

NEWSLETTER

Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

4th Sunday of Advent

Year A Week 4



THIS WEEK



Sun 18th 4th Sunday of Advent

6.00pm*: Adam Panczak+

8.30am: David L Slattery+

10.30am: John James O'Connell+

1.00pm: Baptism - Elliott Family

6.00pm: John Heneghan+

Mon 19th

6pm: Noel Donegal (ann+)

Tue 20th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Peter Mulvaney (ints)

10.30am: Life Ascending Group (JP II Room)

Wed 21st

No Mass

Thurs 22nd

10.00am: Hilda O'Keefee+

10.30am: Coffee Morning (JP Room)

Friday 23rd

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10.00am: John Flavin+

6.00pm: Adoration

Sat 24th Christmas Eve

4.30pm*: The Coogan Family (ints)

6.30pm*: Maura & Alan Howells+

10.00pm: Bridie Murphy & Family (ints)

Sun 25th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

9am: Michael Roche (ints)

11.00am: All Parishioners (ints)

THE ANNUNCIATION OF ST JOSEPH

God rewarded St Joseph not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called him to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust. Indeed Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish his espoused wife, Mary when he discovered that she was pregnant. To all appearances she had broken their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah.

Like Mary, Joseph is a model of faith for us. He is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. On this Fourth Advent Sunday, May we be ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems. God has not left us alone, but has brought us his only begotten Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us celebrate Christmas, the feast of the Incarnation, with joyful hearts and let us renew our faith and hope in God and in his redeeming work.

Fr John

Advent Quote from the Early Church Fathers: The righteous branch of David is Christ, by Leo the Great, 400-461 A.D. "There was only one remedy in the secret of the divine plan that could help the fallen living in the general ruin of the entire human race. This remedy was that one of the sons of Adam should be born free and innocent of original transgression, to prevail for the rest by his example and by his merits. This was not permitted by natural generation. There could be no clean offspring from our faulty stock by this seed. The Scripture says, 'Who can make a clean thing conceived of an unclean seed? Isn't it you alone?' (Job 14:4) David's Lord was made David's Son, and from the fruit of the promised branch sprang. He is one without fault, the twofold nature coming together into one person. By this one and the same conception and birth sprung our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom was present both true Godhead for the performance of mighty works and true manhood for the endurance of sufferings." 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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Annunciation of Joseph



Christmas Fair Thank You

A BIG thank you to everyone who made the Christmas Fair last Sunday such a fantastic success especially the volunteers. Through your support, we raised **£2,000.45** for the Church Build Fund. On behalf of Fr John and myself – thank you! Janet x

RCIA

Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church? Would you like to share your faith with those who are considering becoming Catholics?.

Starting on 10th January 2023

Sessions: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Where: JP II Room

For more information contact:

David Williams via email.

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Meditation Group

There will be no meeting on 23rd and 30th December. The Group resumes on Friday 6th January 2023.

Parent & Toddler Group

We had our last session on 13th December, we will reopen on Tuesday 10th January 2023

Westminster Year Book 2023

Now available in the porch, price £5.00

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. 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

Building Fund Christmas Collection

After all Masses on the 24th and 25th December there will be Collections in aid of our Building Fund. Thank you for your continuous generosity. **Fr John**

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)

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

Poor Clares Collection

Is taking place this weekend the 17th & 18th December. All donations can be placed in the boxes provided at the Porch (NB: the sisters do not eat meat)

Saturday RE Classes

Spring Term 2023

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 II Room

Time: From 9.30am to 10.45am

Dates: Saturday 14th & 28th January
Saturday 11th & 25th February
Saturday 11th & 25th March

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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