



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Week 1 Year B

Sunday 2nd May 2021

6pm* Liam Kinsella +

9am: Walter Vassallo +

11.30am Bridget Mary Lyons +

6pm: Eileen Walsh & Patrick Folan +

Monday 3

SS Philip & James

6.30pm: Maura Rice +

Tuesday 4

The English Martyrs

10am: Ivor Francis +

Wednesday 5

NO MASS

Thursday 6

10am Mary Cahill (int)

Friday 7

10am: Linda Atkinson (int)

7pm: Transformation Mass

(see parish notices)

Saturday 8

6pm* Andrew Ferguson & Joan Westcott & Christine Griffiths (int)

9th: Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am: Martha D'Souza (int)

11.30am Beatrice Efedua +

6pm: Paddy Lucid ann +

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If a man does not abide in me, he is cast forth as a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.

This weekend we are presented with another description of our Saviour Jesus – the Lord calls himself the true vine reminding us that no one can grow in spiritual fruitfulness and moral goodness unless they are rooted in God and in his life-giving word. Religious observance and Mass attendance are great but we as a Parish are always called to grow deeper into Him. Jesus makes a claim which only God can make - he is the true source of life that sustains us and makes us fruitful in living the abundant life which God has for us.

Eastertide Prayer: “Lord Jesus, may I be one with you in all that I say and do. Draw me closer that I may glorify you and bear fruit for your kingdom. In flame my heart with your love and remove from it anything that would make me ineffective or unfruitful in loving and serving you as my All.”

Eastertide Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Cleansed by Jesus' word, by Basil the Great, 329-379 A.D. “So the world - life enslaved by carnal passions - can no more receive the grace of the Spirit than a weak eye can look at the light of a sunbeam. First the Lord cleansed his disciples' lives through his teaching, and then he gave them the ability to both see and contemplate the Spirit. He says, 'You are already made clean by the word I have spoken to you' (John 15:3). Therefore 'the world cannot receive him, because it neither sees him nor knows him... You know him, for he dwells with you' (John 14:17).

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, Maria Wallace, Mariella Mansi, Margaret Greaney, Maurice Hunt, Ben Price, Amparo Abalos, Linda Quilter, Stasia Gallagher, Suzanne Greig, Marina Melinta, Roberto Lusignani, Leonor Driscoll, 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, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Paddy Falvey, Terry Loftus, Joan Ferguson, John Bridgeman, Patrick Boland, Ouida Jayasuriya.

Recently Died: Sue McCormick, Anna Maria Pizza

Offertory Envelopes: Over the next few weeks, your offertory envelope box will be hand delivered or placed in the post to you as we appreciate you may not be able to collect.

We will soon be claiming the income tax you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying income tax, your details are incorrect or you have transferred your offering to direct debit, please email the parish office barnet@rcdow.org.uk

Transformation

Adoration Praise Encounter Healing

An evening of praise & worship

Healing with Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 7th May @ 7.30pm

Socially distanced seating on a first come, first serve basis. All welcome!

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony, via live stream from Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 15th May at 3.00pm. The Cardinal will be celebrating a live-streamed Mass for all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2021. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please forward to the presbytery, your address & email, both names and date of your marriage. These details will be sent to the organisers of this celebration. An Order of Service can be downloaded from the cathedral website before the event: www.westminstercathedral.org.uk

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