



# NEWSLETTER



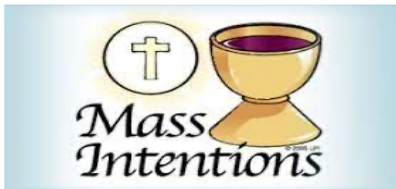
Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week 3

### THIS WEEK



#### Sunday 30th October 2022

##### **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**6pm\*:** Jimmy Falvey (ints)

**8.30am:** Jacinta & Dennis Danjuma (ints)

**10.30am:** Liane Espiloy+

**6.00pm:** Cathy & Jimmy Woods (ints)

#### Mon 31st

**6pm:** Kathleen Duffy+

#### Tue 1st November ALL SAINTS

*9.30am: Morning Prayer*

**10.00am:** Antonio, Ericitas & Rogelio Coronado+

*10.30am: Life Ascending Group Meeting (JP Room)*

*7.00pm: SVP Meeting (JP Room)*

#### Wed 2nd ALL SOULS' DAY

**10.00am:** All Souls

#### Thurs 3rd St Martin de Porres & St Winifride

**10.00am:** William Kinsella (ann+)

*10.30am: Coffee Morning (JP Room)*

#### Friday 4th St Charles Borromeo

*9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)*

**10.00am:** Antonio Parrocha+

*2.00pm: Christian Meditation (Church)*

**7.30pm: Mass of Transformation**

All Souls

#### Sat 5th Blessed Virgin Mary

**6pm\*:** Liane Espiloy+

#### Sun 6th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8.30am:** Walter & Kathryn Vassallo+

**10.30am:** Matthew Hegarty (ints)

**6.00pm:** Sheila Magee (ints)

### THE CONVERTED & WELCOMING HEART

He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today."

What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your home today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed, would you welcome Him or would there be an awkward silence. Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" - the poor, the lame, and even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector. Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they over-charged people and accumulated great wealth at the expense of others.

Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honour of staying at his home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and forgiveness. In his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine.

This weekend as a Parish community, Christ wishes to teach us that he is always ready to make his home with each one of us. "Blessed are those who welcome my Words and my Father and I shall come and make our home within that person". Do you make room for Jesus in your heart and in every area of your life?

**Fr. John**

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: To see Christ, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD) "Come and let us see what was the method of Zacchaeus's conversion. He desired to see Jesus and therefore climbed into a sycamore tree, and so a seed of salvation sprouted within him. Christ saw this with the eyes of deity. Looking up, he also saw Zacchaeus with the eyes of humanity, and since it was his purpose for all to be saved, he extends his gentleness to him. To encourage him, he says, 'Come down quickly.' Zacchaeus searched to see Christ, but the multitude prevented him, not so much that of the people but of his sins. He was short of stature, not merely in a bodily point of view but also spiritually. He could not see him unless he were raised up from the earth and climbed into the sycamore, by which Christ was about to pass. The story contains a puzzle. In no other way can a person see Christ and believe in him except by climbing up into the sycamore, by making foolish his earthly members of fornication, uncleanness, etc." Meditations may be freely reprinted for non-commercial use - please cite: copyright © 2022 Servants of the Word, source: [dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net), author Don Schwager.

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## A WILLING CONVERSION



### 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



### Alpha Course

*"explore life faith meaning"*  
**7.30pm on Mondays**

**Next Session:** 31st 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 will be on the 4th November 2022

# NOTICES

## WELCOME

### PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENT

### 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](mailto:anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk)

### Life Ascending Group

Meeting on Tuesday 1st November after the 10.30am Mass. Please join us.

### Gathering/Communion Songs

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

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**Communion:** 792 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.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.45pm, Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm (all approx 1 hour).

Should you wish to attend, please contact the school office: 0208440 4946 or email:

[admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.net](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.net)

### 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

North London Hospice would like to thank the Parish for supporting them by raising a £800.00 donation (through the Thursday Coffee Mornings). For more information see their website [www.northlondonhospice.co.uk](http://www.northlondonhospice.co.uk)

### 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

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