


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


# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

**Week 3      Year C**

"But love your enemies, and do good to them, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful."

What makes Christians different and what makes Christianity distinct from any other religion? It is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces saint and sinner alike. We need the grace of God to love our friends let alone our enemies. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us.

St Augustine taught about the two wings of prayer - the willingness to give and also to forgive.

"Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given you. These are the two wings of prayer on which it flies to God. Pardon the offender what has been committed, and give to the person in need" (*Sermon 205.3*). "Let us graciously and fervently perform these two types of almsgiving, that is, giving and forgiving, for we in turn pray the Lord to give us things and not to repay our evil deeds" (*Sermon 206.2*).

*Quote from the early church fathers: The virtue of charity, by St Ambrose of Milan, 339-397 A.D.*

"Love is commanded when it is said, 'Love your enemies'" so that the saying which was uttered already before the church may be fulfilled: 'Set in order love in me' (Song of Solomon 2:4). For love is set in order when the precepts of love are formed. See how it began from the heights and cast the law underneath the backs of the Gospel's blessing. The law commands the revenge of punishment (*see Exodus 21:23-36*). The gospel bestows love for hostility, benevolence for hatred, prayer for curses, help for the persecuted, patience for the hungry and grace of reward. How much more perfect the athlete who does not feel injury!" (excerpt from exposition of the Gospel of Luke 5.73)

**Fr John**

## Sunday 24 February 2019

- 18.30\* Mass  
 08.00 Mass Paul Fitzgerald +  
 09.30 Mass Maura Howells +  
 11.15 Mass Mary McGrath ann+  
 18.30 Mass Parish & People

### Monday 25

- 09.30 Morning Prayer  
 10.00 Mass Mike Thompson +  
 12.30 Alpha - PH  
 13.00 Mass at Chase Farm Hospital  
 17.30 Alpha Confirmation Year 9 - PH  
 19.30 Alpha - PH  
 20.00 RCIA - JP Room

### Tuesday 26

- 09.30 Morning Prayer  
 10.00 Mass Joseph Lonergan ann+  
 18.00 YOB - PH

### Wednesday 27

- 09.30 Morning Prayer  
 10.00 Mass Tricia Tebb +  
 11.00-18.00 ADORATION  
 13.00 Mass at Barnet Gen Hospital  
 16.00 Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

### Thursday 28

- 09.30 Morning Prayer  
 10.00 Mass Rhona Jarvis +  
 12.00 Office Closed for rest of the day

### Friday 1

#### St David

- 09.30 Morning Prayer  
 10.00 Mass Albert & Lena Williams +  
 11.00-12.30 ADORATION (please note change of time for today)  
 14.00 World Day of Prayer - C (see notices)  
 19.30 Praise & Worship - C (see notices)

### Saturday 2

- 09.30 Morning Prayer  
 09.30 RE Class - JP Room  
 10.00 Mass  
 18.30\* Mass Fr Richard Broderick +

### 3rd Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.00 Mass Elio Marcangelo +  
 09.30 Mass Parish & People  
 Holy Communion Session 6 - PH  
 11.15 Mass Dennis Dowling +  
 16.30 Confirmation Year 10 - PH  
 18.30 Mass

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## NOTICES

You are invited to an Evening Service with hymns & choral music led by the Elstree Singers with Terence Atkins as conductor (*John Ainslie is one of the singers*) on Wednesday 27th February at 8pm here in church. Entrance fee: donation! Please come along - all welcome.

**St Patrick's Night:** Saturday 16 March at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Tickets are £20.00 Adult, £10 children inc a hot supper. *Live music, dancers, licenced bar and Irish coffees.* Tickets will be available next weekend 23/24 February.

**Friends of St Martha/Jeanne Antide** meet on Sunday 3 March at 2.45pm. Pick up available outside the church at 2.30pm. Please telephone Sr Irene in advance.

**World Day of Prayer:** Friday 1st March at 2pm HERE in Church. 'Come - Everything Is Ready!' praying for Slovenia - a service for everyone. Followed by refreshments in the JP Room - all are welcome!

**Please note Adoration** will be from 10.30am-12.30pm today.

**Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony, Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8th June at 3pm.** The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019.

Please give the presbytery both your names, wedding date, full postal address and email (telephone number if no email) **no later than the 10th March 2019.**

**Please note** any emails received after the 10th March will not be accepted by the Diocese due to high attendance in the Cathedral.

'Come Worship with Us' this Friday 1st March. An evening of Praise & Worship, with Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration. Reconciliation from 7pm and throughout Mass. **Mass begins at 7.30pm. All are welcome!**

**Are you new to the Parish?** Please email the parish office to register your contact details if you are new and/or your details need updating. **Protecting your Privacy:** your personal details of yourself and family will be stored and used by the Parish/Diocese for admin and organisational purposes of the parish, this includes sharing those details with those who organise the activities and ministries that may be of interest to you. In addition, we would like to keep you informed of events of interest in the parish. If you do **NOT** wish for your personal details to be disclosed; please notify us in your email. Full details can be found at [rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy](http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/privacy-policy).

**Saturday RE Classes** for children attending non-Catholic schools starts next weekend. Dates are March 2nd, 16th & 30th. Time 9.30am-10.45am in the JP Room. All children in non-Catholic schools, from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to join the group.

**Ash Wednesday - 6th March: Day of Fasting & Abstinence** - Mass at 10.00am (*joined by children at St Catherine's Primary School*) and at 7.30pm (distribution of Ashes at both Masses).

'Letting God Draw Near: Finding God In All Things' a five week journey into Ignatian Spirituality, for Lent, led by Audrey Hamilton, from Mount Street Jesuit Centre, Wednesday evenings, starting 13th March 2019 at 7.30pm here in the parish hall, followed with refreshments. Suggested donation £5 per talk. Please email Audrey on [audrey@mountstreet.info](mailto:audrey@mountstreet.info) to register.

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Parish & Community

The Sick & Homebound

Sacrament of Baptism:

Recently died: Bernard Williams

## Music for the Liturgy

09.30 Mass

Entrance: 462

**Psalm:** The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

**Response to prayers:**

Cantor: We ask you Lord

**All: Listen to our prayer**

**Offertory:** Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor trials in the present, nor any trials to come: neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation, can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

**Communion:** Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name, bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life.

899

Going Forth: 849

**Music Co-Ordinator**  
Teresa O'Sullivan