

## Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



# **ALL SAINTS**

Week 3 Year B

#### Sunday 31st October 2021:

6pm\* Margaret Geiger +
8.30am: Walter Kingsley +
10.30am: John Brooks ann +
6pm: Betty & Dermot

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#### Mon 1st Nov

(Church open 10am-6pm) 6.00pm: Tom & Mary Lloyd +

#### Tues 2 All Souls Day

(Church open 10am-6pm) 9.30am Morning prayer 10am: Funeral Mass: Caterina Speroni +

Wed 3 NO MASS (parish office closed)

## Thurs 4 St Charles Borremeo

10am: Sheila Kinsella ann +

#### Fri 5

(Church open 10am-7pm) 9.30am Morning prayer 10am: Margaret Simons + (1.30pm: Christian Meditation) 6pm: NO ADORATION

7.30pm: Transformation Mass

#### Sat 6

(9.30am: RE Class - JP Room) 6pm\* Sheila & Liam Kinsella +

#### Sun 7 32nd In Ordinary Time

8.30am: Walter & Kathryn Vassallo +

10.30am: Maurice Hunt + (3pm: Blessing of Graves at Bells Hill Cemetery) see parish notices

6pm: Gerry Farrell +

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

What is the significance of the beatitudes, and why are they so central to the teaching of Jesus? The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom (Matthew 4:17), the vision of God (Matthew 5:8; 1 John 2;1), entering into the joy of the Lord (Matthew 25:21-23) and into his rest (Hebrews 4:7-11). The beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal. Jesus tells us that God alone can satisfy the deepest need and longing of our heart. St Teresa of Avila's (1515-1582) prayer book contained a bookmark on which she wrote: Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass -God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing - God alone suffices. We can ask ourselves, is God enough for us? God offers us the greatest good possible - abundant life in Jesus Christ (John 10:10) and the promise of unending joy and happiness with God forever.

This weekend the UK will host the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow from the 31st of October until the 12th of November 2021. As a parish may we add this event to our prayer list - that all nations may respond with real practical action to defend the environment, and that we may experience an "ecological conversion" in this regard.

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Perfect blessedness is humility of spirit, by Hilary of Poitiers (315-367 AD)"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' The Lord taught by way of example that the glory of human ambition must be left behind when he said, 'The Lord your God shall you adore and him only shall you serve'. Nothing belongs to anyone as being properly one's own, but all have the same things by the gift of a single parent. They have been given the first things needed to come into life and have been supplied with the means to use them."

Fr John

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## NOTICES

MASS TIMES: SATURDAY (vigil): 6.00pm. SUNDAY: 08.30am, 10.30am and 6.00pm.

MONDAY: 6.00pm, TUESDAY: 10.00am, WEDNESDAY no mass, THURSDAY: 10.00am and FRIDAY: 10.00am

**FUNERAL MASS**: for Caterina Speroni Is on Tuesday 2nd November, 10am Mass. Please pray for her family and friends at this time. May she rest in peace.

**ADORATION**: Please note there is no Adoration on Friday 5th November, however, **TRANSFORMATION MASS** is at 7.30pm (first Friday). Please join us.

SATURDAY RE GROUP: November 6th and 20th, December 4th and 11th in the JP Room: 9.30-10.45am. We welcome all children from Reception to Y6 who attend non-Catholic schools and worship in our parish. We begin each session with a prayer, reflection and song. We may talk about seasons of the liturgical year, feast days or concentrate on the gospel for the coming Sunday. We then break into groups with more focused teaching for KS1 and KS2 children. It would be helpful if each child brings their own pencil case with lead and coloured pencils as we currently cannot share resources.

**MORNING PRAYER**: Every Tuesday and Friday 9.30am in church.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**: 'Maranatha' every Friday 1.30pm in church.

HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER The Please write the names of your loved ones who have died in the book (this is situated in the alcove near the Confessional). Last year's names will remain in the book. This book will be brought to the altar at Mass. Your offerings can be placed in the box next to the book.

#### **BLESSING OF GRAVES**

Sunday 7th November, 3pm Bells Hill Cemetery
Sunday 14th November, 2pm New Southgate Cemetery
Sunday 14th November: 2.30pm Hampstead Cemetery
Sunday 7th & 21st November: 2pm Hendon Cemetery
Sunday 21st November: 2pm Mill Hill Cemetery
Sunday 21st November: 2pm Trent Park Cemetery
Sunday 21st November: 3pm Short Service St Edwards
Church, Golders Green Crematorium.

LIFE ASCENDING - A Christian Movement for those in their middle and later years: Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is on Tuesday 19th October after the 10am Mass. Please contact Sue Francis on 07951 495192.

**THURSDAY COFFEE MORNINGS** are back! After the 10am Mass in the JP Room. All welcome.

**THANK YOU** everyone for your prayers, cards and masses for my late father, Maurice, and my family. They have given us great comfort and healing. A Mass is booked for all your intentions. With love & prayers, Janet & family x

## 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, Bernadette Hunt, Amparo Abalos, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Julie Lown, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, Leonor Driscoll, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens.

(\*\*please note we are updating our prayer requests. You will see many names have been removed - if you wish for them to be placed back on the prayer list, please email the presbytery - thank you).

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