



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B / Week 2

Peace Sunday

16th/17th January 2021**6.00pm*** Parishioners (int)**9.00am (Mass is live-streamed too)**

Jacobus van Dijk ann+

11.30am (Mass is live-streamed too)

Nora & Raymond Panczak (int)

6.00pm Jenny Mansur (int)**Monday 18 (Mass is live-streamed too)****6.30pm** Liam Kinsella +**Tuesday 19****10.00am** Martin Murphy +**Wednesday 20**

No Mass

Thursday 21**10.00am** Jonathan Stephens & Family (int)**Friday 22****10.00am:** Kinsella Family (int)

6.00pm-7.00pm Adoration

Saturday 23**6.00pm*** Paddy Cahill ann+**Sunday 24 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time****9.00am (Mass is live-streamed too)**

Johnny Learoyd +

11.30am (Mass is live-streamed too)

Margaret Eason (int)

6.00pm Martin Murphy +

*vigil mass (sat)

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What are you seeking, what are you looking for?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see."

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus asks his disciples one of the most fundamental and foundational questions of life: "What are you looking for, what are you seeking?" Jesus asks each one of us now the same question: "What are you searching for? Do you know the meaning and purpose for your life?" Only God, the Father and Author of life, can answer that question and make our purpose fully known to us. That is why the Lord Jesus Christ invites each one of us to draw near to himself. He wants us to know him personally - to know that he came to us so that we may have life and have life in abundance.

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: The first disciples longing for the Messiah, by St John Chrysostom (349-407 AD)

"Andrew, after having stayed with Jesus and after having learned what he did, did not keep the treasure to himself but hurries and races to his brother in order to let him know the good things Jesus has shared with him. But why hasn't John mentioned what they talked about? How do we know this is why they 'stayed with him'?... Observe what Andrew says to his brother, 'We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ.' You see how, in a short time, he demonstrates not only the persuasiveness of the wise teacher but also his own longing that he had from the beginning. For this word, 'we have found,' is the expression of a soul that longs for his presence, looking for his coming from above, and is so ecstatic when what he is looking for happens that he hurries to tell others the good news. This is what brotherly and sisterly affection, natural friendship, is all about."

Fr John

NB: Starting today, Sunday Masses 9am and 11.30am and Monday 6.30pm Mass will be live-streamed, the link for these Masses are available through our parish website.

Some of you may have to isolate for one reason or another, living on your own with no local family able to help you or feeling a bit lonely. We have in place a lovely group of volunteers who are available to assist as much as they can. If you need help or just a friendly voice on the telephone for a chat, please don't hesitate to contact the presbytery by calling 0208 449 3338 (please leave a message on the answerphone if there is no reply) or by email barnet@rcdow.org.uk we will get back to you. Fr John

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including:

Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Irene Jones, Ivor Francis, Maria Wallace, Mariella Mansi, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Ben Price, Rob Calrow, Amparo Abalos, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Suzanne Greig, Marina Melinta, Roberto Lusignani, Leonor Driscoll, Anne McLoughlin, Delia Ward, John Lever, Jeanette Fernandes, Aishleen Sheeran, Elaine Brennan, Sarah Macdonald, Julie Loh, Veronica Soosay, George Buhagiar, Mark O'Brien, Marlene Hollocks, Fr Antony Conlon, Kathleen Flynn, Agnes Day, Rita Rawlings, Mary Stella Soosay, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly.

For an end of the spread of the virus and the distribution of the vaccine. For all those who have been tested positive at this time and for all our key-workers.

Recently died: Nicola Evans, Theresa Fanning, Norma Tongson.

CHURCHES TOGETHER FOR CHIPPING BARNET - WINTER SHELTER

As you know, we have taken part over the years in the Night Shelter for the Homeless. Due to the pandemic, some provision has been made, but many remain on our streets, including here in Barnet. In response to this, Together in Barnet, in conjunction with Homeless Action Barnet, has managed to secure 16 en-suite rooms in a hotel in Golder's Green, and will soon safely be housing those who would usually be our night shelter guests.

