



NEWSLETTER

Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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THIS WEEK



16th Oct 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm*: François DuPhil+

8.30am: Paddy Castello+

10.30am: Liane Espiloy+

6.00pm: Christopher Cushinan+

Mon 17th St Ignatius of Antioch

6pm: Marie-Christine Soraf (nee Jordache)+

Tues 18th St Luke, Evangelist

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Fintan & Mairin McGovern (ints)

7.00pm: SVP Meeting (JP II Room)

Wed 19th

No Mass

Thurs 20th

10.00am: John Flavin+

10.30am: Coffee Morning (JP Room)

Friday 21st

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10.00am: George Francis Buhagiar+

2.00pm: Christian Meditation (Church)

6.00pm: Adoration

Sat 22nd St John Paul II, Pope

6pm*: Denis Hyland (ann+)

23rd 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Liane Espiloy+

10.30am: Maura & Alan Howells (ann+)

6.00pm: John Flavin+

PERSEVERANCE

"I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming. And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

What can this parable of Christ teach us this weekend as a parish community of faith. Jesus tells a story that is all too true - a defenceless widow is taken advantaged of and refused her rights. Through sheer persistence she wears down an unscrupulous judge until he gives her justice. Persistence pays off, and that's especially true for those who trust in God. Jesus illustrates how God as our Judge and Vindicator is much quicker to come to our defence and to bring us his justice, blessing, and help when we need it. But we can easily lose heart and forget to ask our heavenly Father for his grace and help.

Jesus told the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge to give his disciples fresh hope and confidence in God's unfailing care and favour towards us. In this present life we can expect trials and adversity, but we are not without hope in God.

Jesus ends his parable with a probing question for us. Will you and I have faith - the kind of faith that doesn't give up or lose hope in God - but perseveres to the end of our lives - and to the end of this present age when the Lord Jesus Christ will return in glory as Ruler and Judge.

Fr John

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Persistent prayer transforms iniquity and wickedness into mercy, by Ephrem the Syrian (306-373 AD) "The persistence of the widow humiliated both the iniquity that was rebelling against God and the boldness that was behaving arrogantly towards human beings. She subjected them to her will, so that they might provide her with a vindication over her adversary. Persistence transformed these two bitter branches, and they bore sweet fruit that was against their nature. The iniquity of the judge brought about a righteous judgment and a just retribution for the falsely accused woman. His wickedness gave peace to the afflicted one, although iniquity does not know how to judge, and wickedness does not know how to give refreshment. Persistence forced these two evil and bitter branches to give good fruit against their nature. Copyright © 2022 Servants of the Word, source: [dailyscripture.net](https://www.dailyscripture.net), author Don Schwager.

Parish 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, fellowship and shared lunch.

Our guest speaker is Maximilian Ford <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0IPzMBAPxQ>

Parish Priest: Fr John McKenna

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Perseverance



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: 22nd
November: 5th & 19th
December: 3rd & 18th



Alpha Course

"explore life faith meaning"
7.30pm on Mondays

Next Session: 17th October 2022
in the Parish Hall

QUEST

Quest is our new lunchtime fellowship group for men and women of a certain age! We gather on alternate Friday lunchtimes at 12.00 pm in the JP11 room for a shared lunch, prayer and fellowship. Next Meeting 21st October 2022

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

Thank you from CAFOD

Thank you so much to everyone who helped and supported the Harvest soup lunch on Friday Fast day (7th October 2022). It was very much appreciated. We made £452.42. Thank you all for your generosity and support. Find out more www.cafod.org.uk.

LIFE ASCENDING GROUP: Meeting on Tuesday 18th October after 10am Mass. Please join us.

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 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:

Sinead Mayes, 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, Paul and Nicola Dempsey,

Recently Deceased: Mary Harris

Parish Staff Contact Information

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