



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week 3

THIS WEEK

Sun 20th February 2022

6pm*: Nora Panczak
(thanksgiving)

8.30am: Don Gallagher +

10.30am: Audrey Bagge +

6pm: Terry Malone ann +

Mon 21

6pm: May and Patrick Andrew
+

Tue 22 Chair of St Peter The Apostle

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10am: Bradnum Family (int)

Wed 23

No Mass

Thu 24

10am: M. Callaghan +

10.30am Coffee morning - JP
room

Fri 25

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10am: Phyllis O'Grady +

1.30pm: Christian Meditation

6.00pm-7.00pm: Adoration

Sat 26

6pm*: Don Gallagher +

*Vigil Mass

Sun 27 Eighth in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Richard Horgan +

10.30am: Martha Brutus +

6pm: Phyllis O'Grady +

So love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons and daughters of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the selfish. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

What makes the Christian faith distinct from any other religion? The answers are many, but you could say the main answer is grace - treating others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated - with loving-kindness and mercy. God is good to the unjust as well as the just. His love embraces the saint and the sinner alike. God seeks our highest good and teaches us to seek the greatest good of others, even those who hate us. Our love for others, even those who are ungrateful and selfish towards us, must be marked by the same kindness and mercy which God has shown to us.

We may ask the question, but how can we possibly love those who cause us harm or ill-will? With God all things are possible. He gives power and grace to those who believe in and accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. His love conquers all, even our hurts, fears, prejudices, and griefs. Only the cross of Jesus Christ can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge, and resentment and gives us the courage to return evil with good. Such love and grace has the power to heal and to save the world from destruction. This weekend may we experience the power of God's love, mercy, and righteousness (moral goodness) for overcoming evil with good.

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: The virtue of charity, by Ambrose of Milan, 339-397 A.D. "Love is commanded when it is said, 'Love your enemies' so that the saying which was uttered already before the church may be fulfilled: 'Set in order love in me' (Song of Solomon 2:4). For love is set in order when the precepts of love are formed. See how it began from the heights and cast the law underneath the backs of the Gospel's blessing. The law commands the revenge of punishment (see Exodus 21:23-36). The gospel bestows love for hostility, benevolence for hatred, prayer for curses, help for the persecuted, patience for the hungry and grace of reward. How much more perfect the athlete who does not feel injury!"

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Information will be in next week's newsletter

DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS will for Lent 2022 will be available from next weekend at both exits (near the newsletters in the Church. £1.00 each. Please place your donation in the offertory basket on your way out

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.

MUSIC 10.30am Mass

Communion

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, Nor trials in the present, nor trials to come: Neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation Can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

NOTICES

WELCOME!

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

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 22nd February after the 10am Mass. Please join us.

CHURCHES TOGETHER for Chipping Barnet: The **AGM** on the 24th February is at 7.30pm at Hope Corner Community Centre. All are welcome.

PARISH SHOWCASE WEEKEND

Come, See, Meet and Ask your Parish Groups..... Whys and Why nots!!!!

Dates: after each **Mass on Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th March 2022**

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

Particular prayers: Raphael Miranda

Majorie Richard, Nicholas Clarke, Ann Willson, Catherine Hyland, Michael Bondel, Christopher Rowinski, Anna Maria Cardow and Paddy (Patrick) Kelly

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Janet Nestor - Secretary: **Parish Office** - barnet@rcdow.org.uk **Open:** 10.30am - 4.30pm **Closed** (Wednesdays and Weekends)