However, our guests still need food. We are hoping to supply dinner and breakfast. It is hoped, depending on the response we receive, to commit to one evening a week to supply these meals for sixteen. We are also collecting toiletries for our guests.

We need:

Volunteers to cook a meal and put these in individual containers (these will be provided).

Volunteers to provide breakfast - individual boxes of cereal or microwaveable porridge etc.,

Volunteers to collect the food and drive it to Golders Green for 7pm.

Two volunteers to set up a table and serve food at 7pm. (*This is done outdoors/large airy room and served safely for all*).

If you can help: please email the presbytery and we will forward your name and details to the relevant person. Thank you for your support.

Peace Sunday - 17 January 2021

Pax Christi invites you to mark Peace Sunday, amplifying the World Peace Day message by Pope Francis, who asks us to reflect on 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace'. You can find the whole message of Pope Francis on the webpage and more information on how we can share the gospel message of peace.

Pax Christi depends very much on your kind donations towards their work of peace. Please help if you can. Details on how you can donate to this worthy cause is on their parish website.

Please visit: paxchristi.org.uk for information.

New Year's Resolution: Make a difference with CAFOD as a volunteer. CAFOD Westminster is looking for volunteers, who care about global poverty, to help us inspire others to act here, so we can tackle poverty and injustice across the developing world.

Are you a people-person who would relish involving and encouraging others? Are you a good communicator who would enjoy speaking about our work in a parish or school.

Please get in touch with us on westminster@cafod.org.uk or 020 8449 6970 to find out more and book a place on one of our CAFOD online information sessions.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

All events will be held over Zoom this year. **Main Service:** by Rev Shaun Saunders, minister of the Wesley Hall Methodist Church, **speaker:** Rev Dominic Grant, (*recently joined as minister of Barnet, Wood St & St Andrews URC*) is on **Wednesday 20 January, 7.30pm.**

Worship and Prayer at 12.30pm: Mon 18, Tue 19, Thu 21 and Fri 22 January. Sat 23rd is at 9am.

Zoom link: <http://us02web.zoom.us/j/7400603956?pwd=eTJnK2hRQ1NrRFR5QkRycQ4TIJMZz09>

Meeting ID: 740 060 3956 **Passcode:** January.

There will be an opportunity to stay and chat in smaller groups for those who wish to do so.

LATEST UPDATE - PLEASE READ

We are blessed to continue worshipping together at Mass as the government recognises we are essential for the well-being of many people. However, we are aware of the growing concern about the safety of older vulnerable people and those who need to isolate and advise you to continue to remain at home. You can join us virtually as Mass is live-streamed Monday evenings at 6.30pm.

Be assured that safety measures are in place for the priest and people: please assist us by following what we have in place to keep everyone safe and our church doors to remain open.

PLEASE REMEMBER:-

1. Keep socially distanced from one another.
2. When you enter the church, always wear a mask (*unless you're exempt*).
3. Sanitise your hands when entering and exiting the church.
4. To sit on the marked area of the bench only (*unless guided otherwise by a steward*).
5. To remain in your seat during Mass until communion (*or in an emergency*).
6. To use the one-way system.
7. To not gather together in conversation with friends/parishioners before/after Mass. We know how difficult this is, but it is for your safety and the safety of others.

If you have any coronavirus symptoms (*a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste*), get a test and remain at home.

**If you test positive and have been to Mass recently
please notify the presbytery immediately**

ALPHA COURSE ONLINE

Exploring the big questions of life

Do you have questions about the Christian faith no one has ever really answered? Have you wondered whether Christianity is relevant to your life? During this time of pandemic, have you thought, 'there must be more to life than this?'

Join us online on Monday evenings, starting Monday 25th January, 8.00pm to 9.15pm to explore the big questions of life. Enjoy an evening meeting new people, watching a video and having a discussion on faith, life and meaning.

Please email barnetalpha.com to register. All are welcome - please share with family and/or friends and work colleagues

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