



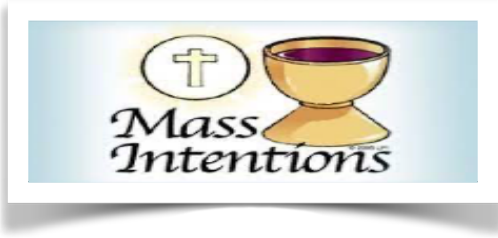
Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Week 2

THIS WEEK



31st July	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
6pm*:	Vera Gomez (ints)
8.30am:	Joseph Hapurachchi+
10.30am:	Dan Murphy (ann+)
6.00pm:	Anastasia Gallagher (ann+)
Monday 1st	St Alphonsus Liguori
6pm:	Linda Awan (ints)
Tuesday 2nd	
9.30am:	Morning Prayer
10.00am:	Pauline Brady (ints)
Wednesday 3rd	No Mass
Thursday 4th	St John Vianney
10.00am:	Joseph Hapurachchi+
Friday 5th	
9.30am:	Morning Prayer
10.00am:	Joseph Hapurachchi+
6.00pm:	Adoration
Saturday 6th	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
6pm*:	Neil Carney (ann+)
7th August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.30am:	Elio Marcangelo+
10.30am:	Phil Collins+
6.00pm:	Paddy Kelly (ann+)

Rich in the Sight of God

And Jesus told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

The Ten Commandments can be summarised into two prohibitions - do not worship false idols and do not covet what belongs to another. It's the flip side of the two great commandments of Christ - to love God and to love ones neighbour. Jesus teaches us a foundational lesson with a parable about a foolish rich man. Why does Jesus call this wealthy landowner a fool? Jesus does not fault the rich man for his industriousness and skill in acquiring wealth, but rather for his egoism and selfishness - it's mine, all mine, and no one else's. The rich fool had lost the capacity to be concerned for others. His life was consumed with his possessions and his only interests were in himself. His death was the final loss of his soul! What is this important lesson for us today? It is in giving that we receive. Those who are rich towards God receive ample reward - not only in this life - but in eternity as well.

In this little parable Jesus also probes our heart with the question - where is your treasure? Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. This weekend ask yourself honestly, what do I treasure most in my life?

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Surrounded by wealth, blind to charity, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD)"What does the rich man do, surrounded by a great supply of many blessings beyond all numbering? In distress and anxiety, he speaks the words of poverty. He says, 'What should I do?' ... He does not look to the future. He does not raise his eyes to God. He does not count it worth his while to gain for the mind those treasures that are above in heaven. He does not cherish love for the poor or desire the esteem it gains." 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

PLEASE NOTE

PRESBYTERY OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM 1ST TO 5th AUGUST 2022.

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2022 WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE DAY

"Mary Mother of Sorrow,
Mother of Joy"

The Westminster's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham this year is on Saturday 24th September, 2022. Further details will be available soon.

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

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](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/barnet) where you will find information on the parish, parish groups and much more. Information is 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

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

Funeral Mass

For Margaret Trehy is on Thursday 11th August, 2022 at 10am in Church. Please pray for family and friends at this sad time.

May she rest in peace.

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

BIBLE STUDY GROUP St Peter RC New Barnet

A new Bible Study Group will begin in the Centre of Mary Immaculate & St Peter RC Church in New Barnet.

Starting on Saturday 17th September from 10am - 4pm with a session entitled "*Jeff Cavin's Bible Timeline: Overview of the Bible*",

Followed by 4 Sessions on consecutive Thursday evenings from 6.30pm - 8pm starting on Thursday 22nd September. There will be a reading of one book of the Bible in those 4 sessions.

Friday Christian Meditation Group

Please note that for the month of August, there will be no Christian Meditation Meeting. They will restart on Friday 2nd September 2022 1.30pm.

Rosemary Heams

Thank you from CAFOD

CAFOD, is a member of Caritas Internationalis, working with some of the poorest and most marginalised people in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. Find out more www.cafod.org.uk.

CAFOD Gap Year Programme for 18-30 year olds

Step into the Gap is a great opportunity for Young Adults aged between 18-30 to immerse themselves in interactive experiences, develop leadership skills while exploring their faith, and meeting new people. This is a time to reflect on global society while spending a year inspiring others to act for the poor and most marginalised. Based in the UK in a retreat centre or Catholic Secondary School with accommodation, travel and stipend included. Take the first step and apply for September 2022.

www.cafod.org.uk/gapyear

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

Recently Deceased: Margaret Trehy

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