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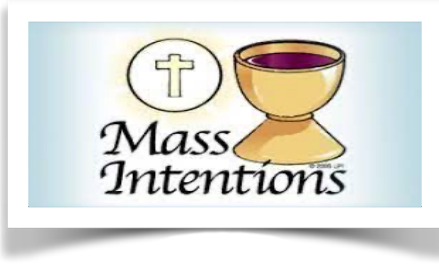
Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week 2

THIS WEEK



23rd Oct 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm*: Denis Hyland (ann+)

8.30am: Liane Espiloy+

10.30am: Maura & Alan Howells (ann+)

6.00pm: John Flavin+

Mon 24th St Anthony Mary Claret

6pm: Erlicitas Cortez Coronado+

Tues 25th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Sr. Delores+

Wed 26th

No Mass

Thurs 27th

10.00am: Julie Loh+

10.30am: Coffee Morning (JP Room)

Friday 28th Ss Simon and Jude

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10.00am: Margaret Flaherty+

2.00pm: Christian Meditation (Church)

6.00pm: Adoration

Sat 29th Blessed Martyrs of Douai College

6pm*: Jimmy Flakey (ints)

30th 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Jacinta & Dennis Danjuma (ints)

10.30am: Liane Espiloy+

6.00pm: Cathy & Jimmy Woods (ints)

SPIRITUAL PRIDE

"I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the person who humbles himself will be exalted."

This weekend the Lord Jesus Christ paints a vivid story of two people at prayer. Why did the Lord accept one person's prayer rather than the other person. Luke gives us a hint: despising one's neighbour closes the door to God's heart. Expressing disdain and contempt for others is more than being mean-minded. It springs from the assumption that one is qualified to sit in the seat of judgment. Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. It does this by contrasting two very different attitudes towards prayer. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction and self-congratulation, his boastful prayer was centred on his good religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace, and pardon. Rather than humbling himself before God and asking for God's mercy and help, this man praised himself while despising those he thought less worthy. The Pharisee tried to justify himself before God and before those he despised; but only God can justify us. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride.

This parable presents both an opportunity and a warning. Pride leads to self-deception and spiritual blindness. True humility helps us to see ourselves as we really are in God's eyes and it inclines us to seek God's help and mercy. This weekend let us humbly seek God's mercy and show mercy to others, especially those we find difficult to love and to forgive. **Fr John**

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: The medicine of repentance, by Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D.

"How useful and necessary a medicine is repentance! People who remember that they are only human will readily understand this. It is written, 'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble' (1 Peter 5:5, James 4:6, Job 22:29, Proverbs 3:34). The Pharisee was not rejoicing so much in his own clean bill of health as in comparing it with the diseases of others. He came to the doctor. It would have been more worthwhile to inform him by confession of the things that were wrong with himself instead of keeping his wounds secret and having the nerve to crow over the scars of others. It is not surprising that the tax collector went away cured, since he had not been ashamed of showing where he felt pain." (excerpt from Sermon 351.1) 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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Pride



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

Gathering/Communion Songs

Gathering: Act Justly, love tenderly, walk, walk humbly with your God.

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Communion: Neither death, nor life, nor angels nor rulers, not trials in the present, nor any trials to come, neither height nor depth, nor all of creation, can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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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 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

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

Funeral Mass

The Requiem Mass for Mary Harris will take place on Friday 18th November at 10am. Please pray for her reposed soul, family and friends.

Thank you from Chipping Barnet Seniors Day Centre

Thank you so much to everyone who supported last Saturdays Autumn Fair (15th October 2022) which raised £1,100.00. Thank you all for your support.

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, 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

Alpha Course

"explore life faith meaning"

7.30pm on Mondays

Next Session: 24th 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 JP room for a shared lunch, prayer and fellowship. Next Meeting 4th November 2022

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