



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week 2

THIS WEEK



3rd July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 6pm*:** Kathleen Lagan+
8.30am: James Kennedy (thanksgiving)
10.30am: Kiani Family (ints)
6.00pm: Brenda & Martin Cleary (ints)

Monday 4th **St. Elizabeth of Portugal**

- 3.45pm: Families Together*
6pm: Sr. Elizabeth & Sisters (ints)

Tuesday 5th **St Anthony Zaccaria**

- 9.30am: Morning Prayer*
10.00am: Ziggy Budrevičienė (ints)
10.30am: Life Ascending Group (JPPII Room)

Wednesday 6th **No Mass**

Thursday 7th

- 10.00am:** J. Soosay (ann+)

Friday 8th July

- 9.30am: Morning Prayer*
10.00am: Giovanni Basta (ann+)
12.00pm: Alpha Soup Lunch
1.30pm: Christian Meditation
6.00pm: Adoration

Saturday 9th **Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions**

- 6pm*:** Bradnum Family (ints)

10th July **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8.30am:** **First Holy Communion**
 James Kennedy (ints)
10.30am: **First Holy Communion**
 Chi-Chi Onuigbo (ints)
6.00pm: Lisa Hoghton+

After this the Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'

What kind of harvest does the Lord Jesus Christ want us to reap today for His kingdom? When Jesus commissioned seventy of his disciples to go on mission, he gave them a vision of a vast field that is ready to be harvested for the kingdom of God. Jesus frequently used the image of a harvest to convey the coming of God's reign on earth. The harvest is the fruition of much labour and growth - beginning with the sowing of seeds, then growth to maturity, and finally the reaping of fruit for the harvest. In like manner, the word of God is sown in the hearts of receptive men and women who hear his word, accept it with trust and obedience, and then share the abundant fruit of God's word in their life with others. The harvest Jesus had in mind was not only the gathering in of the people of Israel, but all the peoples and nations of the world.

What is the significance of Jesus appointing seventy disciples to the ministry of the word? Seventy was a significant number in biblical times. Moses chose seventy elders to help him in the task of leading the people through the wilderness. In Jesus' times seventy was held to be the number of nations throughout the world. Jesus commissioned the seventy to a two-fold task - to speak in his name and to act with his power. Jesus gave his disciples instructions for how they were to carry out their ministry. They must go and serve others without guile (free of deceit and craftiness), full of charity (selfless giving in love for the good of others), peace, and simplicity. They must give their full attention to the proclamation of God's kingdom and not be diverted by other lesser things. They must travel light - only take what was essential and leave behind whatever would distract them - in order to concentrate on the task of speaking the word of the God. The Lord Jesus wants his disciples to be dependent on him and not on themselves and the same goes for each one of us.

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Jesus the Good Shepherd changes wolves into sheep, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD) "How then does [Jesus] command the holy apostles, who are innocent men and 'sheep,' to seek the company of wolves, and go to them of their own will? Is not the danger apparent? Are they not set up as ready prey for their attacks? How can a sheep prevail over a wolf? How can one so peaceful conquer the savageness of beasts of prey? 'Yes,' he says, 'for they all have me as their Shepherd: small and great, people and princes, teachers and students. I will be with you, help you.'

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Jesus, The Good Shepherd



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



You are invited to join us on Monday evenings, 7.30 pm on 4th July, and Friday lunchtimes, 12.00 pm - 8th July. Please register your interest at www.barnetalpha.com.

NOTICES

WELCOME

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 also available in the church porch. Weekly Newsletter 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

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

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!

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: July: 9th

Act of Contrition

Oh, my God, because you are so good., I am very sorry for my sins and by the help of your grace I will try not to sin again.

Amen



FAMILIES TOGETHER: Please join us for our Families Together afternoon of prayer, activities, and refreshments in Church on **Monday 4th July at 3.45pm**, for more details email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk



LIFE ASCENDING GROUP: Meeting on Tuesday 5th July after the 10.00am Mass. Please join us.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

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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