



NEWSLETTER

Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Remembrance Sunday

Year C Week 1

THIS WEEK



Sun 13th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.00pm*: Virginia Corsini (ann+)

8.30am: Robert Ansara+

10.30am: Adam Panczak+

3.00pm: Blessing of Graves at Bells Hill Cemetery

6.00pm: Jan Agilada+

Mon 14th

6pm: John Jennings+

Tue 15th St Albert the Great

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Joyce Loreine (ints)

10.30am: Life Ascending Group (JP Room)

7.00pm: SVP (Parish Hall)

Wed 16th

No Mass

Thurs 17th

10.00am: Funeral of Monica Watson

10.30am: Coffee Morning (JP Room)

Friday 18th

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10.00am: Funeral of Mary Harris

2.00pm: Christian Meditation (Church)

6.00pm: Adoration

Sat 19th Blessed Virgin Mary

6pm*: ALL SOULS

Sun 20th OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST King of the Universe

8.30am: Mary Geraghty (ints)

10.30am: Marlene Hollocks+

6.00pm: Sr. Anne Hogan+

THE SPIRIT UNIFIES

This week I was reading about the Papal visit of Pope Francis to the Kingdom of Bahrain in the Arabian Gulf. As we commemorate Remembrance Sunday the words of the Holy Father seem particularly apt and worthy of attention. The following are some of his words to inspire and call us to faith.

“The Holy Spirit is a wellspring of unity. All those who receive him receive the Father’s love and are made his sons and daughters (cf. Rom 8:15-16), and, if children of God, also brothers and sisters to one another. There can no longer be room for the works of the flesh, acts of selfishness, such as factions, quarrels, slander and gossip. Worldly divisions, but also ethnic, cultural and ritual differences, cannot injure or compromise the unity of the Spirit. On the contrary, his fire burns away worldly desires and kindles in our lives the warm and compassionate love with which Jesus loves us, so that we in turn can love one another. For this reason, when the Spirit of the risen Jesus descends on his disciples, he becomes the source of unity and fraternity, opposed to every form of selfishness. He inaugurates the one language of love, so that different human languages no longer remain distant and incomprehensible. He breaks down the barriers of distrust and hate, in order to create space for acceptance and dialogue. He frees us from fear and instills the courage to go out and meet others with the unarmed and disarming force of mercy.

This is what the Holy Spirit does, and in this way he has shaped the Church from her very beginnings: starting with Pentecost, when a variety of backgrounds, sensibilities and visions were harmonised in communion, forged in a unity that is not uniformity. If we have received the Spirit, our vocation is above all to preserve unity and cultivate it together – or as Saint Paul says – ‘to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one Hope’” . (Ephesians 4:3-4).

In his message Pope Francis speaks about “worldly divisions” and we see this all around us in our war troubled world, but we can also see this “division” within ourselves. Because of our sin, our turning away from Christ, we can experience an inner division. The Holy Father reminded the people of Bahrain that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to unify and heal our divisions and to be led into the “vision” of God. As much as we depend upon and pray for world leaders and those in authority, ultimately it is the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ who creates a lasting peace and unity among all peoples.

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The Spirit of Peace and Unity



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 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

Communion Song

Act Justly, love tenderly, walk, walk humbly with your God. © 2011 Bernadette Farrell, published by OCP. All rights reserved

FREE DVD SHOWING

ROME - CHRISTIAN ROME - MODERN ROME

When: Thursday 17th November 2023

Where: JP II Room

Time: 2pm

Refreshments Provided. (all donations will go to Youth SVP)

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 II room for a shared lunch, prayer and fellowship. Next Meeting will be on the 18th November 2022

NOTICES

WELCOME

PARISH FUNDRAISING EVENT

MARY IMMACULATE & ST GREGORY THE GREAT
ART DECO ORCHESTRA
Saturday 19th November 2022
In aid of the Parish building fund

■ Live Music
■ Licensed Bar
■ Kaffie Draw

Tickets **£20**
(No tickets sold at the gate)
INCLUDING Light Supper and a Complimentary Drink

7:00pm for 7:30pm Start at SWEN HALL
Wood Street, Barnet, EN5 4BW

For more information contact:
barnet@rcdow.org.uk
0208 449 3338

Tickets on sale after every Mass, on the 12th & 13th November

Christmas Fair Appeal

Are you able to sponsor or donate a prize for the Christmas Raffle...

Please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

SVP

"The SVP are distributing over 10,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you sponsor packs at a suggested donation of £4.10 per pack? Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or by bank transfer to Nat West **sort code 60-60-04, account no. 4608 8237**. Thank you so much for your support."

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.

Blessing of Graves

Fr John will be at Bells Hill Cemetery on Sunday 13th November at 3pm.

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: 19th

December: 3rd & 18th

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Gabriel Dempsey, Suzanne Greig, 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: Monica Watson and Mary Harris

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