



## NEWSLETTER

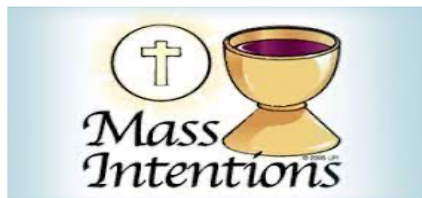
Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



# Fifth Sunday in Lent

Year A      Week 1

## THIS WEEK



### Sun 26th 5th Sunday of Lent

**6pm\***: Sr Maureen & Hyland Family (INTS)

**8.30am**: Elie Starcevic (RIP)

**10.30am**: Mary Hawkins (RIP)  
(Scrutinies 3)

**6.00pm**: Suzanne Greig (RIP)

### Mon 27th

**6.00pm**: John Sheehan (RIP)

### Tue 28th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

**10.00am**: John Awan (ann RIP)

10.30am: Mother Prayers Meeting (JP II Room)

7.00pm: SVP Meeting (Parish Hall)

### Wed 29th

No Mass

### Thurs 30th

9.30am: Morning Prayer

**10am**: Patricia Allwright (RIP)

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

### Fri 1st

9.30am: Morning Prayer (Church)

**10am**: James Lynch (RIP)

**10.30am**: Stations of the Cross (Church)

12.00pm: QUEST (JP II Room)

2.00pm: Christian Meditation (Church)

6.00pm: Adoration (Church)

## HOLY WEEK

### Sat 1st April

**6pm\***: Audrey Bagge (RIP)

### Sun 2nd Palm Sunday

**8.30am**: Theresa & Alan Wing (INTS)

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

**6.00pm**: Robert Wynn (RIP)

*"Jesus said to Martha, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, he who is coming into the world."*

### I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

What is the significance of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead? It is more than a miraculous event. It is a "sign" of God's promise to raise up all who have died in Christ to everlasting life. That is why Jesus asked Martha if she believed in the resurrection from the dead. The Christian creed, which is the profession of our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and in the saving power of God, culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and in life everlasting. This is our faith and our hope. "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you" (Romans 8:11). God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit that we may be made alive in Christ. Even now we can experience the power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to change and transform us into men and women of faith, hope, and love. The name Lazarus means "God is my help". Through Lazarus' sickness and subsequent death, God brought glory through his Son the Lord Jesus, who raised his friend from the dead in anticipation of his own death and resurrection. Our participation in the Lord's Supper in the Eucharist already gives us a foretaste of Jesus' transfiguration of our bodies.

St Irenaeus, a second century church father states: "Just as bread that comes from the earth, after God's blessing has been invoked upon it, is no longer ordinary bread, but Eucharist, formed of two things, the one earthly and the other heavenly: so too our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, but possess the hope of resurrection" (Adv. Haeres. 4,18). As we begin the Fifth week of Lent, may we believe and see the power of Jesus' resurrection at work in our life today. Let the Holy Spirit strengthen within you the life and joy of God and the hope of heaven.

### Fr John

Lenten Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Cross and Resurrection, by Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D. "Jesus' cross is an example of painful toil. His resurrection is the reward of painful toil. In the cross He showed us how we are to bear suffering. In His resurrection He showed us what we are to hope for." 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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# HOLY WEEK

## PROGRAMME

### **PALM SUNDAY - 2nd April**

*(Blessing of Palms at all Masses)*

\*6.00pm: Vigil 1st April,

Masses: 8.30am, 10.30am & 6.00pm

### **HOLY MONDAY - 3rd April**

6.00pm: Mass

### **HOLY TUESDAY - 4th April**

9.30am: Morning Prayer

10.00am: Liturgy of the Word with  
Holy Communion

12.00pm: Chrism Mass  
(Cathedral)

## PASCAL TRIDUUM

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY - 6th April**

9.30am: Morning Prayer

8.00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper  
*(followed by Prayer Vigil until midnight)*

### **GOOD FRIDAY - 7th April**

9.30am: Children's Stations in the Church

11.00am: Ecumenical Walk of Witness  
*begins @Hadley Common Pond*

3.00pm: Liturgy of the Passion

7.00pm: Meditations around the  
Cross in the Church

### **HOLY SATURDAY - 8th April**

10.00am: Office of Readings  
& Morning Prayer

8.30pm: Easter Vigil

*(followed by celebrations in the hall)*

### **EASTER SUNDAY - 9th April**

8.30am: Mass

10.30am: Mass

**(no Saturday or Sunday evening Mass)**

# NOTICES

## Daughters of Divine Love

This is to thank you all for the amazing support I received last weekend during my Mission Appeal. A total Amount of **£1,282.72** was raised. May God bless you for your generosity,. We will keep you and your loved ones in our prayers. For more information on the work they do please visit their website [ddlenglishregion.org](http://ddlenglishregion.org)

Sr Ann

## 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](mailto:howelsy@btinternet.com) or by leaving a message at the Presbytery, so music can be prepared for you. Rehearsals are on Wednesday 29th March from 7.45pm to 9pm and on Tuesday 4th April from 7.30pm.

## SAINT PATRICKS CELEBRATIONS

Thank you very much for your support during last Friday; we raised a total of **£2,500.00** this goes towards the building Fund.

## MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Dear Mothers & Grandmothers of the Parish. You are warmly invited to our Mothers' Prayer Meeting this Tuesday 28th March after the 10am Mass in the JP Room

## POOR CLARES

Takes place 1st & 2nd April. Any gifts can be placed in the boxes in the porch. Please note the Sisters do not eat meat. Thank you for your support.

## Poetry Reading

The first Poetry Reading for 2023 will be held in the Parish Hall on **Friday 31st March 7.15p.m.**, for a prompt start at 7.30 p.m. Come and read one of your favourite poems, or just relax with a glass of wine and hear others read theirs. Entry £3.00 to include a free glass of wine or non-alcoholic drink. All proceeds go to support the Youth S.V.P. Previous Poetry Reading held in October 2022 raised £225.00. To offer to read, or for further information, contact John Dixon: [john.s.dixon@hotmail.com](mailto:john.s.dixon@hotmail.com); 020-8440-1091.

## Annual Mass of Thanksgiving with the Cardinal

All those preparing to celebrate 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60 plus wedding anniversaries, please email the church office with your names, wedding date, full postal address, email and phone number before **31st March 2023**.

## Parent & Toddlers

Meeting on Tuesday 28th March; please note no meeting on 4th & 11th April. Reopens 18th April.

## For Your Special Prayers

All those preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

## 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

## PARISH FINANCE UPDATE - February 2023

Offertory (Envelopes) - £1,88.45;

Build - £3,879.42

Offertories Standing Orders & Online - £4,053.47

Offertories Loose Plate & Contactless - £2,955.79

## Parish Staff Contact Information

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