

Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate
and St Gregory the Great

Fourth Sunday of Lent

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU



Sunday 22 March

Michael Ryan +
People of the Parish
Marjorie Rickard +
Eileen Hart & Margaret Dunn +
Maureen Noonan ann+

Monday 23 March

Frank Counihan (int)

Tuesday 24 March

Philomena Smythe (int)

Wednesday 25 March

The Annunciation

Joseph Lonergan +

Thursday 26 March

Collette Brewerton ann+

Friday 27 March

John D'Souza +

Saturday 28 March

Sean Jacob (int)
Peter Howard +

Sunday 29

Fifth Sunday in Lent

People of the Parish
Marie Delaney (int)
Patrick Fallis +
Peter Conlon (int)

For your prayers

Parish Community

Church

Sick & Housebound

Recently Departed

RCIA Catechumens

Holy Communicants

Confirmands

Young people & teachers

NHS & Key Workers

Coronavirus Recovery

Jesus asked the blind man - 'do you believe in the Son of Man? You are looking at him. He is speaking to you.' The man replied 'Lord I believe' and worshipped Jesus.'

Remember the gospel of last Sunday - the Samaritan woman at the well, meeting Jesus and receiving the water of life and faith. He recognises Jesus as the Messiah and Saviour. Reading this in church or at home - we have been blessed with the same gifts. Whatever our circumstances or the state of the world - Jesus stands with us - His arms outstretched in perfect love. Our celebration of Holy Week and Easter this year will be different; perhaps more REAL in our current dilemmas. Let us listen to the voice of Christ over these coming days.

Fr John

A pastoral letter from Cardinal Vincent and the Vatican website: Our chief diocesan shepherd writes to us with information and support. Our local bishop, John Sherrington, has also been in contact. This is all totally new and uncharted territory for them as for each one of us. Please take a pastoral letter home with you (*for virus reasons - please don't leave it behind*). The Mass of Pope Francis is available every day on the website with an English commentary. For EWTN: Catholic TV Channel: Sky 588 at 12pm every day and 6pm Mon to Sat.

PARISH LIFE!

All week day and Sunday Masses have ceased until further notice.

The church will remain open every day from 12 noon to 6.00pm. Please do call in (*social distancing and hygiene standards must be in place at all times*).

Fr John will celebrate a 'private' Mass each day for the mass intentions booked (*Sundays will be read all at the one Mass*). **This Mass will be live streamed every day at 10am** (*unless Fr John is called out on an emergency*). We are encouraged to participate in 'spiritual communion' on Sundays.

If you are having trouble accessing our parish Mass, daily masses are also being streamed by various parishes - please visit www.churchservices.tv - a list of these are available on the table in the church. (*yellow paper*). Please take a copy away with you and follow the instructions. **Do make sure you are connected to WiFi before you join.**

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On Wednesday 25 March - we will have a Prayer of Intercession for the Coronavirus Recovery in Church between 7.30pm and 9.30pm. This is a drop-in time. Come and go as you wish. We will plead before our Eucharistic Lord who always hears our prayers. Social distancing and hygiene must be adhered to at all times.

Keep in touch: we are working on putting together a group of volunteers, who will be available to assist as much as possible during the coming weeks, those who are self-isolated, the elderly and those who are living alone with no family locally. If you need aid with shopping, picking up medication, posting mail or just a simple chat on the telephone, please contact the presbytery by **telephoning 020 8449 3338** (*leave a message if no reply*) or by email at **barnet@rcdow.org.uk** someone will get back to you.

It is important if you feel unwell and are showing symptoms of the Coronavirus (**consistent cough and temperature over 37.8c**) to call NHS 111 straight away. Our volunteers will not be able to assist you with questions about the virus.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation for our young people are deferred until further notice. Please keep them in your prayers.

Barnet Foodbank: we have been informed that we can keep any food donations in our parish to distribute ourselves to those in need. If you can help donate any non-perishable goods, please place them in the box in the porch - this will help others who can't get out to buy food. Long life milk, tinned potatoes and/or vegetables, long life juice or squash, pasta and/or sauces, hygiene products are to name a few. Any remaining goods will eventually be handed over to the Chipping Barnet Foodbank. Thank you for your generosity.

Hope Corner Community Centre: will deliver lunch to you on a Monday and Thursday between 12.30pm and 1.00pm - this will be available for the isolated elderly, vulnerable or in any of the 'risk' groups. please call 020 8364 8756.

Updates: please regularly check our parish website **parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet** and our facebook page for up to date information (*especially if you can't get to Church*). Our Newsletter will be uploaded onto the parish website each week. Please go to our website - on the main page, to the left are a row of orange/yellow boxes - double click the yellow box marked NEWSLETTER and then click on the relevant date. The main page will be regularly updated with current information as and when we receive it. Do regularly check this.

The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Matrimony 30th May 2020 regrettably is cancelled. The Diocese will look at ways in which they can mark your anniversary and will let us know in due course. The Cardinal deeply regrets not being able to share this day with you and asks that we remain united through prayer.

To follow the Mass, daily prayers, readings at home, many of you can take advantage of the free access to Magnificat online, log in at www.magnificat.com/free For those of you not online, they are offering a special one-off four month subscription. Please call Margaret on 020 7448 3607 between 9.30-5pm Mon to Fri.

'Even if we cannot all gather together physically, we can keep each other in our prayers. Be sure to stay safe and follow Government advice. By doing this we are protecting our neighbour and acting in love towards each other.' (Caritas Westminster).

