



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK



24th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm*: Jeffery Pearson (ints)

8.30am: First Holy Communion

Aldridge Family+

10.30am: Hugh Battle+

6.00pm: Hilda Slattery+

Monday 25th ST JAMES

6pm: Kevin Jennings+

Tuesday 26th Ss Joachim and Anne

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Uncle John McKenna+

Wednesday 27th No Mass

Thursday 28th

10.00am: Jim Jennings+

10.30am: Coffee Morning - JP Room

Friday 29th Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Santha Soosay (thanksgiving)

1.30pm: Christian Meditation

6.00pm: Adoration

Saturday 30th

6pm*: Vera Gomez (ints)

31st July 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Joseph Hapurachchi+

10.30am: Dan Murphy (ann+)

6.00pm: Anastasia Gallagher (ann+)

Ask.. Seek.. Knock..

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

What does the prayer of Jesus tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father in being the Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of everything and transcendent authority, and he is eternally Father by his relationship to his only begotten Son. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we are spiritually reborn and made new, and we become the adopted children of God.

Is it not wonderful that each person in our parish and beyond can approach God as "Father". We can pray with expectant faith because our heavenly Father truly loves each one of us and he treats us as his beloved sons and daughters. He delights to give us what is good. His love and grace transforms us and makes us like himself.

Jesus declares to us today emphatically, How much more will the heavenly Father give! St. Augustine reminds us that "God, who does not sleep and who awakens us from sleep that we may ask, gives much more graciously." The Lord Jesus assures us that as we approach the Summertime, we can bring our needs to our heavenly Father who is always ready to give not only what we need, but more than we can ask. God gives the best he has. He freely pours out the blessing of his Holy Spirit upon us so that we may be filled with the abundance of his provision. May we approach our heavenly Father with confidence in his mercy and kindness.

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: The privilege and responsibility of calling God Father, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD) "For the Saviour said, 'When you pray, say, 'Our Father.' And another of the holy Evangelists adds, 'who art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9)... He gives his own glory to us. He raises slaves to the dignity of freedom. He crowns the human condition with such honour as surpasses the power of nature. He brings to pass what was spoken of old by the voice of the psalmist: 'I said, you are gods, and all of you children of the Most High' (Psalm 82:6). He rescues us from the measure of slavery, giving us by his grace what we did not possess by nature, and permits us to call God 'Father,' as being admitted to the rank of sons. One of these privileges is the dignity of freedom, a gift peculiarly befitting those who have been called to be sons and daughters. He commands us, therefore, to take boldness and say in our prayers, 'Our Father.'" Meditations may be freely reprinted for non-commercial use - please cite: copyright © 2022 Servants of the Word, source: dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager.

Fr John

Parish Priest: Fr John McKenna

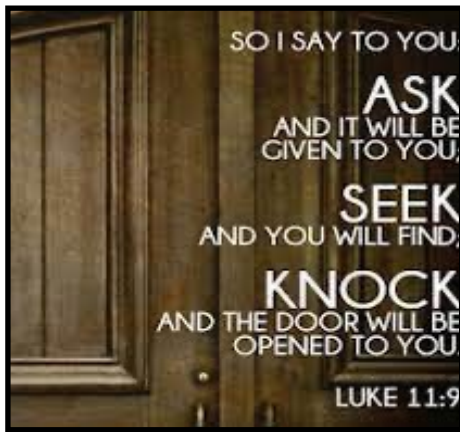
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Persistent Prayer



**"I thank you, Lord with all
my heart
You have heard the words
of my mouth.
In the presence of the
angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy
temple"**

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/>

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

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

NOTICES

WELCOME



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

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.

Thank you to the generous parishioners who have contributed £521.10 and pledged £700. Our target is 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

Thursday Tea and Coffee Mornings

Please note that for the month of August, there will be no tea and coffee mornings. They will restart on Thursday 1st September 2022. Thank you for support.

Carol Shen

FOR YOUR SPECIAL PRAYERS



Please pray for the following children who will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday: Ruairi, Mei, Alexander, Ella, Michaela, Jakub, Diane-Sophie, Leo and David.

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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