



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



# Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Of The Word of God

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Week 3

### THIS WEEK

#### Sun 23 January 2022

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

8.30am: Chris Kelly ann +

10.30am: Maurice Hunt +

6pm: Paddy Cahill ann +

#### Mon 24

6pm: Noreen Mullen (int)

#### Tue 25 The Conversion of St Paul

10am: Ivor Francis ann +

#### Wed 26 No Mass

(parish office is closed)

#### Thu 27

10am: Margaret Simons +

#### Fri 28 St Thomas Aquinas

10am: Mary Murphy +

1.30pm: Christian Meditation - church

6.00pm: Adoration in church

#### Sat 29

6pm\*: Catherine O'Shea +

#### Sun 30 Fourth in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Geoff Kennedy +

10.30am: Amparo Abalos +

6pm: Carol Shen (int)

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#### **Booking an Anniversary Mass +**

If you wish to book an anniversary Mass for a loved one - please book this at least two months in advance by email or in person after Mass (Mon-Fri).

The word "gospel" literally means "good news." The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus Christ and the new life and freedom he has won for us through his atoning death on the cross for our sins and his resurrection to everlasting life and glory with the Father in heaven. The Gospel is the all-powerful and all-merciful word of God for us today as much as it was for the people who first heard it in Jesus' time. It's a life-giving word that has supernatural power to change, transform, and bring freedom and healing to those who accept Him as the living word of God.

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord".*

This weekend the Lord Jesus asks us a question: " Am I really hungry and thirsty for the presence of Christ in my life, do I have a hunger and thirst for His Word of truth and mercy, love and forgiveness?"

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Jesus fulfills the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah 61, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD) Having entered the synagogue, therefore, Jesus takes the book to read. Having opened it, he selects a passage in the Prophets which declares the mystery concerning him. By these words he himself tells us very clearly by the voice of the prophet that he would both be made man and come to save the world. Being at once God and man, he both gives the Spirit to the creation in his divine nature and receives it from God the Father in his human nature. It is he who sanctifies the whole creation, both by shining forth from the Holy Father and by bestowing the Spirit. He himself pours forth his own Spirit on the powers above and on those who recognised his appearing."

Fr John

#### **SYNOD IN THE CHURCH**

Following on from Pope Francis' invitation to journey together and listen to each other in preparation for a synod church, a number of parishioners gathered together on Sunday 16th to discuss and discern over the questions the Diocese provided. Our responses are available in a leaflet at the back of the church - you are welcome to take a copy. Please pray that we, the church will continue to flourish together and listen to one another. Fr John

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# NOTICES

## 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.

**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.

**SATURDAY RE CLASS:** we welcome children in non-Catholic Primary schools who would like to learn more about their faith. Our sessions are open to new-comers. We meet in the JP Room from 9.30 - 10.45 on the following dates: **January 29th, February 12th and 26th and March 12th and 26th.**

### 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, Martha Brutus.

**Recently Died:** Phyllis O'Grady

**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 current news on what is happening in and around the parish - available at 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.

**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

**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)

**NEED TO TALK?** If you would like to speak to Anita pastorally and in confidence, Anita is available on Tuesdays after 10am mass. Please knock on the presbytery door or email [anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk)

**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 is available at the school reception to sign up to 2nd February during school hours.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**  
*slightly delayed this year (apologies):*

**Sun 30 January to Sat 5 February**  
*(online and in person)*

**Sun 30th Jan:** 6:30pm United Service at Barnet United Reformed Church, Wood St.

**Mon 31st Jan:** 12 noon Prayer at St John the Baptist, Barnet High St

**Tue 1st Feb:** 12:30pm Prayer on Zoom.

**Wed 2nd Feb:** 1pm Prayer at Hope Corner Community Centre, Mays Lane.

**Thu 3rd Feb:** 12:30pm Prayer on Zoom

**Fri 4th Feb:** 12:30pm Prayer at St Mary the Virgin, Monken Hadley

**Sat 5th Feb:** 9am Prayer on Zoom

**Zoom Link (for all zooms):**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7400603956?pwd=aTg3M0MzNCtQa1pnciF4R21EVUM1QT09>

**Meeting ID: 740 060 3956**  
**Passcode: Matthew22**

*(Hard copies of the prayers and programme are available from the presbytery after the 10am weekday masses).*

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