NEWSLETTER

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

# Third Sunday of Easter

Year A Week 3

A warm welcome is extended to everyone Please take this bulletin home

The gospel this Sunday recounts the two disciples (*probably the couple Cleopas and his wife Mary*) who are heading from Jerusalem to Emmaus with broken heart and spirit trying to forget their experiences of pain and loss at calvary brought about by the death of Jesus whom they consider as a Prophet powerful in word and deed and who is going to redeem Israel.
Jesus joins them in their discussion, unrecognised, as a stranger and eventually reveals himself to them. They recognise him as he explains to them the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. They return to Jerusalem rejoicing and with faith rekindled.

In the past and perhaps even today, the Catholic Church is often accused of being unscriptural in her worship and teaching by not giving much importance to the Word of God to feed and nourish her members. Catholics are ignorant of the Bible and rely heavily on rituals for their salvation. A deep hunger for the Word of God has lead many Catholics to join other churches especially among the so called born again Christians. This accusation, I sadly hear often, even from two of my siblings who are Pentecostal ministers. However, as Catholics we should note consciously that in every celebration of the mass which is the core of our Christian life and worship, there are two principal parts equally important to us, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Liturgy of the Word covers the readings from the Old Testament, Epistles and the Gospel and expounded through a homily or preaching. So, how can it be said that the Catholic Church does not feed and nourish her flock with the word of the scriptures? In fact, the Liturgy of the Eucharist is perfectly based on scripture.

It is in the celebration of the Mass; in the word of scriptures and in the breaking of the bread that every serious Catholic recognizes the living presence of the risen Jesus. In our daily journey of life, though at times with broken heart and spirit, we should not be afraid because we are joined by Christ in every step we take to bring healing and restore our life.

**Fr Voltair**

## PARISH NOTICES

Next weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for vocations, especially to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. The Fund helps pay for training seminarians (currently 39), further studies of our priests for specialised ministries, and for ongoing enrichment to strengthen priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. If you wish to make a donation, envelopes will be available next week.

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday 30th April 2017

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| **18.30*** | **Mass** Elsa Jordache ann + URC |
| **08.00** | **Mass** Molly Stebbings (int) URC |
| **09.15** | **Mass** Anthony Cox + URC |
| **11.15** | **Mass** Danute Zemaitiene & Family (int) |
| *13.00* | *Baptism: Hannah Henry - PH* |
| **18.30** | **Mass** Parish & People HC |

**Monday 01 (Bank Hol)**

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer PH |
| **10.00** | **Mass** Phillip McManus ann + PH |
| *11.00* | *Meditation - PH (all welcome)* |
| **13.00** | **Mass** @ Chase Farm Hospital |

**Tuesday 02**

**St Athanasius**

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer PH |
| **10.00** | **Mass** Paddy Cahill + PH |

**Wednesday 03**

**Sts Philip and James**

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer - PH |
| **10.00** | **Mass** Betty McEwan + PH |
| 10.30-11.30 | Adoration - PH |
| **13.00** | **Mass** @ Barnet General Hospital |

**Thursday 04**

The English Martyrs

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer - PH |
| 10.00 | **Mass** Richard Hoghton + PH |

**Friday 05**

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer - PH |
| **10.00** | **Mass** Nellie Donovan + PH |

**Saturday 06**

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| 09.30 | Morning Prayer - PH |
| **10.00** | **Mass** Bridget Flynn & Family (int) PH |
| **18.30*** | **Mass** May Carey + URC |

**Sunday 07 Fourth of Easter**

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| **08.00** | **Mass** Walter Vassallo ann + URC |
| **09.15** | **Mass** Anthony Cox + URC |
| **11.15** | **Mass** Guiseppe & Louisa Solari (int) |
| *13.00* | *Baptism Fabian Ghash - PH* |
| *16.30* | *Confirmation Year 9 Session - 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*)

**Parish Priest:** Fr John McKenna **Hospital Chaplain:** Fr Voltair Dimol 07405960391
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**Pastoral Assistant:** Mary Boland **PA/Parish Secretary:** Janet Nestor (*office: mon-fri 9.15-15.00)* **Music Co-Ordinator**: Frances Novillo

**Adoration every Wednesday morning** after the 10.30 Mass for an hour - come and spend some time with Jesus. Please note there is no Adoration in the evening.

