#### NEWSLETTER



#### Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



# Easter Sunday of The Resurrection

### SEASON OF EASTER

**HOLY SATURDAY - 16th April** 

10.00am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

8.00pm: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

(followed by celebrations in the Hall)

**EASTER SUNDAY - 17th April** 

**8.30am:** Mary Long (int) **10.30am:** Rita McKenna (int)

(no Saturday or Sunday evening Mass)

**EASTER MONDAY - 18th April** 

**6pm:** Alice Awan (ann+)

**EASTER TUESDAY - 19th April** 

9.30am: Morning Prayer

**10.00am**: Joan & Thomas Ferguson+

**EASTER WEDNESDAY - 20th April** 

No Mass

**EASTER THURSDAY - 21st April** 

**10.00am:** Martin Dunn+ 10.30am: Coffee Morning

EASTER FRIDAY - 22nd April

10am: Funeral for Maureen Power

1.30pm: Christian Meditation

6.00pm: Adoration

**EASTER SATURDAY - 23rd April** 

**6pm\*:** Sean Treny+

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 24th April** 

**8.30am:** Pat & Peggy Cosgrove

(Thanksgiving)

10.30am: Janet Nestor (int)

**6.00pm:** John McDonald (int)

Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

One thing is certain, if Our Lord Jesus Christ had not risen from the dead and appeared to his disciples on that first Easter Sunday, we would never have heard of him. Nothing else could have changed sad and despairing men and women into people radiant with joy and courage. The reality of the resurrection is the central fact of the Christian faith. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord gives us "eyes of faith" to know him and the power of his resurrection. The greatest joy we can have is to encounter the living Christ and to know him personally and collectively as a Parish community. An Easter question for you: "Do you accept the good news of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ with skeptical doubt and disbelief or with trusting faith and joyful wonderment?" **Fr John** 

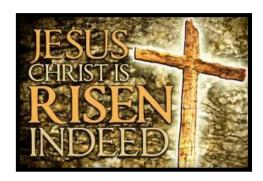
#### **Easter Quote:**

"Without this faith in the death and Resurrection of Jesus our hope would be weak; but it would not even be hope; or precisely the death and Resurrection of Jesus are the heart of our hope. The Apostle said: "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" Unfortunately, efforts have often been made to blur faith in the Resurrection of Jesus and doubts have crept in, even among believers. However, it is the Resurrection itself that opens us to greater hope, for it opens our life and the life of the world to the eternal future of God, to full happiness, to the certainty that evil, sin and death may be overcome. And this leads to living daily situations with greater trust, to facing them with courage and determination. Christ's Resurrection illuminates these everyday situations with a new light. The Resurrection of Christ is our strength!" They could not contain their joy in knowing that Jesus was alive, or the hope that filled their hearts. This should happen in our lives too. Let us feel the joy of being Christian! We believe in the Risen One who conquered evil and death! Let us have the courage to "come out of ourselves" to take this joy and this light to all the places of our life! The Resurrection of Christ is our greatest certainty; he is our most precious treasure! How can we not share this treasure, this certainty with others? It is not only for us, it is to be passed on, to be shared with others. Our testimony is precisely this." (Pope Francis)

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# Happy Easter!!!



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, 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

#### HAVE YOU SIGNED A GIFT AID FORM?

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking HM Revenue & Customer to give us the tact you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying tax, please email the Presbytery on barnet@rcdow.org.uk so we do not ask you for the tax if you haven't paid. Planned Giving Boxes will be available for collection from the Presbytery during Office Hours.

#### THANK YOU FROM FR JOHN:

Dear Parishioners, a huge thank you for all your kind gifts, prayers, and support. Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Eastertide. *Fr John* 

# NOTICES

## WELCOME!

#### 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. Their details are in the porch and website- if they can't help you, they will know someone who can! Their details are in the porch and website

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



**LIFE ASCENDING GROUP: Meeting** on Tuesday 19th April after the 10.00 Mass. Please join us.

MASS for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING

May 2022 at 3pm. e-invites will be be emailed to the couples or Parish office. The following couples are invited to attend on the day: Robert & Catherine Calrow; Martin & Nicola Dias; Dermot & Elizabeth McNamara; Peter & Monica Thompson, and Paolo & Susan Tolaini.

If you do not get your e-invites by 2nd May 2022, please contact the Parish Office on 0208 449 3338

**SATURDAY CLASSES:** Summer Term All Primary school children not attending Catholic Schools are welcome to come and learn about their Catholic Faith.

During the sessions we pray together, we talk, sing songs and make new friends. **Venue:** The JP Room

Time: From 9.30am to 10.45am Dates: April: 23rd, May: 7th & 21st,

June: 11th & 25th, July: 9th

#### LOOSE OFFERTORY COLLECTION

on Easter Sunday will be for the 'Build' Fund. Thank you for your continued support.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

RCIA and CICCA Catechumens Holy Communicants, Confirmands and Baptismal Candidates

**Particular prayers:** The people of Ukraine

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Sean Kelly, 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

Recently Deceased:Leonor Driscoll and Maureen Power

#### **Parish Staff Contact Information**

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