



# NEWSLETTER



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A      Week 4

### THIS WEEK



**29th January 4th Sunday**  
**6.00pm\***: Veronica Dyckhoff (ints)  
**8.30am**: Balanay Family+  
**10.30am**: Maureen Murray+  
**6.00pm**: Paddy Cahill+

**Mon 30th**  
**6.00pm**: Jeremiah & Tracey Cahill+

**Tue 31st St John Bosco**  
**9.30am**: Morning Prayer  
**10.00am**: Santha Soosay (thanksgiving)  
**10.30am**: Life Ascending Group (JP II Room)

**Wed 1st Feb No Mass**

**Thurs 2nd The Presentation of the Lord**  
**9.30am**: Morning Prayer  
**10am**: Maria & Dionisio Fernandez+  
**10.30am**: Tea & Coffee Morning (JP II Room)

**Fri 3rd Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore**  
**9.30am**: Morning Prayer (Church)  
**10am**: Cecilia & Soosay Yesudian+  
**12.00pm**: QUEST Soup Lunch (JP II Room)  
**2.00pm**: Christian Meditation (Church)  
**7.30pm**: Mass of Transformation  
 Pauline McCarthy (ints)

**Sat 4th Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**6pm\***: Paul Reed (ints)

**Sun 5th 5th Sunday**  
**8.30am**: Carmeno & Carmena Vassallo+  
**10.30am**: The Panczak Family+  
**6.00pm**: Laurie Simmons (ints)

*"Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

### HAPPINESS IN JESUS

The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these eight beatitudes. The beatitudes of Christ sum up our calling or vocation - to live a life of the beatitudes. The word beatitude literally means "happiness" or "blessedness". What is the significance of Jesus' beatitudes, and why are they so central to his teaching? The beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness that God has placed in every heart. They teach us the final end to which God calls us, namely the coming of God's kingdom, the vision of God, entering into the joy of the Lord and into his rest. Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods he puts at our disposal.

God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas Aquinas said: "No one can live without joy. That is why a person deprived of spiritual joy goes after carnal pleasures." During this coming week may we experience a new hunger and thirst for God alone.

#### Fr John

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Perfect blessedness is humility of spirit, by Hilary of Poitiers (315-367 AD) "'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' The Lord taught by way of example that the glory of human ambition must be left behind when he said, 'The Lord your God shall you adore and him only shall you serve' (Matthew 4:10). And when he announced through the prophets that he would choose a people humble and in awe of his words [Isaiah 66:2], he introduced the perfect Beatitude as humility of spirit. Therefore he defines those who are inspired as people aware that they are in possession of the heavenly kingdom..." Meditations may be freely reprinted for non-commercial use - please cite: copyright © 2023 Servants of the Word, source: [dailyscripture.net](http://dailyscripture.net), author Don Schwager.

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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 [barnetcatholic.org.uk](http://barnetcatholic.org.uk) where you will find information on the parish, parish groups and much more. Information is also available in the church porch.

### 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 11th & 25th February  
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### RCIA

Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church?

Next meeting: 31st January 2023

**Sessions:** 7.30pm - 9.00pm

**Where:** JP II Room

**Every Tuesday**

For more information contact:

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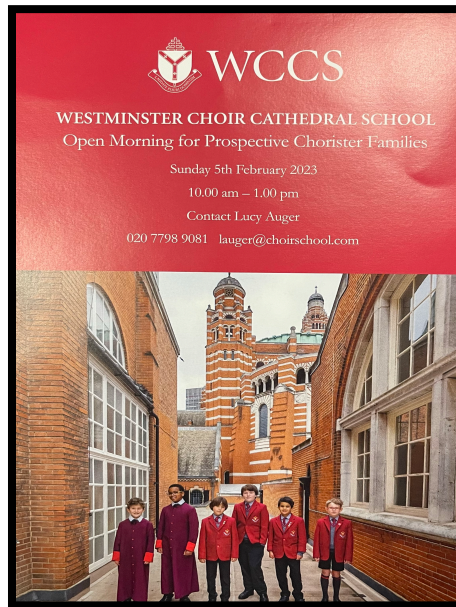
### QUEST Soup Lunch

Quest is our 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 3rd February 2023.

### Mission Evening

A new intercessory - worship group has recently begun, the next meeting will be Monday 6th February, from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the JP II Room.

**All very welcome**



### Westminster Cathedral Choir School

Does your child in Years 2, 3 or 4 have musical potential? Every September WCCS welcomes up to six choristers into Years 4 or 5 on 100% bursaries/scholarship. Westminster Cathedral offers boys the opportunity to sing both here in Central London, and on tour internationally in one of the world's great choirs. Boys also receive an outstanding education at one of London's leading schools up until the end of Year 8. Open morning is on Sunday 5th February 2023 at 10.00am. For more information visit [www.choirschool.com](http://www.choirschool.com)

You can also speak to Lucy Auger on 020 77989081

**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)

### Funeral Reception & Mass

The Reception into Church for **Suzanne Greig** will take place on Wednesday 8th February at 7pm and the Requiem Mass on Thursday 9th February at 10am. Please pray for her reposed soul and for her family and friends.

### St Catherine's Admissions to Nursery September 2023

Admissions are invited from families whose child attains 3 years of age between 1st September 2022 and August 2023 for Nursery intake September 2023. Application forms and admission arrangements can be found on the school's website or can be collected from the school office. Final day for submission: 21st April 2023. For further information contact school office on 020 8440 4946 or email [admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.com](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.com)

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

Delia Ward, Hannah Fennell, Steven Hunt, Janine Kelly, Gabriel Dempsey, 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, and Louie

**Recently deceased:** Walter Scott, Kathleen Flynn, James Lynch and Suzanne Greig

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