



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Peace Sunday

Year C      Week 4

### THIS WEEK

#### Sun 16 January 2022

**6pm\***: Norma Tongson ann +

**8.30am**: Jacobus van Dijk ann+

**10.30am**: Patrick Lynch +

*1pm: Baptism*

*3pm: Parish Meeting in parish hall (see notices)*

**6pm**: Norma Beride (int)

#### Mon 17

**6pm**: Jeremiah, Katie & Tracy Cahill ann +

#### Tue 18

**10am**: Margaret Simons +

*10.30am: Life Ascending (see notices)*

#### Wed 19 No Mass

*(parish office is closed)*

#### Thu 20

**10am**: Santha Soosay (int)

#### Fri 21

**10am**: Eric Power (int)

*1.30pm: Christian Meditation - church*

*6.00pm: Adoration in church*

#### Sat 22

**6pm\***: Tom & Joan Ferguson +

#### Sun 23 Third in Ordinary Time

##### (Of The Word of God)

**8.30am**: Chris Kelly ann +

**10.30am**: Maurice Hunt +

**6pm**: Paddy Cahill ann +

“The Gospel passage which we have just heard is the first momentous sign in the Gospel according to John. Mary’s maternal concern is seen in her plea to Jesus: “They have no wine”, and Jesus’ reference to “his hour” will be more fully understood later in the account of his Passion. All this is good, because it allows us to see Jesus’ eagerness to teach, to accompany, to heal and to give joy, thanks to the words of his Mother: “They have no wine”. The wedding at Cana is repeated in every generation, in every family, in every one of us and our efforts to let our hearts find rest in strong love, fruitful love and joyful love. Let us make room for Mary, “the Mother” as the evangelist calls her. Let us journey with her now to Cana.

All this began because “they had no wine”. It could all be done because a woman – the Virgin Mary – was attentive, left her concerns in God’s hands and acted sensibly and courageously. But there is a further detail, the best was yet to come: everyone went on to enjoy the finest of wines. And this is the good news: the finest wines are yet to be tasted; for families, the richest, deepest and most beautiful things are yet to come. The time is coming when we will taste love daily, when our children will come to appreciate the home we share, and our elderly will be present each day in the joys of life. The finest of wines is expressed by hope, this wine will come for every person who stakes everything on love. And the best wine is yet to come, in spite of all the variables and statistics which say otherwise. The best wine will come to those who today feel hopelessly lost. Say it to yourselves until you are convinced of it. Say it to yourselves, in your hearts: the best wine is yet to come. Whisper it to the hopeless and the loveless. Have patience, hope, and follow Mary’s example, pray, open your heart, because the best wine is yet to come. God always seeks out the peripheries, those who have run out of wine, those who drink only of discouragement. Jesus feels their weakness, in order to pour out the best wines for those who, for whatever reason, feel that all their jars have been broken.

As Mary our Mother bids us, let us “do what the Lord tells us”. Do what he tells you. And let us be thankful that in this, our time and our hour, the new wine, the finest wine, will make us recover the joy of families, the joy of living in a family. Let it be so.” (Homily, Pope Francis, 2015).

Fr John

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# NOTICES



## WELCOME!

### ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? WOULD YOU LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT YOUR PARISH?

May we invite you to visit the parish website on [parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet) where you will find information on the parish, parish groups and much more. Information is also available in the church porch. This newsletter is produced weekly with news on what is happening. This is available to take home from the back of the church or on the website under 'news'.

**If you would like to register yourself and/or your family onto our parish database**, please email the parish office with your details to [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk)

**THE PARISH PASTORAL FORUM:** consists of the parish team and a group of parishioners who kindly volunteer their assistance if you need help. Their details are in the porch and website. If you see them at Mass, please say hello.

**THE PRESBYTERY/PARISH OFFICE** is open during the week after the weekday Masses or you can email Fr John at [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk) if you have any questions.

**REACHING OUT:** as the new year begins, I am delighted to be launching soon our new 'text messaging' to parishioners detailing events and notices on a regular basis. Will keep you posted. Fr John

**THANK YOU** so much for the wonderful gifts that you brought us. We really do appreciate your goodness, especially at this time which is not easy for so many. We keep all the parish in our daily prayers, particularly those who are sick, housebound or lonely. God bless and keep you all. Sister Francisca and all the Sisters, Poor Clare's Monastery

**ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL:** an online collection is open to donations for a much loved member of our community and St. Catherine's school: Mrs Ainger.

Due to COVID restrictions in July 2020, she did not have a leaving ceremony. Mrs Ainger worked at St Catherine's for nearly forty years and held roles as Deputy Head, interim Head and Head of RE during that time.

The leaving gift will be presented on February 3rd at a school celebration.

To donate, please use this link <https://pay.collectiv.com/mrs-ainger-collection-30192> A "Thank You" book will be available at the school reception to sign also from Monday 17th February during school hours.

### SYNOD IN THE CHURCH:

Following on from Pope Francis' invitation to journey together and listen to each other in preparation for a Synod Church, you are invited to a parish meeting in the Parish Hall **TODAY** (16th) at 3pm. All welcome!

**FUNERAL MASS: for Phyllis O'Grady** is on Thursday 10th February at 10am. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers at this sad time. May she rest in peace.

**PEACE SUNDAY:** The Bishop's of England and Wales invites us to keep Pax Christi Peace Sunday on 16th January as a day of prayer. Pope Francis' World Peace Message for 2022 '**Education, Work and Dialogue between Generations: Tools for Building Lasting Peace**'. This message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times.

**Prayers Cards and donation envelopes** are available at the back of the church.

**LIFE ASCENDING:** next meeting is on Tuesday 18th January after the 10am Mass in the JP Room. Life Ascending is a Christian Movement for those in their middle and later years. Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sue Francis on 07951 495192.

### 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, 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, George Buhagia, Joseph Chan.

**Recently Died:** Phyllis O'Grady

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