held in our parish hall (St Gregory's). *There is no Sunday evening Mass at 6.30pm.*

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

### The Sick & Homebound

Jane-Rose Azemi, Thomas Houlihan, Janet Bennett, Anne-Marie Nowell, Robert 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, 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, Raymond Heagney, John Joe Murphy, Marian York, Anthony Cox, Paddy Cahill, Evelyn McManamon, Ben Price, Rob Calrow, Nancy Scott, Kirillie Harvey, Patrick Delaney.

### Sacrament of Baptism

Isobel Southern, David Morata, Sophia De Vera, Lucas Bagley-Meyer, Flynn Hewitt, Greta Hegarty

## Music for the Liturgy

9.30am, 11.15am & 6.30pm Masses

**Gathering:** MP493 / LI12

**Psalm:** To you, O Lord, I lift up, I lift up my soul, my God.

**Prayer R/:** Come, Lord Jesus, maranatha.

**Offertory:** MP424 / LI09

**Communion:** L989 Come, Lord Jesus, come again. MP449 / L801

**Going Forth:** MP506 / L721 (omit v.2)

'Would you like to sing or play with the choirs this Christmas? Contact Frances this week to find out rehearsal times and dates. Rehearsals start very soon so don't delay!'

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