



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C Week 4

THIS WEEK

Sun 30 January 2022

6pm*: Catherine O'Shea +
8.30am: Geoff Kennedy +
10.30am: Amparo Abalos +
6pm: Carol Shen (int)

Mon 31

6pm: Kitty Teasdale (int)

Tue 1

10am: Sr Mary & Deceased
 Members of Life Ascending +

Wed 2 The Presentation of the Lord

(parish office closed)

10am: Amparo Abalos +

Thu 3 NO MASS

[no coffee morning this week]

Fri 4

10am: Jan Agilada +
 1.30pm: *Christian Meditation - church*
 7.30pm: *Mass of Transformation with praise & worship*

Sat 5

6pm*: Patricia Quinn +

Sun 6 Fourth in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Carmeno & Carmena
 Vassallo +
10.30am: Jan Agilada +
6pm: Rosa Francis +

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).

And he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing. And all spoke well of him, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth; and they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself; what we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here also in your own country.'"

When Jesus first proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom to his own townspeople at Nazareth, he did not hesitate to confront them with their sin of indifference and unbelief. He startled his listeners in the synagogue at Nazareth with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God could receive honour among his own people. Jesus praise for "outsiders" offended the ears of his own people because they were blind-sighted to God's merciful plan of redemption for all the nations. We all stand in need of God's grace and merciful help every day and every moment of our lives. Scripture tells us that "the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). God gives grace to the humble who seek him with expectant faith and with a repentant heart that wants to be made whole and clean again.

What is the significance of Naaman's healing for us? Ephrem the Syrian (306-373 AD), an early Christian teacher from Edessa, tells us that Naaman's miraculous healing at the River Jordan, prefigures the mystery of the healing which is freely granted to all nations of the earth by our Lord Jesus through the regenerating waters of baptism and renewal in the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5). "Therefore Naaman was sent to the Jordan as to the remedy capable to heal a human being. Indeed, sin is the leprosy of the soul, which is not perceived by the senses, but intelligence has the proof of it, and human nature must be delivered from this disease by Christ's power which is hidden in baptism. It was necessary that Naaman, in order to be purified from two diseases, that of the soul and that of the body, might represent in his own person the purification of all the nations through the bath of regeneration, whose beginning was in the river Jordan, the mother and originator of baptism." Fr John

MASS CHANGE THIS WEEK

Wednesday 2nd February

The Presentation of The Lord

10.00am Mass

**There is no 10.00am Mass
 on Thursday 3rd February**

MASS OF TRANSFORMATION

**Friday 4th February, 7.30pm in
 church**

Mass, adoration, praise & worship &
 reconciliation. All are welcome!

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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.

FUNERAL MASS: for **Julie Lown** is on Friday 18th February at 10am. Please pray for her family and close friends during this sad time. May she rest in peace.

LIFE ASCENDING: is a Christian Movement for those in their middle and later years. **Next meeting is on Tuesday 1st February, after the 10am Mass.** All welcome - 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.**

CHURCHES TOGETHER for Chipping Barnet urgently need new officers, ie: secretary, publicity officer and prayer secretary. If this is of interest to you, please forward your nomination to the Secretary before 17th February so that names can be presented to the council members before the Council meeting and AGM. secretary@ctfcb.org.uk

MUSIC 10.30am Mass

Communion

Love, love, Jesus is love. God's greatest gift is the gift of love. All creation sings together, praising God for love.

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 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

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

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

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

Sun 30th 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=aTg3M0MzNCtQa1pnciF4R21EVUM1Qj09> Meeting ID: 740 060 3956 Passcode: Matthew22

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

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, Paul Dempsey.

Recently Died: Julie Lown, Martha Brutus, Josephine Coe & Joseph Chan

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