



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C Week 2

THIS WEEK

Sun 13th February 2022

6pm*: Bridie Flanagan (int)
8.30am: Helen Sheehan +
10.30am: Sandra Soady +
6pm: Phyllis O'Grady +

Mon 14 SS Cyril & Methodius

6pm: Una Molloy +

Tue 15

9.30am: Morning Prayer
10am: Kevin Molloy, Snr +

Wed 16

No Mass

Thu 17

10am: Kevin Molloy, Jnr (int)
10.30am Coffee morning - JP room

Fri 18

9.30am: Morning Prayer
10am: Funeral: Julie Lown +
1.30pm: Christian Meditation - church
6.00pm-7.00pm: Adoration

Sat 19

6pm*: Nora Panczak (thanksgiving)

Sun 20 Seventh in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Don Gallagher +
10.30am: Audrey Bagge +
6pm: Terry Malone ann +

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 Gospel today reminds us of the foundational truth – true and lasting happiness can only be fulfilled in God. The word beatitude literally means happiness or blessedness. Jesus' way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from within - a conversion of heart and mind which can only come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.

But we can ask ourselves the question, how can one possibly find happiness when experiencing poverty, hunger, mourning, or persecution? Christ teaches us that if we want to be filled with the joy and happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would push God out of our hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and Spirit. St Ambrose (339-397 A.D), an early church father and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us in living a life of moral excellence.

He writes: "Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: temperance, justice, prudence and fortitude. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is just does not deny what he knows is given jointly to all for us. One who is merciful gives away his own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another's, nor does he contrive a trap for his neighbour. These virtues are interwoven and interlinked, so that one who has one may be seen to have several, and a single virtue befits the saints. Where virtue abounds, the reward too abounds... Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness."

Our Lord Jesus Christ promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. St Thomas Aquinas said: "No person can live without joy. That is why someone deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures." During this week may we continue to experience the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting for God alone.

Fr John

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NOTICES

WELCOME!

JOHN AND PAMELA AINSLIE: After forty years as parishioners, John & Pamela will be sadly leaving us and moving to pastures new. They will be sorely missed. In recognition of John's years of service & dedication to our parish and community, and Pamela too, we will be celebrating them and this great achievement on **Saturday 5th March with Mass at 12 noon** followed by a reception in the hall afterwards. Please do join us.

JANET NESTOR: After sixteen very happy years of working in our parish, Janet has made the difficult decision to leave her post to take on the exciting role as Operations Manager in Hope Corner Community Centre, Mays Lane.

In thanksgiving, we would like to invite you to join us for Mass at 12 noon on Saturday 2nd April followed by a gathering in the hall.** (**Due to parish events and limited notice, we have decided to reschedule the date).

Please continue to pray for Janet and her family.

Please join me in welcoming Georgina Awan who will be our 'interim' parish secretary. Fr John

EXCITING DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: Monday 14th to 18th March 2022 - we welcome the Franciscan Friars of The Renewal for our Parish Mission. Details to follow.

MUSIC 10.30am Mass

Communion

The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Come, Lord and open in us the gates of your kingdom.

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

Please 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**, 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 are often at Mass at the weekend. Please do stop to say hello or if you have any questions - if they can't help you, they will know someone who can! Their details are in the porch and website.

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

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 newcomers. We meet in the JP Room from 9.30 - 10.45 on the following dates: **February 26th and March 12th and 26th.**

LIFE ASCENDING GROUP: meet on Tuesday 15th February after the 10am Mass. Please join us.

CHURCHES TOGETHER for Chipping Barnet urgently need new voluntary 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 AGM. Email: secretary@ctfcb.org.uk **The AGM** on the 24th February is at 7.30pm at Hope Corner Community Centre. All are welcome.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

****Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including:**

Particular prayers: Raphael Miranda

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, 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.

Parish Staff Contact Information

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