


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


# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A warm welcome is extended to everyone

**Week 4      Year C**

“And Jesus began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth”.

When Jesus first proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom to his own townspeople at Nazareth (*Luke 4:23-27*), he did not hesitate to confront them with their sin of indifference and unbelief. Those around him said, ‘is this not Joseph's Son’ and they would not believe in him. As followers of Christ we all have to be careful not to become indifferent and lukewarm in front of God. Recalling the stirring words of Pope Francis speaking to young people at the World Youth Day in 2016 in Poland:

“In life there is dangerous kind of paralysis. It is not easy to put our finger on it. I like to describe it as the paralysis that comes from confusing happiness with a sofa or lounge settee. In other words, to think that in order to be happy all we need is a good sofa. A sofa that makes us feel comfortable, calm, safe. A sofa like one of those we have nowadays with a built-in massage unit to put us to sleep. A sofa that promises us hours of comfort so we can escape to the world of video games and spend all kinds of time in front of a computer screen. For many people in fact, it is much easier and better to have drowsy and dull kids who confuse happiness with a sofa. For many people, that is more convenient than having young people who are alert and searching, trying to respond to God's dream and to all the restlessness present in the human heart. The truth, though, is something else. Dear young people, we didn't come into this world to ‘vegetate’ to take it easy, to make our lives a comfortable sofa to fall asleep on. No, we came for another reason: to leave a mark, to make a difference”. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit may we allow God to work in our hearts so that we can truly make a difference in our world.

*Quote from the early church fathers: Could anyone refuse to love our God?, by Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 354-430 A.D.*

"These words having been read to the assembled people, all eyes focused on Jesus, wondering perhaps how he could read without having been taught. The Israelites used to say that the prophecies concerning Christ were fulfilled, either in the persons of some of their more glorious kings or at least in the holy prophets. They did not correctly understand what was written about him, so they missed the true direction and traveled down another path. He carefully guards against error by saying, 'This day is this prophecy fulfilled in your ears,' that they might not again misinterpret the present prophecy. He expressly set himself before them in these words, as the person spoken of in the prophecy."

**Fr John**

## Sunday 3rd February 2019

- 18.30\*** Mass Christie McDonnell +  
**08.00** Mass Elio Marcangelo +  
**09.30** Mass Maura Howells +  
*(Children's Liturgy)*  
*Holy Communion Session 4 - PH*  
**11.15** Mass Parish & People  
**16.30** Confirmation Year 10 - PH  
**18.30** Mass George Ennis +

## Monday 4

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass Nicole Eyles +  
**12.30** Alpha - PH  
**17.30** Yr 9 Confirmation - PH  
**19.30** Alpha - PH  
**19.30** HC Parents Meeting - **Church**  
**20.00** RCIA - JP Room

## Tuesday 5

### St Agatha

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass Kevin Bradley +  
**18.00** YOB - PH  
**19.45** KSC 560 - PH

## Wednesday 6

### St Paul Miki & Companions

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

## Thursday 7

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass John & Peter Gibbons ann+  
**12.00** Office Closed for rest of the day

## Friday 8

### St Josephine Bakita

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass Michelle O'Connor +  
**11.00-18.00** ADORATION

## Saturday 9

- 09.30** Morning Prayer  
**10.00** Mass Christine Cunningham +  
**18.30\*** Mass Patrick McDonnell +

## 10th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 08.00** Mass  
**09.30** Mass Richard Horgan ann +  
*(Children's Liturgy)*  
*Holy Communion Session 5 - PH*  
**11.15** Mass Angela Driscoll +  
**18.30** Mass Parish & People

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## NOTICES

**Life Ascending (Barnet) Group** meet on Tuesday 5th February in the JP Room after the 10am Mass. Refreshments available. Discussion on prayer - how do you pray? All most welcome, so please join us for the morning.

**What is Alpha?** Do you have questions about the Christian Faith no one has ever really answered? Have you wondered whether Christianity is relevant to your life? Have you ever thought, "there must be more to life than this?"

**Alpha** is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation.

We start with a meal because it's a great way to encourage community and get to know each other. Then there's a talk, these are designed to engage and inspire conversation. **Come along this Monday at 12.30pm (lunchtime) or at 7.30pm (evening) in the parish hall.**

**St Catherine's Nursery:** application deadline for September 2019 intake is Friday 22nd March 2019. Application forms can be found on our website. Tour dates are Friday 8th February at 9.15am and Friday 1st March at 9.15am. Should you wish to attend please contact the school office to register your interest. Email [office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net) or telephone 020 8440 4946.

**CCP Information - please read:** We received notification from St Catherine's that they no longer require the Parish Priest to sign the CCP for nursery admissions. Please check with the school regarding Primary School admissions.

**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. The term's dates are February 16th and March 2nd, 16th & 30th. Time 9.30am-10.45am in the JP Room (next door to the presbytery). All children in non-Catholic schools, from Reception to Year 6 are welcome to join the group to learn more about their Catholic faith.

**DVD Showing of 'The Song of Bernadette'** on Tuesday 12th February at 2pm in the **parish hall**. Refreshments provided. All donations will go towards the Youth SVP's fundraising for their Lourdes Pilgrimage this Summer. All welcome! (*See notice in the porch*)

**CAFOD Talk with Q&As - 'The struggle for social and environmental Justice in the Brazilian Amazon'**. Wednesday 6th Feb 2.30pm-4pm at CAFOD's Volunteer Centre at Christ the King Church, 1st Floor, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood, N14 4HE. Please contact Tony Sheen for details & to book a place. [tsheen@cafod.org.uk](mailto:tsheen@cafod.org.uk)

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Parish & Community**

**The Sick & Homebound**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Recently died**

## Music for the Liturgy

### 09.30 Mass

**Entrance:** 819

**Psalm:** My lips will tell of your help O Lord, and your justice day after day.

**Response to prayers:**

Cantor: We ask you Lord

**All: Listen to our prayer**

**Offertory:** 779

**Communion:** Love, love, Jesus is love. God's greatest gift is the gift of love. All creation sings together, praising God for love.

979

**Going Forth:** 794