


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


# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**A warm welcome is extended to everyone**

**Please take this bulletin home**

Year A

Week 2

“For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Jesus made it very clear that the essence of God's law - his commandments and way of life, must be fulfilled. God's law is true and righteous because it flows from his love, goodness, and holiness. God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. If we want to live righteously as God desires for us, then we must know and understand the intention of God's commands for us, and decide in our heart to obey the Lord. Jesus promised his disciples that he would give them the gift of the Holy Spirit who writes God's law of love and truth on our hearts. The Holy Spirit teaches us God's truth and gives us wisdom and understanding of God's ways. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, strengthens us in temptation, and transforms us, day by day, into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Merciful Saviour and Humble Lord. There is great blessing and reward for those who obey God's commandments and who encourage others, especially the younger generations, to love, respect, and obey the Lord. This weekend let us ask the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with a burning desire and reverence for God's life-giving word so that we may grow day by day in the wisdom and knowledge of God's love, truth, and goodness.

*Quote from the early church fathers: What you teach, you should do, by Chromatius (died 406 AD)*

"While it is sinful to abolish the least of the commandments, all the more so the great and most important ones. Consequently nothing in the divine commandments must be abolished, nothing altered. Everything must be preserved and taught faithfully and devotedly that the glory of the heavenly kingdom may not be lost. For this reason, not only words but also deeds are important; and you should not only teach, but what you teach, you should do." (excerpt from Tractate on Matthew 20.2.1-3) Fr John

## The God Who Speaks

### Parish Lent Retreat

**Saturday 21st March 2020**

**10.00am to 4.00pm here in Church**

[please put the date in your diary]

### Sunday 16 February 2020

- 18.30\*** Mass Owen & Kathleen  
McElroy and Colm Duffy +
- 08.00** Mass Carmeno & Carmena  
Vassallo +
- 09.30** Mass Antonio D'Souza +
- 11.15** Mass Parish & People
- 18.30** Transformation Mass  
Josephine & Stephen Hosty +

### Monday 17

- 09.30** Morning Prayer
- 10.00** Mass Family (int)
- 11.00-18.00** Adoration in Church
- 11.00** Meditation - C (all welcome)

### Tuesday 18

#### OFFICE CLOSED

- 09.30** Morning Prayer
- 10.00** Mass Keith Shelley +

### Wednesday 19

- 09.30** Morning Prayer
- 10.00**

### Thursday 20

- 09.30** Morning Prayer
- 10.00** Mass
- 14.00-18.00** Adoration in Church

### Friday 21 St Peter Damian

- 09.30** Morning Prayer
- 10.00** Mass

### Saturday 22 The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

- 09.30** Morning Prayer
- 10.00** Mass Anselm Vaz +
- 18.30\*** Mass Audrey Bagge +

### Sunday 23 Seventh in Ordinary Time

- 08.00** Mass
- 09.30** Mass Antonio John D'Souza +
- 11.15** Mass Parish & People
- 18.30** Mass

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## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Sick & Housebound:** .

**Recently Died:** Sister Mary, Ted Baraniak and Mary Jordemaina

## PARISH NOTICES

It is with deep sadness to inform that Sister Mary died this week. May she rest in peace. Please keep the Sisters of St Gilda's in your prayers during this sad time. **Sister Mary's Funeral Mass is here on Thursday 27th February, 10am.**

**Ash Wednesday, a day of Fasting and Abstinence is the 26th February.**

Mass is at 10am (St Catherine's children will be attending this Mass) and at 7.30pm (*with distribution of ashes at both Masses*).

**The parish office** is open during half term (*except Tuesday*) but on limited hours. Please telephone before visiting.

**Adoration this week** is on this Monday 11.00am-6.00pm but not on Thursday. Please spare an hour to spend time with Jesus - list is in the porch.

**Saturday RE Classes:** The term's dates are: 29 February and 14 & 28 March 2020. 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.

**FSSA Zambia Quiz Night:** Saturday 29th February, 7.30pm in the parish hall. Please bring your own drink. Proceeds will go towards the orphan school children in Zambia. Tickets are £10 each (inc ploughman's lunch) available from Bridget Sawyer, 8449 7914.

**Date for your diary: St Patrick's Night:** Saturday 14 March at 7.30pm in the parish hall - details to follow.

"I am pleased to share the figure of the knife bin outside our church. A total of 104 knives/bladed items and an assortment of scissors, a crossbow, small samurai sword and kitchen knives were removed from the Knife Bin. We are really encouraged to see

this successful first collection from your knife bin. For us, 'one knife is potentially one life saved' - so we are pleased to see the amount and range of knives inside the bin. Thank you for your support." *Camara, Charity Manager, Word 4 Weapons.*

**Friends of St Martha** meet on Sunday 1st March at 2.45pm. A lift will be available if necessary outside the church at 2.30pm. Please contact me, Sister Irene.

**World Day of Prayer 2020** 'Praying with Zimbabwe' Service is on Friday 6th March, 2pm at St Stephen's Church, Bells Hill. Speaker: Janet McKenzie. All welcome. Followed by refreshments. Prepared by Christian Women of Zimbabwe.

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony,** Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 30th May 2020 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2020. Please provide the parish office with husband and wife's names, wedding date, full address and email (*telephone number if no email*) by 28th March the latest.

## Music for the Liturgy 9.30am Mass

**Entrance:** O Word of God, come into this space. O Word of God, come send us your grace. Open our minds, show us your truth. Transform our lives anew.

**Psalm:** A lamp for my steps, a light for my path. Your word, O Lord, brings joy to my heart.

**Response to prayers:** Listen to our prayer (x2)

**Offertory:** 792

**Communion:** Walk in my ways, the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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**Going Forth:** 820

## 11.15am Mass

**Entrance:** 934

**Response to prayers:** Listen to our prayer (x2)

**Offertory:** 893

**Communion:** 815

**Going Forth:** 821



## 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 designed to engage and inspire conversation.

**Come along this Monday at 7.45 pm in the parish hall.**