



NEWSLETTER



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week 3

THIS WEEK



2nd Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm*: Eileen Winters (ints)

8.30am: Alfonso de-Ritis (ann+)

10.30am: Catherine Malone+

6.00pm: Dermot & Betty McNamara (ints)

Mon 3rd

3.45pm: Families Together

6pm: Noel McMenamini+

Tues 4th St Francis of Assisi

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Sheila Kinsella (ann+)

7.00pm: SVP Meeting (JP Room)

Wed 5th No Mass

Thurs 6th St Bruno

10.00am: Lourdes McGowan Funeral

10.30am: Coffee Morning (JP Room)

Friday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10.00am: Linda Atkinson+

12.15pm: Cafod Soup Lunch (JP Room)

2.00pm: Christian Meditation (Church)

7.30pm: Mass of Transformation

Kieran & Mary Callagher+

Sat 8th Blessed Virgin Mary

6pm*: Dennis O'Shea+

9th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Mary Long (ints)

10.30am: Liane Epsilon (ints)

6.00pm: Malinda Griffin+

FAITH LIKE A MUSTARD SEED

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamine tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea, and it would obey you.'"

This weekend Christ asks us a simple question: "How strong is your faith in God?" Faith is not something vague, uncertain, undefinable, or something which requires a leap of the imagination or worse, some kind of blind allegiance. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Faith is a response of trust and belief in what is reliable, truthful, certain, and real. To have Christian faith is to believe and trust in a person, the person of Jesus. When God reveals himself to us he gives us the "assurance" and "conviction" that his power and presence and glory is just as real, and even more real, than our experience of the natural physical world around us. Things around us change, but God never changes. He is constant, ever true to his word, and always faithful to his promises (Psalm 145:13, Hebrews 10:23). That is why we can have the greatest assurance of his unconditional love for us and why we can hope with utter conviction that he will give us everything he has promised. Jesus is God's visible proof that his word is reliable and true - his love is unfailing and unconditional - and his power is immeasurably great and unlimited.

Faith in God is the key for removing obstacles and difficulties which keep us from doing his will. We belong to God and our lives are no longer our own. Our joy and privilege is to follow the Lord Jesus and to serve in the power of his love and goodness. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to work in and through us by his Spirit for his glory. For our faith to be effective it must be linked with trust and with obedience - an active submission to God and a willingness to do whatever he commands. This weekend may the Holy Spirit of God rejuvenate and enliven our Christian faith so that we may follow God and be a blessing to those around us.

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: To increase faith is to strengthen it by the Holy Spirit, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD) "They ask, 'Add faith to us.' They do not ask simply for faith, for perhaps you might imagine them to be without faith. They rather ask Christ for an addition to their faith and to be strengthened in faith. Faith partly depends on us and partly is the gift of the divine grace. The beginning of faith depends on us and our maintaining confidence and faith in God with all our power. The confirmation and strength necessary for this comes from the divine grace." Meditations may be freely reprinted for non-commercial use - please cite: copyright © 2022 Servants of the Word, source: dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager

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Communion Song

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has ready for those who love him; Spirit of love, come give us the mind of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.

CAFOD Soup Lunch

Please support our brothers and sisters around the world by attending the Soup Lunch on **Friday 7th October at 12.15pm in the JP Room** for a simple soup lunch and give what you can to help people.



FAMILIES TOGETHER: Please join us for our Families Together afternoon of prayer, activities, and refreshments in Church on **Monday 3rd October at 3.45pm**, for more details email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

Alpha Course



"explore life faith meaning"
7.30pm on Mondays

First Session: 26th September 2022
in the Parish Hall

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

Day of Renewal

You are warmly welcome to our Parish retreat Day on Saturday 22nd October from 10am to 4pm; a day of music adoration teaching and fellowship

Saturday RE Classes

Classes for children at non-Catholic primary 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: October: 8th & 22nd

November: 5th & 19th

December: 3rd & 17th

Poetry Reading

Our first Poetry Reading for nearly three years will be held in the Parish Hall on Friday 21st October, 7.15 p.m., for a prompt start at 7.30 p.m. Come and read one of your favourite poems, or just relax with a glass of wine and hear others read theirs. Entry £3.00 to include a free glass of wine or non-alcoholic drink. All proceeds to support the Youth S.V.P. To offer to read, or for further information, contact John Dixon: john-s.dixon@hotmail.com; 020-8440-1091.

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School Vale Drive

Prospective parents are warmly welcomed to attend our school tours for Reception entry September 2023.

Tour dates are:

Mon 3rd Oct 1.45pm, Fri 14th Oct 10am,

Mon 17th Oct 1:45pm, Mon 7th Nov 1.45pm,

Mon 14th Nov 6pm (all approx 1 hour).

Should you wish to attend, please

contact the school office:

0208440 4946 or email:

admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.net

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, 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, Paul and Nicola Dempsey,

Recently Deceased: Linda Atkinson and Lourdes McGowan

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