

NEWSLETTER

Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



3rd Sunday of Easter

THIS WEEK

3rd Sunday of Easter -1st May 2022

6pm*: May Carey+
8.30am: Kathleen McHugh+
10.30am: William Loh+
6.00pm: Mary Stella Soosay+

Mon 2nd

St Athanasius

6pm: Liturgy of the Word and

Holy Communion

Tue 3rd

SS Philip and James

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Genry Kelly (int)

Wed 4th

5pm Leonor Driscoll (Reception)

Thur 5th

10.00am: Leonor Driscoll (Funeral)

10.30am: Coffee Morning

Fri 6th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Paddy Lucid+

1.30pm: Christian Meditation

7.30pm: Mass of Transformation

Sat 7th

6pm*: Willie Hanley (int)

8th May - 4th Sunday of Easter

8.30am: Walter Vassallo+

10.30am: Maximus John D'Souza+ **6.00pm:** Sr. Magaret Gallagher (int)

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish lying on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So, Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

In the past some commentators have tried to disprove the resurrection accounts by saying that the disciples only saw a vision of Jesus. The Gospels, however, give us a vivid picture of the reality of the resurrected and glorified body of the Lord Jesus. Christ went out of his way to offer his disciples various proofs of his physical resurrection - that he is real and true flesh, not just a spirit or imaginary ghost. In his third appearance to the apostles, Jesus even goes as far as to prepare a breakfast for them and ate with them. Peter's prompt response to draw near to the Lord and eat breakfast with him stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial and distancing himself from his Master during the night of Jesus' arrest and trial.

On this Third Sunday of Easter, Christ wants to renew our minds and rekindle our hearts with his transforming love. Jesus calls each one of us, even in our personal struggles, weakness, and sin, to draw near to him as the merciful Healer and Saviour. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else. What can hold us back from giving him our undivided love and unqualified loyalty. Nothing but our own sinful pride and stubborn will, and blind fear can hold us back from receiving his gracious forgiveness, loving-kindness, and faithful love.

This coming Easter week may this be our prayer – dear Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your merciful love and remove everything that is unkind, ungrateful, unloving and unholy, and all that is not in accord with your will. May I always seek to love you above all else and follow you wherever you wish to lead me. Amen.

Easter Quote, Saint Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) wrote in his famous Confession a remarkable prayer of thanksgiving and love: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved you! ... You shone your Self upon me to drive away my blindness. You breathed your fragrance upon me... and in astonishment I drew my breath...now I pant for you! I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me! - and I burn to live within your peace. "(Confessions 10:27)

Fr John.

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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

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!

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

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 tax 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 claim on your giving if you haven't paid tax. Planned Giving Boxes are still available for collection from the Presbytery during Office Hours.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice, **x2**

This day was made by the Lord, we rejoice and are glad!

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NOTICES

WELCOME!

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

ST MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Applications to sit the entrance tests for Year 7 Entry in September 2023, are now being accepted for girls in year 5. Applications can be made on our website: https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk/admissions/admissions-2023-24/
Parents should ensure they read the admissions Policy prior to applying. You will provide the original Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by your Parish Priest by the closing date of 4pm, Tuesday 5th July 2022.

POOR CLARES, ARKLEY "We wish you all the blessings and graces of Easter and we ask God to bless you abundantly for being so generous to us especially at this time of rising costs" "Thank you Fr John and all the Parish for the "wonderful array of good things" and for the "very kind and generous donation. We were quite overcome by your kindness and all the gifts are very much appreciated at this time. We are most grateful - and we will keep you and your intentions in our daily prayers."

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING

MASS for the Sacrament of Matrimony Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm. The following couples should please pick up their printed copy of the e-invites on the desk in the Porch: Robert & Catherine Calrow; Martin & Nicola Dias; Dermot & Elizabeth McNamara; Peter & Monica Thompson, and Paolo & Susan Tolaini



TUESDAYS: 10am -11.30am. (Term time only) at Church Parish Hall Age Range: Birth to 3rd Birthday £1 per family per morning Parents: tea, coffee, juice and biscuits Toddlers: toys, books puzzles etc Come join us!

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Particular prayers: The people of Ukraine

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Edel O'Sullivan, Linda Quilter, 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, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia, Paul Dempsey

Recently Deceased: Leonor Driscoll

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