



# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B / Week 3

## 23rd/24th January 2021

**6.00pm\*** Paddy Cahill ann+

**9.00am** (*Mass is live-streamed too*)

Johnny Learoyd +

**11.30am** (*Mass is live-streamed too*)

Margaret Eason (int)

**6.00pm** Martin Murphy +

**Monday 25** (*Mass is live-streamed too*)

**6.30pm** Liam Kinsella +

## Tuesday 26

**10.00am** Eilish Lonergan +

## Wednesday 27

No Mass

## Thursday 28

**10.00am** Anita Hammond & Family (int)

## Friday 29

**10.00am** Paddy Bagge & Family (int)

*6.00pm-7.00pm Adoration*

## Saturday 30

**6.00pm\*** Martin Murphy +

## Sunday 31 - Fourth in Ordinary Time

**9.00am** (*Mass is live-streamed too*) Mary Jane Meade +

**11.30am** (*Mass is live-streamed too*) Wendy Hilda Fiveash +

**6.00pm** Patrick Lynch +  
Christiane Saide +

*\*vigil mass (sat)*

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Good News."

What is the Gospel of God which Jesus came to preach to us in High Barnet? The word "gospel" literally means "good news". In olden times, when a king had good news to deliver to his subjects he sent messengers or heralds throughout the land to make a public announcement - such as the birth of a newborn king or the victory over an invading army. Similarly, God sent his prophets to announce the coming of God's Kingdom and Messiah. What is the kingdom of God? The word "kingdom" means something more than a territory or an area of land. It literally means "sovereignty" or "reign" and the power to "rule" and exercise authority. The prophets announced that God would establish a kingdom not just for one nation or people but for the whole world.

God reminds us today that there are two conditions for entering the kingdom of God – repentance and belief.

How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news, Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do to in order to receive the kingdom of God: repent and believe. When we submit to Christ's rule in our lives and believe the gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom.

Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, disposition, and life choices so that Christ can be the Lord and Master of my heart rather than sin, selfishness, and greed. To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognise that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace and friendship with himself. He is our Father and he wants us to live as his sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. **Fr John**

**Sunday Masses 9am and 11.30am and Monday 6.30pm Mass will be live-streamed, the link for Mass is available on our parish website: [parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet)**

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 you. If you need help or just a friendly voice on the telephone for a chat, please don't hesitate to contact the presbytery: 020 8449 3338 (*please leave a message on the answerphone if there is no reply*) or by email [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk) we will get back to you. **Fr John**

## 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, Mary Harris.

**Recently died:** Paul Sutherland

## 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, 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](mailto:barnetalpha.com) to register and we will forward you the zoom link. All are welcome!

## 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**

## Parish Database

Before Christmas, we sent out to each parishioner a letter asking you to notify us of your household details in order to update our parish database. Thank you to those who have responded. If you did not receive a letter from Fr John, apologies, please email the presbytery and we will contact you.

There are a large number of you who we are waiting to hear from. Please spend just a few minutes filling in the form and returning it in the stamp addressed envelope provided. We really would like to keep in touch with you. We can't do this unless your details are correct on our system. Thank you.

## Parish Staff Contact Information

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