

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



# 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week I Year B

## Sunday 14th November 2021: Remembrance Sunday

6pm\* David Williams (int)8.30am: Robert Ansara +10.30am: Adam Panczak +6pm: Tom Murphy +

#### Mon 15

(Church open 10am-6pm) 6.00pm: Tom Feeney +

#### **Tues 16**

(Church open 10am-6pm) 9.30am Morning prayer 10am: Margaret Simons +

Wed 17 NO MASS (parish office closed)

#### Thurs 18

10am: Tom Flanagan +

#### Fri 19

(Church open 10am-7pm) 9.30am Morning prayer 10am: Roger Ward + (1.30pm: Christian Meditation) (6pm: Adoration)

#### **Sat 20**

6pm\*. Tony O'Grady +

#### 21st: Christ the King

8.30am: Franz & Teresa

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10.30am: Julie Loh +6pm: Bridget Tissera ann +

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory."

We see in the Word of the Lord this weekend that the Lord is preparing us for his return.

Jesus told his first disciples that it was for their benefit that he return to his Father in heaven in order for the Holy Spirit to come (John 16:7) and fill the earth with the fire of God's love, truth, and glory. The Lord Jesus in every age fills his people with the power of the Holy Spirit so that each one of us can hear his voice, understand his truth, and sow the seeds of his word - the good news of the Gospel wherever he sends us. The Lord Jesus is preparing his people for his return - for the day of "tribulation" and "shaking" when he will appear "coming in clouds with great power and glory". The day of the Lord's return will be unlike any other moment in time, history, and destiny for the human race and our place in God's creation. Then the "stars of heaven will fall and all will be shaken" before the presence of the Lord when he comes. Then the peoples of the earth and their rulers will know who is the true King and Ruler over all. The first coming of Jesus was a rescue mission - to free the human race from slavery to sin and Satan - the father of lies. His second coming will be the final completion of his mission when he will "make all things new" - a new heavens and a new earth - after he has put down the last enemy which is death and restores our lowly bodies to immortality when death will be no more. With the conclusion of the Cop26 UN Climate Change conference we continue to call out to Our Lord that he may inspire real spiritual and practical change in our hearts and minds.

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: My words shall not pass away, by St Gregory the Great (540-604 AD) "Nothing of this world is more durable than the heavens and the earth, and nothing in the order of nature passes away more quickly than speech. Words, as long as they are incomplete, are not yet words. Once completed they cease utterly to be. In fact they cannot be perfected except by their own passing away. Therefore he says: 'Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass.' As if he were openly to say: all that seems to you enduring and unchangeable is not enduring and without change in eternity. And everything of mine that seems to pass away is enduring and without change. My speech, that seems to pass away, utters thoughts (sententiae manentes) which endure forever."

Fr John

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### NOTICES

#### BLESSING OF GRAVES Sun 14 Nov

2pm New Southgate Cemetery 2.30pm Hampstead Cemetery

#### Sun 21 Nov

2pm Hendon Cemetery
2pm Mill Hill Cemetery
2pm Trent Park Cemetery
3pm Short Service St Edwards Church,
Golders Green Crematorium.

#### HOLY SOULS IN NOVEMBER む

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.

SATURDAY RE GROUP: November 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. Please could each child bring their own pencil case with lead and coloured pencils.

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.

SICK & RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION: is for the sick & retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Thank you for supporting the Fund. Please continue to pray

for the wellbeing of our clergy: active, retired and ill. If you didn't get the chance to donate, it's not too late. You can donate online <a href="www.rcdow.org.uk/donations">www.rcdow.org.uk/donations</a> and the poster in the porch features a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

CAFOD: As Advent approaches, please remember the work of CAFOD across the world. The website <a href="mailto:cafod.org.uk">cafod.org.uk</a> gives lots of information about its work as well as different way in which you can donate. On <a href="mailto:worldgifts.cafod.org.uk">worldgifts.cafod.org.uk</a> there are lots of ideas for alternative Christmas presents, ways to support vulnerable communities suffering from famine, war and climate change. Thank you for your continued support for the work of CAFOD.

The Fast Day Soup Lunch & collection raised £673.00. Thank you!

AN UPDATE ON OUR CHURCH REBUILD PROJECT: You may recollect that back in 2017 we received a loan from the Diocese of Westminster for over £700,000 to pay for the re-building of our church. Over the last 4 years, your generous donations, many of which were gift aided enabled us to make significant repayments to reduce outstanding loan balance to the Diocese of Westminster.

Despite these incredibly difficult last 18months due to the covid crisis, many of you continued to donate generously to the church fund by standing order and by cheque. These donations together with the gift aid refund from the tax authorities and a reduction in overheads due to staff furloughs, has allowed us to make further payments of £90,000 to the Diocese of Westminster this year to reduce the outstanding loan which now stands at £225,000.

Fr John and the Parish Finance Committee truly thank you for your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity in these difficult times.

A substantial portion of this loan is still to be repaid and the Diocese of Westminster, who had graciously given us an interest free payment holiday for the last year, has recommenced charging us interest on the outstanding loan.

I would urge you to consider making a donation for our beautiful church, and gift aiding your donations, if you able to do so. This will help us enormously to get rid of our debt. If you are new to the parish and wish to find out more about financial contributions, please email the presbytery. Finance Committee

#### MUSIC LITURGY - 10.30AM MASS

Gathering and Going forth: Let all who are thirsty come. Let all who wish receive the water of life freely. Amen, come Lord Jesus. Amen, come Lord Jesus. Text © Ateliers et Presses de Taizé France, 2017.

Communion: Act justly, love tenderly. Walk, walk humbly with your God. Text © 2011 Bemadette Farrell Published by OCP. All rights reserved.

#### 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.

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