



NEWSLETTER



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Week 2

THIS WEEK



12th February 6th Sunday

6pm*: Brenda & Marty Cleary (*INTS*)

8.30am: Monica Watson (*RIP*)

10.30am: Richard Horgan (*RIP*)

6.00pm: John & Peter Gibbons (*RIP*)

Mon 13th

6.00pm: Jeanette Fernandes (*RIP*)

Tue 14th Ss Cyril

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Barbara Gayle (*RIP*)

Wed 15th

No Mass

Thurs 16th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10am: Ann Coggins (*RIP*)

10.30am: Tea & Coffee Morning (JP11 Room)

Fri 17th The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10am: Monica Watson (*RIP*)

12.00pm: QUEST (JP11 Room)

2.00pm: Christian Meditation (Church)

6.00pm: Adoration (Church)

Sat 18th Blessed Virgin Mary

6pm*: Willie Hanley (*RIP*)

Sun 19th 7th Sunday

8.30am: Monica Watson (*RIP*)

10.30am: Patrick & James Lynch (*RIP*)

6.00pm: Laura Fitzgerald (*RIP*)

LOVE IS FULFILLING THE LAW

Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus made it very clear that the essence of God's law - his commandments and way of life, must be fulfilled. God's law is true and righteous because it flows from his love, goodness, and holiness. It is a law of grace, love, and freedom for us. That is why God commands us to love him above all else and to follow in the way of his Son, the Lord Jesus who taught us how to love by laying down our lives for one another.

God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. The Lord loves righteousness and hates wickedness. As his followers we must love his commandments and hate every form of sin and wrong-doing. If we want to live righteously as God desires for us, then we must know and understand the intention of God's commands for us, and decide in our heart to obey the Lord. Do you seek to understand the intention of his law and to grow in wisdom of his ways?

Jesus promised his disciples that he would give them the gift of the Holy Spirit who writes God's law of love and truth on our hearts. The Holy Spirit teaches us God's truth and gives us wisdom and understanding of God's ways. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, strengthens us in temptation, and transforms us, day by day, into the likeness of Jesus Christ, our Merciful Saviour and Humble Lord. There is great blessing and reward for those who obey God's commandments and who encourage others, especially the younger generations, to love, respect, and obey the Lord. This coming week, let us all trust in the love of God and allow his Holy Spirit to fill us with a thirst for holiness and righteousness in every area of our life.

Fr John

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: What you teach, you should do, by Chromatius (died 406 AD) "While it is sinful to abolish the least of the commandments, all the more so the great and most important ones. Hence the Holy Spirit affirms through Solomon: 'Whoever despises the little things shall gradually die' (Sirach 19:1b). Consequently nothing in the divine commandments must be abolished, nothing altered. Everything must be preserved and taught faithfully and devotedly that the glory of the heavenly kingdom may not be lost." Meditations may be freely reprinted for non-commercial use - please cite: copyright © 2023 Servants of the Word. source: daily scripture.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 where you will find information on the parish, parish groups and much more. Information is also available in the church porch.

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

Church Choir

All are welcome to join the choir to sing and play at the **Holy Week services**. If you are interested, please let Teresa O'Sullivan know by email: howelsy@btinternet.com or by leaving a message at the Presbytery, so music can be prepared for you. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March from 7.45pm to 9pm and on Tuesday 4th April from 7.30pm.

Music

Gathering: Act Justly, Love Tenderly, walk, walk humbly with your God
Psalm: *A Lamp for my steps, a light for my path. Your word, O Lord, brings joy to my heart.*

Alleluia: *Speak Lord your servant is listening: You have the message of eternal life.*

Offertory: 472

Communion: *Walk in my ways, the Kingdom of heaven is at hand*

Communion Song: 627

Going Forth: 820

Mission Evening

A new intercessory - worship group has recently begun, the next meeting will be Monday 20th February, from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in the JP II Room.

All very welcome

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.

Our tours take place on Thursday 9th March at 5pm. 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

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Delia Ward, Hannah Fennel, Janine Kelly, Gabriel Dempsey, Sinead Mayes, 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: Steven Hunt, John Stirling-Gallacher, Walter Scott and Kathleen Flynn

Parish Staff Contact Information

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(office hours 10.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday; closed Wednesdays and Weekends)



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
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?

Next meeting: 14th February 2023

Sessions: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Where: JP II Room

Every Tuesday

For more information contact:

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East and New Barnet World Day of Prayer 2023 - Annual Service



Saturday 4th March at 2.30pm

St James Church

71 East Barnet Road

EN4 8RN (app. Sainsbury's)

The theme is "I have heard about your faith" and is

organised by the Christian

Women of Taiwan.

ALL ARE WELCOME