



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C Week 1

THIS WEEK

Sun 6th February 2022

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

Mon 7

6pm: Johnny Learoyd +

Tue 8

10am: Helen Quinn +

Wed 9

No Mass

Thu 10

10am Funeral Mass: Phyllis
 O'Grady +

Fri 11 Our Lady of Lourdes

10am: Marina Martin (int)
1.30pm: Christian Meditation -
 church
6.00pm-7.00pm: Adoration

Sat 12

6pm*: Bridie Flanagan (int)

Sun 13 Sixth in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Helen Sheehan +
10.30am: Sandra Soady +
6pm: Phyllis O'Grady +

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).

When Simon Peter saw the great catch of fish, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Why did Jesus perform the miracle of the great catch of fish? No doubt the great crowd of people who had pressed upon Jesus had something to do with this miracle. They were very hungry for the Lord and were eager to hear his word. Jesus wanted to use this occasion to teach his disciples an important lesson. Although Simon was wearied from a night of fruitless toil, he nonetheless did what the Lord Jesus told him to do: At your word I will let down the nets. In the same way when we meet disappointment and failure, we are called to lean upon the Lord, like Simon, and to listen to his word and to receive his command.

God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the Gospel. May we be open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit during this coming week.

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: By faith Peter casts the nets of Christ's teaching, by Maximus of Turin (died between 408-423 AD) "When Peter lets down the nets at the word, therefore, he is in fact letting down the teachings in Christ. When he unfolds the tightly woven and well-ordered nets at the command of the Master, he is really laying out words in the name of the Saviour in a fitting and clear fashion. By these words he is able to save not creatures but souls. 'We toiled all night,' he says, 'and took nothing.' Peter, who beforehand was unable to see in order to make a catch, enduring darkness without Christ, had indeed toiled through the whole night. But when the Saviour's light shone upon him the darkness scattered, and by faith he began to discern in the deep what he could not see with his eyes."

Fr John

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NOTICES

WELCOME!

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.

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 at the 6pm Mass on Saturday 26th February followed by a gathering in the hall.

Please continue to pray for Janet and her family.

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: **February 12th and 26th and March 12th and 26th.**

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

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.

On behalf of everyone at North London Hospice, thank you for raising £200 at your coffee mornings. The support you continue to give us really makes a difference, ensuring we can continue our vital work supporting the community in their time of great need. Philip Cuthell, Head of Fundraising, North London Hospice.

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.

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