

Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10th May

Sister Irene (int)
Parish & People
Bernard Eason +
Graydon Gold +
Sister Mary +

Monday 11

Sean & James Kelly +
& Eileen Taddie +

Tuesday 12

Ss Nereus and Achilleus
Bernard Eason +
Mary Pointet +

Wednesday 13

Our Lady of Fatima
No Mass

Thursday 14

St Matthias, Apostle
Mary Spellman +

Friday 15

Private Intention

Saturday 16

Fr Arulneson +

Sunday 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Bernard Eason +
Bridie Carolan +
Gerald Crowley +
Parish & People

For your prayers

Parish Community
Church

Sick & Housebound
Recently Departed

RCIA Catechumens
Holy Communicants

Confirmands

Young people & teachers

NHS & Key Workers

Coronavirus Recovery

"Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also."

During this international crisis, it is very understandable that we encounter a whole range of challenges and trials, shaking our confidence and trust in God. Jesus knew that his disciples would be put to the test when their Master was taken from them during his suffering and passion. Jesus encouraged his disciples to put their faith and hope in God the Father and also in himself.

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, God comes to question each one of us: when adversity or trouble comes our way, does this make me lose hope and give into fear and despair, or does it press me closer to the Lord Jesus Christ? One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the living God in a personal way. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus, the only begotten Son of the Father, is to see what God is like. In Jesus we see the perfect love of God - a God who cares intensely about us, even to the point of laying down his life upon the Cross. As a parish community, God is calling us this week, into a deeper intimacy and union with Himself, offering us life and hope.

Fr John

(Looking forward to the day when we can celebrate together!)

Holy Spirit Encounter Course

FRIDAYS 7.30pm



For our dear parishioners who are not online, please read the following so you are still part of our parish journey in faith. If you can join us, please do anytime, just visit the parish website to register.

BAPTISM IN THE SPIRIT & FIRE 'He will Baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire - Mt 3:11'. Jesus came to Baptise us in the Holy Spirit, and the power and grace that comes from the Baptism in the Holy Spirit changes lives. For the millions of Catholics worldwide who have had this experience it is a transforming grace that brings freedom, peace and the very presence of God. Unfortunately for many Catholics the term "baptism in the Holy Spirit" is not a term with which they are familiar. In this segment we will discuss what the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is all about.

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NOTICES

MASS IS STREAMED LIVE

go to: parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet

MON

6.30pm MASS

(rosary & evening prayer said privately)

TUES to SUN

(except Weds)

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am MASS

10.30am Praying of the Rosary

6.30pm Evening Prayer



Children's Liturgy of the Word: many families are joining us for the live-streamed Mass on Sundays at 10am. Next weekend, we will be attaching to this Sunday Newsletter a reflection/activity for the young children to either prepare for Mass or to do during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. This is designed for 'junior' and/or 'young' children.

Please remember in your prayers our Holy Communion Children who would have been making their first Holy Communion in the month of May:



3rd May: Thomas Boland, Joanna Cadbury, Maria Carboni, Amelia Eldridge, Toby Fox, Leo Gallagher, Adam Grzankowski, Siao-Siao Guo, Isabell Henry, Darcie Ivers, Aoife Rooney, Harry Salway, Bonnie Sidney, Kehinde & Taiwo Sonaiké, Amelia Zegar and their families.

10th May: Sophia Allis, Amelia Bennett, Ruby Castiglione, Queenie Connors, Megan & Sam Furey, Jacob Golding-Cartnage, Daniel & Philip Kay, Lyla May Limerick, Grace O'Malley, Sienna Siska, Mikolaj Wieleba, Gabriella Wigernas and their families.

(The children who would have been making their first communion on the 17th and 24th May will be prayed for next Sunday.)

We look forward to celebrating their Sacrament with them after lockdown.

Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including: Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, Maria Wallace, Mariella Mansi, Liam Kinsella, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Ben Price, Rob Calrow, Amparo Abalos, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Suzanne Greig, Marina Melinta, Diane Faller, Roberto Lusignani, Leonor Driscoll, Anne McLoughlin, Melanie Farrell, Delia Ward, John Lever, Jeanette Fernandes, Aishleen Sheeran, Elaine Brennan, Sarah Macdonald, Julie Loh, Veronica Soosay, George Buhagiar, Mark O'Brien, Margaret Bailey, Marlene Hollocks, Fr Antony Conlon, Christine East, Kathleen Flynn.

Those who have recently departed and their families: Celia Fernando, Neville Fernando.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES / DONATIONS TO THE PARISH

Some parishioners have asked how to give a donation. The parish relies on your financial support, even more so, in these difficult circumstances. **There are two options. Our account details are:** HSBC Bank plc. **Account:** 31266276. **Sort code:** 40-05-20 Please make sure your **Reference** with your payment has your **Surname** followed by your choice of donation: a) **Offertory Envelope number** (if you are continuing your offertory envelopes) or b) **BUILD**.

Thank you for your continued support at this difficult time

During the time of receiving Communion: you may wish to say the Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

May is the month of Mary and the rosary is a beautiful prayer during difficulties. We reflect, through Mary's eyes, on the major events of her son's life.



Please join Fr John as he live-stream's the praying of the Rosary after the 10am Mass most weekdays (see notices for details).

Barnet Foodbank: is available for any donations you may have. Sadly our doors are closed but they are open for donations at Mary Immaculate & St Peter's Church, 63 Somerset Road, New Barnet, EN5 1RF. They are in need of non-perishable goods but desperate for tinned potatoes, tinned meat and rice. **Their doors are open: Mon 7.30pm-8.30pm. Tues: 12pm-2pm, Thurs: 10am-11am and Sat: 10am-12pm.** Thank you for your continued support during lockdown. It's wonderful to continue helping an ever increasing number of vulnerable individuals and families.

Every Thursday in May: Mass is being offered by a Bishop for NHS and care workers (*before we clap at 8pm*). **14 May:** Bishop Byrne St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle (*youtube*), **21 May:** Bishop Mark Davies, Our Lady Help of Christians & St Peter of Alcantara, Shrewsbury and **28 May:** Bishop Terence Drainey, St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough (*youtube*).

CAFOD launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30th April. The effects of this virus on the countries where they work are likely to be devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed more than ever to protect them. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal thank you for your continued support.

Message from St Michael's Catholic Grammar School

We are currently continuing with our Admissions timetable as set out for entry September 2021 and the same deadlines apply. Please check our website: www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/school/admissions-2021-22 for the updated information and forms on changes that have been implemented due to social distancing restrictions. Completed applications can be submitted electronically to admissions@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk. Any changes required to reflect Government direction with lockdown will be announced on the school website. Please check it to stay up to date.

 **Keep In Touch:** we have in place a lovely group of volunteers who are available to assist as much as possible during the coming weeks especially for those who are self-isolated, the elderly and who are living alone with no local family able to help. If you need help, please contact the presbytery by telephoning 020 8449 3338 (*leave a message if no reply*) or by email at barnet@rcdow.org.uk