

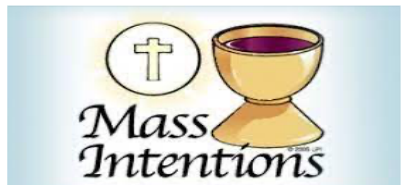


Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Year A Week 2

THIS WEEK



1st January Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

6.00pm* : Peggy & Tony Bradnum (ints)

8.30am: Angela Balchin (ints)

10.30am: Anne Killeen+

6.00pm: The Yakubu Family (ints)

Mon 2nd St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

10.00am: Linda Atkinson+

Tue 3rd The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Bradnum Family (ints)

Wed 4th No Mass

Thursday 5th

10.00am: Funeral of Stephen Harper

10.30am: Tea & Coffee Morning (JP II Room)

Friday 6th THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10.00am: Mary Harris+

7.30pm: Mass of Transformation
Jonathan Stephens (ints)

Sat 7th St Raymond of Penyafort

6.00pm* : Bradnum Family (ints)

8th The Baptism of The Lord

8.30am: Nina Marcangelo (ints)

10.30am: Mary Harris+

6.00pm: Tom Peane+

Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

As we begin this New Year, we are accompanied in faith by Mary, the Mother of God, her husband Joseph and our Saviour Jesus. It is around this time that the new born child is given the name Jesus. What is the significance of a name? For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given it represented what that person should be in the future. An unknown name meant that someone could not be completely known. To not acknowledge someone's name meant both denial of the person, destruction of their personality, and change in their destiny. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish male child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. Joseph and Mary gave the name Jesus because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means the Lord saves. Since God alone can forgive sins and free us from death, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son became a man to offer up his life as the atoning sacrifice to save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). The son that Mary bore is both God and man - the "Word who was God" (John 1:1) and who "became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). That is why Mary is not only called the mother of the Christ (the Greek word for Messiah in Hebrew) but also the mother of God or Theotokos in Greek which literally means "God bearer." The name Jesus is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one word on their lips, the name of Jesus. May we as a Parish exalt the name of Jesus and with thanksgiving to the Mother of God pray with confidence in his name.

Fr John

Christmas Quote from the Early Church Fathers: By Christ's faith, hope, and love we are purified, by Bede the Venerable, 672-735 A.D. "He therefore received in the flesh the circumcision decreed by the law, although he appeared in the flesh absolutely without any blemish of pollution. He who came in the likeness of sinful flesh (Romans 8:3) - not in sinful flesh - did not turn away from the remedy by which sinful flesh was ordinarily made clean. Similarly, not because of necessity but for the sake of example, he also submitted to the water of baptism, by which he wanted the people of the new law of grace to be washed from the stain of sins...

"The reason 'the child who was born to us, the son who was given to us' (Isaiah 9:6), received the name Jesus (that is, 'Saviour') does not need explanation in order to be understood by us, but we need eager and vigilant zeal so that we too may be saved by sharing in his name." Meditations may be freely reprinted for non-commercial use - please cite: copyright © 2023 Servants of the Word, source: dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager.

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Mary The Holy Mother of God



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

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:

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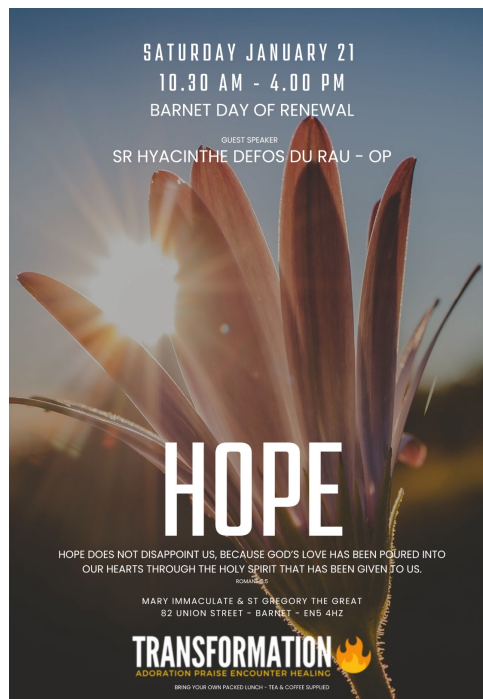
WELCOME

**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. This is produced weekly with current news on what is happening in and around the parish - available at the back of the church or on the website under 'news' 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 roam mass. Please knock on the presbytery door or email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH DAY OF RENEWAL



Building Fund

Christmas Collection Update

Collections made towards the Building Fund after the 24th and 25th December Masses raised £652.92. Thank you for your continuous generosity. Fr John

Westminster Year Book 2023

Now available in the porch, price £5.00 each. Please use envelopes marked "Repository"

Friday 6th January Masses

The Feast of the Epiphany which is a Holy Day of Obligation is on Friday 6th January, Mass will be at 10am and 7.30pm. During the 10am Mass we will welcome the children from St Catherine's Primary School.

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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, 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: Stephen Harper Michelle Davies and James Lynch

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