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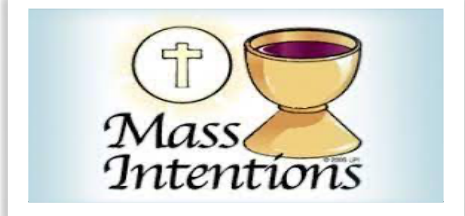


Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Week 1

THIS WEEK



5th February 5th Sunday

6.00pm*: Paul Reed (ints)

8.30am: Carmeno & Carmena Vassallo+

10.30am: The Panczak Family+

6.00pm: Laurie Simmons (ints)

Mon 6th St Paul Miki & Companions

6.00pm: Patricia Handscombe (ints)

Tue 7th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Jesudass & Mary Stella Soosay +

7.00pm: SVP (Church Hall)

Wed 8th Feb No Mass

Thurs 9th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10am: Funeral of Suzanne Greig

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

Fri 10th St Scholastica

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

10am: Funeral of Rita Facey

2.00pm: Christian Meditation (Church)

6.00pm: Adoration (Church)

Sat 11th Our Lady of Lourdes

6pm*: Brenda & Marty Cleary (ints)

Sun 12th 6th Sunday

8.30am: Monica Watson+

10.30am: Richard Horgan+

6.00pm: John & Peter Gibbons+

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

This weekend our Lord Jesus Christ uses the image of light and a lamp to further his illustration of God's transforming work in and through us. Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work in the dark and to avoid stumbling. The Jews also understood "light" as symbol or expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. In his light we see light (Psalm 36:9). His word is a lamp that guides our steps (Psalm 119:105). God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace. Jesus uses the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. This coming week our mission is to be light-bearers of Jesus Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and led into newness of life.

There is great freedom and joy for those who live in the light of God's truth and goodness.

Fr John

Quote from the Early Church Fathers: The Light of Truth, by Chromatius (died 406 AD) The Lord has already called his disciples the "salt of the earth" because they seasoned with divine wisdom the hearts of the human race which had been made tasteless by the devil. Now he also calls them the "light of the world." For, illumined by his very own self who is the true and eternal light, they too become light within the darkness. For since he himself is the sun of righteousness, he rightly also calls his disciples "light of the world." Through them, as if through shining rays, he poured the light of his knowledge on the entire world. For by showing the light of truth, the Lord's disciples made the darkness of error flee from people's hearts. 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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"Light Bearer"



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: 7th February 2023

Sessions: 7.30pm - 9.00pm

Where: JP II Room

Every Tuesday

For more information contact:

David Williams via email.

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Music

Gathering: 854

Psalm: *The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright*

Alleluia: *I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life.*

Offertory: 924

Communion Chant: 625

Communion Song: 643

Going Forth: 883

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

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

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



FAMILIES TOGETHER: Please join us for our Families Together afternoon of prayer, activities, and refreshments in Church on Monday 6th February at 3.45pm, for more details email anitahammond@rcdow.org.uk

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

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers the Sick and Homebound including:

Delia Ward, Hannah Fennel, 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: John Stirling-Gallacher, Walter Scott and Kathleen Flynn

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