



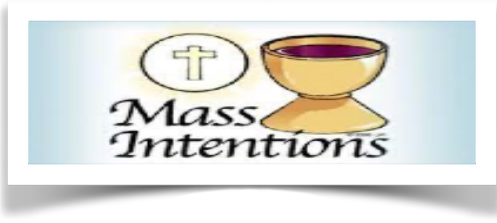
Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week 4

THIS WEEK



17th July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6pm*:	Constantino Family+
8.30am:	First Holy Communion Carnet Nelle Family (Thanksgiving)
10.30am:	First Holy Communion Chinelo Onuigbo (ints)
6.00pm:	Monica Donohoe (ints)
Monday 18th	
6pm:	Margaret O'Mahony (ints)
Tuesday 19th	
<i>9.30am:</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
10.00am:	John Murray+
<i>7.00pm:</i>	<i>SVP (JP Room)</i>
Wednesday 20th No Mass	
Thursday 21st St Lawrence of Brindisi	
10.00am:	Shabi Kuma (ints)
<i>10.30am:</i>	<i>Coffee Morning - JP Room</i>
Friday 22nd ST MARY MAGDALENE	
<i>9.30am:</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
10.00am:	Mary Christina O'Malley (ann+)
<i>12.00pm:</i>	<i>Alpha Soup Lunch</i>
<i>1.30pm:</i>	<i>Christian Meditation</i>
<i>6.00pm:</i>	<i>Adoration</i>
Saturday 23rd ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN	
6pm*:	Jeffery Pearson (ints)
24th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8.30am:	First Holy Communion Aldridge Family+
10.30am:	First Holy Communion Hugh Battle+
6.00pm:	Hilda Slattery+

Mary or Martha?

"Now as they went on their way, he entered a village; and a woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving; and she went to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; one thing is needful. Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her."

Jesus loved to visit the home of Martha and Mary and enjoyed their gracious hospitality. In this brief encounter we see two very different temperaments in Martha and Mary. Martha loved to serve, but in her anxious manner of waiting on Jesus, she caused unrest. Mary, in her simple and trusting manner, waited on Jesus by sitting attentively at his feet. Anxiety and preoccupation keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. The Lord bids us to give him our concerns and anxieties because he is trustworthy and able to meet any need we have. The Lord Jesus Christ desires that we make a place for him, not only in our hearts, but in our homes and in the daily circumstances of our lives. We honour the Lord when we offer to him everything we have and everything we do. After all, everything we have is an outright gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14). Paul the Apostle urges us to give God glory in everything: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17). This weekend Christ asks us an important question- Does His special peace reign in your home and in your personal life?

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: The Body of Christ needs hearers and doers of the Word, by Ambrose of Milan, 339-397 A.D. "Virtue does not have a single form. In the example of Martha and Mary, there is added the busy devotion of the one and the pious attention of the other to the Word of God, which, if it agrees with faith, is preferred even to the very works, as it is written: 'Mary has chosen the good portion, which shall not be taken away from her.' So let us also strive to have what no one can take away from us, so that not careless but diligent hearing may be granted to us. For even the seeds of the heavenly Word itself are likely to be taken away if they are sowed by the wayside. Let the desire for wisdom lead you as it did Mary. It is a greater and more perfect work...Nor is Martha rebuked in her good serving, but Mary is preferred because she has chosen the better part for herself, for Jesus abounds with many blessings and bestows many gifts. And therefore the wiser chooses what she perceives as foremost." Meditations may be freely reprinted for non-commercial use - please cite: copyright © 2022 Servants of the Word, source: dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager.

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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

FR JOHN: invites Parishioners to join him in Walsingham from Monday 1st to 5th August 2022 for a pilgrimage to Our Lady's National Shrine – a time of prayer, praise and fellowship. Early registration is recommended. Please see the link for registration. <https://www.newdawn.org.uk/>

First Holy Communion Form & Dates September 2022.

Please visit the First Holy Communion section of our website to enrol. If you have any questions, please email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP



PLEASE NOTE that the last Parent and Toddler Group for this term is on Tuesday 19th July, we resume on the 13th September.

NOTICES

WELCOME

BISHOP JOHN SHERRINGTON



We are delighted to welcome Bishop John Sherrington on Sunday 17th July 6pm Mass. He will be the main celebrant. All welcome to come along.

Special Appeal

We need two TV screens for the Parish Hall and the JP II Room, to be used for Catecheses and faith based courses.

Two generous Parishioners have pledged £700. We need to raise £2,500. To donate towards this project please pick up an envelope in the porch, or to make a bank transfer please see our website barnetcatholic.com/tvfund

Fr John



FAMILIES TOGETHER: Please join us for our Families Together afternoon of prayer, activities, and refreshments in Church on **Monday 1st August at 3.45pm**, for more details email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

FOR YOUR SPECIAL PRAYERS



Please pray for the following children who will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday: Isaac, David, Jason, Peter, Delia, Chelsea, Max, Darragh, Mia, Amara, Elsie, Jan, Lara, Delta, Paige, Georgia, Aine and Ryan.

CAFOD

Please support the **CAFOD appeal for victims of the Afghanistan earthquake**. To make a donation go to www.cafod.org.uk or phone 0303 303 3030.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Marian Darby, Ken Quigley, Mary Geraghty, Catherine Malone, 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, ohn Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia and Paul Dempsey

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