



# NEWSLETTER

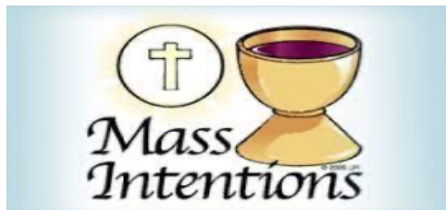


Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C      Week 1

### THIS WEEK



**21st August**      **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**6pm\*:**            Elody Murchison+  
**8.30am:**        Rosie Fernaroli-O'Sullivan+  
**10.30am:**      Cathriona McLoughlin+  
**6.00pm:**        Clyde Roberts+

**Monday 22nd**    **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**6pm:**            William Hanley+

**Tuesday 23rd**   **St Rose of Lima**  
*9.30am: Morning Prayer*  
**10.00am:**      Meath Doohan+

**Wednesday 24th**   **No Mass**

**Thursday 25th**    **Ss Louis & Joseph Calasanz**  
**10.00am:**        Margaret Trehy+

**Friday 26th**  
*9.30am: Morning Prayer*  
**10.00am:**        Margaret Trehy+

**Saturday 27th**    **St Monica**  
**6pm\*:**            Margaret Trehy+

**28th**                **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**8.30am:**        Eric Power (ints)  
**10.30am:**      Hannah Fennell (ints)  
**6.00pm:**        Helena Walsh+

Today's Gospel goes in the same direction as the one of last Sunday's, the one we should have taken if the solemnity of The Assumption did take its place. Remember that in year C we are using the Gospel from Saint Luke.

In following Jesus we must accept the tension, the difficulties, the temptations, the doubts... in our own life, "the narrow door", because the title "Roman Catholics" does not allow us, by itself, be in touch with Christ. The Church is not a house, a fortress, but a way of living according to God's commandments given to us in Jesus Christ. And his Church, as Jesus, is open to everybody, is universal, "Catholic", we say in the Credo. (I believe). It is not a question of race, or culture or nationality but a question of the following of Jesus. Even outside the Church people in good faith could reach God, be holy; they are what we call "implicit" Christians, receiving Jesus's universal salvation, though without their knowing. As today's Gospel says: "And from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their place at the feast in the kingdom of God".

At the depth of every human heart there is a longing for God, a reaching out towards the ultimate Mystery, This may not be recognised or may be blunted in many ways, but the seed of divine life is sown in every man and woman on the earth, because God has created us all, He is our Father. We may know people in the world or even in our families who don't practise their faith but are trying to follow their conscience. Sometimes we should think about our responsibility in not have given them a good example in our day by day conduct. We have received our own faith as a gift, in our upbringing or through the circumstance of our lives, but always a gift, nothing to do with our own effort. What we could and should do is thank God for his mercy to us, and what is more important, conveying our thankfulness to other in serenity and openness.

Don't forget what Jesus says to us in today's Gospel: "Once the Master of the house has got up and locked the door you may find yourselves saying" "we once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our street", but he will reply: "I do not know where you come from". God in his providence is indicating our own way of conduct and sometimes we think we are alone in our efforts. Consider what today's second reading, in the letter to the Hebrews, it is God's answer: "Has ever there been any son whose father did not train him?"

Suffering is part of our life, part of our training. With our openness to God we'll find an answer; without listening to Him we will despair and become embittered.

Remember that our faith shows itself in our attitude towards "our neighbour". We have the responsibility to "enhance" our fellow parishioners also to come to church, to our community, not with our words only, but especially with our charity for their happiness and salvation.

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## FEAST OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT CELEBRATIONS

Our Patronal Feast will be celebrated with Mass at 6pm and followed by a Reception in the Parish Hall, in the first week of September, 2022. (date will be confirmed).

**Volunteers are required:** for the event, if you are interested in helping out please call the Presbytery on **020 8449 3338**

**Bring and Share Supper:** There is a food list on the table in the porch at the back of the Church. Please write your name down if you can kindly donate a dish for the occasion.

## 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](mailto:anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk)

# 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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## FUNERAL MASS

The Requiem Mass for Catherine Malone will take place on Tuesday 30th August at 10am. **All are Welcome.** Please pray for her family and friends.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

1. You begin by making the sign of the Cross: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AMEN
2. BLESS ME, FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED. My last confession was .....days/months/years ago
3. And these are my sins..... [when you finish confessing your sins, you conclude with these words (I AM TRULY SORRY FOR MY SINS AND ALL THE SINS I CANNOT NOW REMEMBER)]
4. Then, you listen to the Priest.
5. Make an Act of Contrition.....

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Monica Thompson, Rosemary Chester, Paul Reed, Marian Darby, Ken Quigley, Mary Geraghty, 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, 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:** Catherine Malone and Margaret Campbell

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