



NEWSLETTER



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

The Nativity of The Lord

Year A Week 1

THIS WEEK



Sat 24th

4.30pm*: The Coggins Family (ints)

6.30pm*: Maura & Alan Howells+

10.00pm: Bridie Murphy & Family (ints)

Sun 25th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9am: Michael Roche (ints)

11.00am: All Parishioners (ints)

Mon 26th St Stephen

10am: Julie Loh+

Tue 27th St John, Apostle & Evangelist

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Eileen & Brendan Peakin (ints)

Wed 28th No Mass

Thurs 29th St Thomas Becket

10.00am: Linda Atkinson+

Friday 30th The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10.00am: Mary Harris+

6.00pm: Adoration

Sat 31st 7th Day in the Octave

6.00pm*: Peggy & Tony Bradnum (ints)

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

8.30am: Angela Balchin (ints)

10.30am: Anne Killeen+

6.00pm: The Yakubu Family (ints)

THE WORD BECAME FLESH

John the Evangelist describes Jesus Christ as God's creative, life-giving and light-giving Word that has come to earth in human form. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Jesus is the wisdom and power of God who created the world and sustains it. Jesus became truly man while remaining truly God. "What he was, he remained, and what he was not he assumed" (from an early church antiphon for morning prayer). Jesus Christ is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother. From the time of the Apostles the Christian faith has insisted on the incarnation of God's Son "who has come in the flesh".

Christians never cease proclaiming anew the wonder of the Incarnation. The Son of God assumed a human nature in order to accomplish our salvation in it. The Son of God ...worked with human hands; he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved. Born of the Virgin Mary, he has truly been made one of us, like to us in all things except sin (Gaudium et Spes).

If we are going to behold the glory of God we will do it through Jesus Christ. Jesus became the partaker of our humanity so we could be partakers of his divinity (2 Peter 1:4). God's purpose for us, even from the beginning of his creation, is that we would be fully united with Him. By our being united in Jesus, God becomes our Father and we become his sons and daughters. As a Parish, let us thank God the Father today for sending his only begotten Son to redeem us and to share with us his glory.

Fr John

Christmas Quote: St Gregory of Nyssa, one of the great early church fathers (330-395 AD) wrote: Sick, our nature demanded to be healed; fallen, to be raised up; dead, to rise again. We had lost the possession of the good; it was necessary for it to be given back to us. Closed in darkness, it was necessary to bring us the light; captives, we awaited a Saviour; prisoners, help; slaves, a liberator. Are these things minor or insignificant? Did they not move God to descend to human nature and visit it, since humanity was in so miserable and unhappy a state?

THANK YOU FROM FR JOHN

Dear All,

Thank you for all your very kind gifts and prayers for Christmas to me and the Team in the office. On behalf of the Parish Team and myself, may I wish you all a peaceful, joyful, and healthy Christmas and New Year. We look forward with anticipation to what our loving God the Father will bring about in our midst in the coming year.

Christmas Blessings

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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

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

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

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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Westminster Year Book 2023

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Christmas Eve

*4.30pm Vigil Mass

*6.30pm Vigil Mass

10pm Night Mass

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER

The Nativity of the Lord

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

(No evening Mass)

MONDAY 26TH DECEMBER

St Stephen

10am Mass (not at 6pm)

Thank You Flowers for the Church

For those that sent in contributions we received a total of £15.00 towards the cost of the Christmas flowers. If you would still like to contribute it would be greatly appreciated. Please place your contribution in an envelope marked "flowers" and post through the Presbytery door. Thank you once again.

Thank You Poor Clares Collection

A total of £410.19 was collected last weekend and numerous food items. The Parish rounded the Donation to £500 and delivered all to them. Thank you for your generosity.

North London Hospice

A Thank you letter dated 19th December 2022 was received from the North London Hospice thanking you for the £200 donation and your continuous support through the Thursday morning Coffee meetings.

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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