**Saturday RE Classes**: A programme for Primary School children attending non-Catholic school from Reception to Year 6. Sessions will be held in the JP Room at 09.30-10.45am on 29th April, 13th & 20th May, 10th & 24th June and 8th July 2017. We will be using 'The Way, The Truth and the Life' primary books as our resource. New children are welcome to join the group at any session. Just come along, meet new friends and learn more about your faith!

**Friends of St Martha/Jeanne Antide** meet on Sunday 30th April at 2.45pm at the Convent in Potter's Bar. If anyone needs a lift, please be at the front of the church at 2.25pm and let me know if you need a lift. Sister Irene 01707645901

**Life Ascending** next meeting is on the 16th May after the 10am Mass. Tea/Coffee 10.30am. Discussion 11am. Reminder: final payment for Aylesford Priory due by 19th May - any enquiries, please call Molly.

St Gregory's

**Bollywood Night**

**Saturday 13th May**

**7.30pm for 8.00pm**

at St Martha's Senior School
Camlet Way, Hadley Wood

* Dancers * Music *
* Licenced Bar * Buffet *
'Auction' on the night

**Tickets on sale**
**T O D A Y**
**Price £20 each**

**Friendship Club** held in the JP Room on Wednesday is currently postponed until further notice. Apologies for the inconvenience.

**Poetry Reading**: come and read one of your favourite poems or just enjoy a glass of wine as you listen to others read theirs. Friday 12th May at 7.30pm in the JP Room. Entry £3 each to include a free glass of wine or non-alcoholic drink. All proceeds to help send members of the Youth SVP as Redcaps to Lourdes. Contact: John Dixon 020 8440 1091.

**St Gregory's Gardening Club** next meet on Saturday 20th May after Mass from 10.30am-1pm. Refreshments provided. Bring what tools you can - some provided. Can you help (even for an hour). Please let Joe and Marjorie O'Connor know 8445 6580.

**Caritas Westminster** has launched a new volunteer service which aims to make volunteering as easy as possible for the Catholic Community in London and Hertfordshire. You care search on the site for opportunities from organisations and parishes based on your interests, location, availability, experience and skills. Service is open to members of all faith and none. To register www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer

**32nd Annual Multi-Faith Pilgrimage for Peace 20th May** 9.15am-6.30pm. Visiting old and new places of worship in the North London & Hertfordshire area, travelling by coach - focus on prayer and ecology. Cost: £15 per person. Lunch & evening meal included. Application forms with full details are available after Mass in the parish hall Mon-Fri or from the presbytery.

'**Bucket**' *Offertory for the Church Build is at all Masses next weekend - 5/6* May. Thank you for your continued support.

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

**The Sick & Homebound**

Jane-Rose Azemi, Thomas Houlihan, Janet Bennett, Anne-Marie Nowell, David Brown, Tony Costello, Emanuele Brunelli, Pat Lucid, Pauline Purdue, Bridget Allin, Amelia Simon, Linda Atkinson, Judith Townsend, Troy Hopkins, Elio Marcangelo, Pat Cosgrove, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, Maria Wallace, Bernard Eason, Mariela Mansi, Michael Finnegan, Mary Wallace, Concetta O'Connell, Liam Kinsella, Margaret Greaney, Teresa Woodhouse, Maurice Hunt, Margaret Dunne, Raymond Heagney, Evelyn McManamon, Ben Price, Rob Calrow, Amparo Abalos, Rita McKenna, Linda Quilter, Francis Grennan, Stasia Gallagher, Maura Howells, Barnie Rowe, Suzanne Greig

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Hannah Henry, Leo Lusignani, Fabian Ghosh, Luca Schofield, Leonie Mine, Lucas Bagley-Meyer, Flynn Hewitt, Isobel Southern, Sophie Scott Toplis, Dana Vaughan

**Pope's Prayer Intention for May**: *that Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.*

**Recently died**: Bridget Locke

## Music for the Liturgy

**09.15, 11.15 & 18.30 Sun Mass**

**Gathering**: MP30/L268

**Psalm**: L40 Keep me safe, O Lord, I take refuge in you.

**Offertory**: MP723/L630

**Communion**: L640 Plenty of Bread at the feast of life (to share).

MP261/L629.

**Going Forth**: MP367/L324

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