



NEWSLETTER



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Week 4

THIS WEEK



9th Oct 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

6pm*: Dennis O'Shea+
8.30am: Mary Long (ints)
10.30am: Liane Espiloy+
6.00pm: Malinda Griffin+

Mon 10th St Paulinus of York

6pm: Marta Kocianova+

Tues 11th St John XXIII (Pope)

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Georges Jordache+

Wed 12th No Mass

Thurs 13th St Edward the Confessor

10.00am: Christopher Cushinan+

10.30am: Coffee Morning (JP Room)

Friday 14th

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10.00am: George Buhagiar Funeral

2.00pm: Christian Meditation (Church)

6.00pm: Adoration

Sat 15th St Teresa of Avila

6pm*: François DuPhil+

16th 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Paddy Castello+

10.30am: Liane Espiloy+

6.00pm: Christopher Cushinan+

GRATITUDE

And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

What is the significance of the account of the ten lepers asking for mercy? They know they are in need of healing, not just physical, but spiritual healing as well. They approach Jesus with contrition and faith because they believe that he can release the burden of guilt and suffering and make restoration of body and soul possible. Their request for mercy is both a plea for pardon and release from suffering. Jesus gives mercy to all who ask with faith and contrition.

Why did only one leper out of ten return to show gratitude? Gratefulness, another word which expresses gratitude of heart and a thankful disposition, is related to grace - which means the release of loveliness. Gratitude is the homage of the heart which responds with graciousness in expressing an act of thanksgiving. The Samaritan approached Jesus reverently and gave praise to God.

If we do not recognise and appreciate the mercy and help shown to us we will be ungrateful and unkind towards others. Ingratitude is forgetfulness or a poor return for kindness received. Ingratitude easily leads to lack of charity and intolerance towards others, as well as to other vices, such as complaining, grumbling, discontentment, pride, and presumption. How often have we been ungrateful to our parents, teachers, and neighbours? This weekend as a Parish we ask ourselves: Do we express gratitude to God for his abundant help and mercy towards us and are we gracious, kind, and merciful towards our neighbour in their time of need and support?

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Cleansing of the ten lepers, by Cyril of Alexandria (376-444 AD) "Why did [Jesus] not say, 'I will, be cleansed,' as he did in the case of another leper (Luke 5:13), instead of commanding them to show themselves to the priests? It was because the law gave directions to this effect to those who were delivered from leprosy (Leviticus 14:2). It commanded them to show themselves to the priests and to offer a sacrifice for their cleansing. He commanded them to go as being already healed so that they might bear witness to the priests, the rulers of the Jews and always envious of his glory. They testified that wonderfully and beyond their hope, they had been delivered from their misfortune by Christ's willing that they should be healed. He did not heal them first but sent them to the priests, because the priests knew the marks of leprosy and of its healing." 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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Gratitude



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 & 18th

Communion Song

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life

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 21st October 2022

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. Our guest speaker is Maximilian Ford

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. T

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

Chipping Barnet Seniors Day Centre Autum Fayre

At Pennefather Hall, Christ Church,
At Albans Road, Barnet
Saturday 15th October
10.30am - 1.00pm
Entry £1

Come and browse at the many stalls
and have a coffee or lunch with us

FUNERAL MASS

The Requiem Mass for George Buhagiar will take place on Friday 14th October at 10am. Please pray for his family and friends.

Alpha Course



"explore life faith meaning"
7.30pm on Mondays
Next Session: 10th October 2022
in the Parish Hall

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:

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, Paul and Nicola Dempsey,

Recently Deceased: George Buhagiar and Liane Espiloy

Parish Staff Contact Information

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