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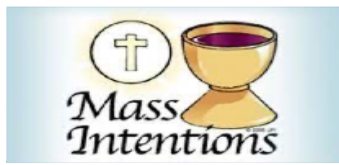
Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week 2

THIS WEEK



28th Aug 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm*: Margaret Trehy+

8.30am: Eric Power (ints)

10.30am: Hannah Fennell (ints)

6.00pm: Helena Walsh+

Mon 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist

6pm: Roy+

Tues 30th St Margaret Clitherow

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Funeral of Catherine Malone

Wed 31st No Mass

Thurs 1st Sept

10.00am: Angela Savarimuthu+

Friday 2nd

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Margaret Campbell+

7.30pm: Mass of Transformation
Paul Stephens+

Sat 3rd

6pm*: Paul Reed+

4th Sept Solemnity of St Gregory the Great

8.30am: Donya Kiani

10.30am: Catherine Malone+

6.00pm: Bela & Anthony McNamara (ints)

Today God is sending us a message about humility, which is supposed to be a characteristic, or better, a virtue in our behaviour as Christians. In today's first reading, the book of Ecclesiasticus, we can read: "My son, be gentle in carrying your business, ... The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the power of the humble." This statement was explained by Jesus in the form of a parable in our Gospel; "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour...For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted....when you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask friends,...but invite the poor, the crippled, the lame the blind...because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again."

The essence of the reading is: "for everyone who humbles himself will be exalted." But how do we examine our conscience on the virtue of humility? For if we think of ourselves as humble, are we not guilty of that pride which our Lord set out to condemn? Humility does not mean that we simply think little of ourselves. It means that we recognise the great things that God has done in us. We recognise the truth that we are God's creatures, that we, and all the gifts and talents we possess, belong to him. St Teresa of Avila with a real humility recognised God's gifts in her. She used to say: Humility is to walk in truth". The truth is that we are completely dependent on God and in this modern and technological world we are trying, on the contrary, to be independent of God. We don't need Him, we can deal in our practical life as "grown up" people, everything depending on us.

We should be happy because we are "instruments" in God's hands. He is using us, as a pen, to write, to convey, his truth, justice, service, love... in this aggressive and incomprehensible world. The cleaner, the lighter, the less obtrusive the pen is, the brighter, the cleaner will the writing be, God's writing, God's will through us.

One of the big worries in today's world is the presence of so many wars, especially the one in Ukraine. How can we explain the situation of what is happening there? It looks like a nonsense. Our Pope Francis is trying to intercede, asking continuously God's protection in humility, to prevent more violence. He is going to Kazakhstan for the World Religious Congress next month, although Patriarch Kirill is not going there, as we've have been informed.

Perhaps, if we are humble enough, God will listen to our prayers, using us as instruments, as a simple pen. Let's hope it will happen and, in the meantime, let's help each other in our little word, our parish, our family, to accept in humility the task our Father is offering to us, to increase our dedication to our fellow parishioners, especially to the ones more in need.

Fr Miguel op

FEAST OF ST GREGORY THE GREAT CELEBRATIONS

Our Patronal Feast will be celebrated at the 10.30am Sunday Mass on 4th September, followed by a party in the Parish Hall,

Bring and Share Supper: If you can kindly donate a dish for the occasion, please write your name down on the Sheet of Food List in the Porch at the back of the Church.

Parish Priest: Fr John McKenna

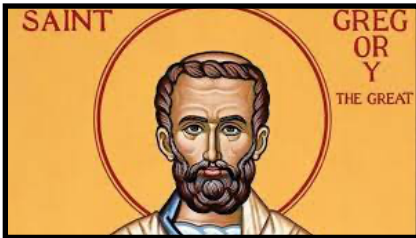
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ST GREGORY THE GREAT (Pope & Doctor)



"the Father of Christian Worship"

Pope Gregory I (c.540-604), commonly known as Saint Gregory the Great, was Bishop of Rome from 3 September 590 to his death. He is known for instigating the first recorded large-scale mission from Rome, the Gregorian Mission, to convert the then largely pagan Anglo-Saxons to Christianity

2022 WESTMINSTER DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM DAY PILGRIMAGE

*"Mary Mother of Sorrow,
Mother of Joy"*



The Westminster's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is on Saturday 24th September, 2022.

Details of the Pilgrimage are as follows:

Departure: 7am (Coach leaves Parish)

Return: 8pm. (Coach arrives Parish)

Cost: £30 (Adult); £20 (Child)

Booking: Please complete a Form available at the back of the Church and post through the Presbytery door. Spaces are allocated on a basis of "first come, first serve"

Lunch: Please bring a packed one with you.

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 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

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

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.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Merciful Lord, with a pure heart I thank you for taking away my sins. Let your Holy Spirit guide my life so that my soul may bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Renew my desire to be your faithful friend and servant, increase my loving dependence on you, and grant me that joy and peace of heart which comes from doing your holy will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagia and Paul Dempsey

Recently Deceased: Catherine Malone and John Erskine

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