



# NEWSLETTER



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

Year A Week 3

### THIS WEEK



#### **Sun 11th 3rd Sunday of Advent**

**6.00pm\***: Rosemary Dawson (ints)

**8.30am**: George Buhagiar+

**10.30am**: Linda Atkinson+

**6.00pm**: Mary Harris+

#### **Mon 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**10am**: Grace Overs (ints)

(Please note the change of time)

#### **Tue 13th St Lucy**

9.30am: Morning Prayer

**10.00am**: Julie & William Loh+

7.00pm: SVP (Parish Hall)

#### **Wed 14th No Mass**

#### **Thurs 15th**

**10.00am**: Mary Harris+

10.30am: Coffee Morning (JP Room)

#### **Friday 16th**

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

**10.00am**: Alice John+

2.00pm: Christian Meditation (Church)

6.00pm: Adoration

#### **Sat 17th**

**6pm\***: Adam Panczak+

#### **Sun 18th 4th Sunday of Advent**

**8.30am**: David L Slattery+

**10.30am**: John James O'Connell+

1.00pm: Baptism - Elliott Family

**6.00pm**: John Heneghan+

## "Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

"Are you he who is to come, or shall we look for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor receive the good news. And blessed is the one who does not lose faith in me".

The Lord Jesus Christ confirmed for John the Baptist that the miracles and healings which he performed were in direct fulfilment of the Messianic prophecies announced by Isaiah some 700 years previously. Isaiah had prophesied that when the Messiah would come to save his people he would "open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the deaf, the lame would leap, and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy" (Isaiah 35:5). The miracles of Jesus are a demonstration of the power of God's kingdom at work in the midst of his people. When God acts to save his people he turns their sorrow and weeping into joy and singing, and their fear and weakness into strength and hope.

John the Baptist paid the ultimate sacrifice of his life for speaking God's word and preparing the way for Jesus the Lord and Saviour of the world. The Lord Jesus Christ offers us the same assurance of faith and the strength to stand against every force that would try to rob us of our conviction and courage to live and proclaim the good news (the Gospel) of God's kingdom. On this Third Sunday of Advent, may we as a Parish community know the joy, strength, and power which Jesus gives to every one who puts their trust in him. May we ask the Lord Jesus Christ to increase our faith and hope in his promises.

**Fr John**

Advent Quote from the Early Church Fathers: John fulfils Elijah's prophetic ministry, by John Chrysostom, 547-407 A.D. "Jesus knew the mind of John who sent them, for he knew, as God knows, our inner thoughts. There he was, actively healing the blind, lame, and many others. He healed not to teach John, who was already convinced, but those who had come to him doubting. Having healed them he said, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.' And then he added pointedly, 'And blessed is the one who takes no offence at me.' By saying this Jesus implied that he knew even his questioners' unuttered thoughts." 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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**Christmas Fair Today  
from 9.30am - 12.30pm**

## RCIA

Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Would you like to share your faith with those who are considering becoming Catholics? An introductory evening for the "RCIA Group" will take place on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm in the JP Room.

**Starting on 10th January 2023**

Sessions: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

For more information contact:

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## PARISH NOVENA

In conclusion to our parish novena, we will ask God to once again Consecrate the parish and all parishioners to the Immaculate Heart of Mary during all Sunday masses this weekend. The Consecration prayer postcard is available in the porch.

Let us thank the Immaculate Virgin Mary and St Gregory the Great in advance for the many graces obtained.

**Fr. John**

## 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 Soup lunch, prayer and fellowship. Next Meeting will be on the 16th December 2022

## Westminster Year Book 2023

Now available in the porch, price £5.00 each

# 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](http://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. If you would like to register yourself and/or your family, please email the parish office with your details to [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk)

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER**

**Christmas Eve**

\*4.30pm Vigil Mass

\*6.30pm Vigil Mass

10pm Night Mass

**SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER**

**Christmas Day**

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

(No evening Mass)

**MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER**

**The Holy Family**

10am Mass (not at 6pm)

## POOR CLARES COLLECTION

Will take place the weekend of 17th & 18th December. All donations can be placed in the boxes provided that weekend. (NB: the sisters do not eat meat)



## 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:** Sunday 18th December

## Flowers for the Church

If you would like to make contributions for the Christmas flowers will be greatly appreciated. Please place your contribution in an envelope marked "flowers" and post through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

**Flower arranging Team**

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

**Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:**

Steven Hunt, Janine Kelly, Gabriel Dempsey, Suzanne Greig, Sinead Mayes, Monica Thompson, Rosemary Chester, Paul Reed, Marian Darby, Ken Quigley, Mary Geraghty, Edel O'Sullivan, Linda Quilter, 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,

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