



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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Week 3

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

Please take this bulletin home

We live in a world where communication is of paramount importance, especially among young people with their social networking. But even if we have to live up with the modern world we need to rely on information.

I've been conscious for some time now of a particular biased information we get in some of the British media, any media in general, when it comes to informing or commenting on a document or statement produced by the Vatican. I know I have to read "between the lines". The reason to oppose any authoritative document are always abundant and cogent, and I must admit, they broaden the mind. Nevertheless there's always a "but" in my mind and I have to remind myself that what I'm reading is just human thinking, written by more or less informed people: journalists, sociologists, psychologists, theologians and of different beliefs. That "but" coming from inside my Catholic faith warns me against any acceptance of a well-reasoned argument. What I want to know, as a believer, is why there is always a sort of opposition to the central authority of the Church.

Take the latest documents by Pope Francis", *Evangelii Gaudium* "The Joy of the Gospel" (his programmatic proposition), "*Laudato Si'*", On Care For Our Common Home (on ecology), '*Amoris Laetitia*', or '*On Love in the Family*' (on Christian families); the old grudge against the "*Humanae Vitae*" by blessed Pope Paul VI (still going on)... Not to forget the constant "fake news".

On the other hand, taking the dust off my copy of the Vatican II council documents, I read on the dogmatic constitution *On The Church* that the only subject qualified to fulfil the office of teaching with binding authority for the faithful is the Pope and the College of Bishops in communion with him, taking account, something strongly expressed by Pope Francis, of the "*Sensus Fidelium*" (sense of the faithful), when exercised by the body of the faithful as a whole.

Am I being too simplistic to compare these two opinions? Is there a fort of "lobby" in the Church which has to be used to accommodate its doctrine to the constant changing world? In any case, I'd better go on reading "between the lines". And you?

Fr Miguel op

THIS WEEK

Sunday 13th August 2017

18.30*	Mass Sadie O'Keefe + PH
08.00	Mass Leonard Family + PH
09.30	Mass Abbey O'Riordan ann + PH
11.15	Mass Frank & Diana Jurksaitis (int) PH
18.30	Mass Parish & People PH

Monday 14

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
09.30 Morning Prayer PH
10.00 Mass Mary Magee + PH
11.00 Meditation - PH (all welcome)
13.00 Mass at Chase Farm Hospital

Tuesday 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09.30 Morning Prayer PH
10.00 Mass Mary Boland (int) PH
19.30 Mass Parish (int) PH

Wednesday 16

09.30 Morning Prayer - PH
10.00 Mass Elena Adan ann+ PH
10.30-11.30 Adoration - PH
13.00 Mass @ Barnet General Hospital

Thursday 17

09.30 Morning Prayer - PH
10.00 Mass Ashok Tulsiani + PH

Friday 18

09.30 Morning Prayer - PH
10.00 Mass Liam Gallacher + PH

Saturday 19

09.30 Morning Prayer - PH
10.00 Mass Diane Barnes + PH
18.30* Mass Hilda Martin + PH

20th Twenty Sunday in Ordinary Time

08.00 Mass Parish & People PH
09.30 Mass Colm Meagher + PH
11.15 Mass Nestor Family (int) PH
18.30 Mass Manisha Ashok Tulsiani (int) PH

Please note all Masses
are in our Parish Hall
(Access via Stapylton Road)

Parish office is now closed.

Please telephone
ahead of your visit
Thank you!

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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

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? Every year we run a special programme for enquirers beginning in Sept, though you can join at any stage. From Sept to Jan the sessions open up the basic beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church. From Jan to Easter, those who then ask to be baptised (non-Christian) or received (already Christian) are prepared for their reception while any further enquirers continue their exploration of the Catholic faith. If you would like to know more, please contact Fr John via the presbytery. An introduction evening will be available in due course.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) is this Tuesday 15 August. Mass is at 10am and 7.30pm.

Sacramental Programmes: As from now, any children or young people enrolling for Parish Sacramental Programmes 2017-2018 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. All details of next year's Sacramental Programmes are available on the website.

Under the guidance of the Diocese, **Parish Children in School Year 2 from September 2017 who are not attending a Catholic Primary School** are required to attend RE Classes for the year in preparation for the Sacrament of Holy Communion Classes in year 3.

Information on our RE Classes will be available in the bulletin in due course. Any questions, please see Fr John or Mary Boland.

St Gregory's Gardening Club working party meeting is on Saturday 26th August at 11am to tidy up garden and grounds. Can you help? Even an hour is appreciated. Refreshments provided. Hope to finish by 3pm. Please rsvp Joe O'Connor 020 8445 6580 or Marjorie O'Connor 07515 910514

Barnet Waitrose are supporting the **Youth SVP through the green counter scheme during the month of August** - when shopping in Waitrose this month, please pick up a green counter (ask if they aren't available) and support this worthy cause! Thank you.

INFORMATION: Mass of Re-Consecration on Sunday 3rd September will begin at the United Reformed Church where we will process to our Church. Cardinal Vincent Nichols begins the Re-Consecration by opening the locked doors of our Church.

Certain seats will be reserved for those less able-bodied. Please let yourself be known by email to the presbytery. Please be prepared for the Church to be full and for the Mass to be at least two hours long so we do advise you bring a bottle of water. **All Sunday Masses the weekend of 2/3 September are cancelled, apart from the Sunday evening 6.30pm Mass.** This will enable us to prepare the hall and grounds for the celebration. There is no parking available in our Church car-park except for Blue Badge Holders - and spaces are limited and on a first come, first served basis (*the back car-park will be closed*). Please either walk, car-share or park in the surrounding streets.

We will update you regularly via the bulletin.

If you are able to help with the reception preparations, please contact Alison Nugent 07827 915136.

Apologies the Bucket 'Offertory' Collection did not take place last weekend. It will take place the weekend of 19/20 August. Thank you for your continued support.

A total of 76 pairs of spectacles & sunglasses were parcelled up and are now on their way to Zambia this week. We have now collected and sent over 800 pairs of specs and will reach our target of 1000 pairs. Thank you to all those who so generously sent in their spectacles at your parish. Fr David Cullen's parish in Chapata will be blessed with such generosity. Fr David will say a mass for your intentions in thanks for your generosity. Sharon & Andrea Church of Immaculate Conception, East Sussex.

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, Liam Kinsella, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Raymond Heagney, Evelyn McManamon, Ben Price, Rob Calrow, Amparo Abalos, Rita McKenna, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Maura Howells, Barnie Rowe, Suzanne Greig, Antonie Walsh, Fiona McManamon.

Sacrament of Baptism

Eleanor Williams, Olivia Williams, Grace Williams, Dana Vaughan, Flynn Hewitt, Luca Schofield, Sophie Scott Toplis