



NEWSLETTER



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C Week 4

This weekend the nation grieves the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As a Parish community we come together to express our gratitude to the Monarch and the Royal Family at this time. We give thanks to God for her long and faithful service to this country and especially for her constant witness to Christ. The following are a few examples of her personal statements of faith.

Fr John

'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong. But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share it.' (21st birthday radio address, 1947)



'The gift I would most value next year is that reconciliation should be found wherever it is needed. A reconciliation which would bring peace and security to families and neighbours at present suffering and torn apart. Remember that good spreads outwards and every little does help. Mighty things from small beginnings grow as indeed they grew from the small child of Bethlehem.' (Christmas 1976)

'In difficult times we may be tempted to find excuses for self-indulgence and to wash our hands of responsibility. Christmas stands for the opposite... we need to go out and look for opportunities to help those less fortunate than ourselves, even if that service demands sacrifice.' (Christmas 1980)

'Christ not only revealed to us the truth in his teachings. He lived by what he believed and gave us the strength to try to do the same - and, finally, on the cross, he showed the supreme example of physical and moral courage.' (1981)

'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God!' (2002)

'To many of us our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.' (2000)

'For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none.' (Christmas 2014)

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THIS WEEK



11th Sept 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm*: Felix (Phil) O'Connor+
8.30am: Katherine Vassallo+
10.30am: Patsy Murray+
6.00pm: Catherine Malone+

Mon 12th The Most Holy Name of Mary

6pm: Bernard O'Donnell+

Tues 13th St John Chrysostom

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)
10.00am: Catherine Malone+
10.30am: SVP Meeting (JP Room)

Wed 14th No Mass

Thurs 15th Our Lady of Sorrows

10.00am: Monica Thompson(ints)
10.30am: Coffee Morning (JP Room)

Friday 16th Ss Cornelius + Cyprian

9.30am: Morning Prayer
10.00am: Marlene Hollocks+
1.30pm: Christian Meditation (Church)
6pm: Adoration

Sat 17th St Robert Bellarmine

6pm*: Catherine Malone+

18th 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Michael Black+
10.30am: Patrick Murray (ann+)
6.00pm: Kaity Obertelli+

First Holy Communion Form & Sacramental Preparation 2022/2023.

Please note that the final date for enrolling your child is Sunday 18th September 2022. Please email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

NOTICES

WELCOME

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.

Thank You St Gregory's Feast Day Party

A big thank you to all those who contributed food and helped with the celebration of our Feast day and Send off of Fr Miguel last Sunday. It was a splendid occasion. God Bless you all.

PAKISTANI RELIEF FUND

CAFOD says a big thank you to all those who contributed financially to the fund; amount raised was £771.11

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP



Reopens: Tuesday 13th September 2022

TUESDAYS: 10am - 11.30am. (Term time only) at Church Parish Hall

Age Range: Birth to 3rd Birthday

£1 per family per morning

Parents: tea, coffee, juice and biscuits

Toddlers: toys, books puzzles etc

Come join us!

Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)

Tuesday Meetings in the JP Room

13th Sept - 10.30am (After Mass)

20th Sept - 7.00pm

27th Sept - 10.30am (After Mass)

Membership Forms at the back of the Church, complete and deliver to the Presbytery or meetings.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Particular prayers: The people of Pakistan and Ukraine

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, George Buhagia and Paul Dempsey

Recently Deceased: Christopher Cushinan

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