



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



First Sunday of Advent

Ps Week 1

30th November 2025

Year A(II)

Sat 29:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: All Souls

Sun 30: 1st of Advent

8.30am: All Souls

10.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

6pm: All Souls

Mon 01:

9.30am Morning prayer

6.00pm: Fiona Maguire RIP

Tues 02:

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: John D'Souza (ann RIP)

Aileen Gibson (ann RIP)

10.30am Life Ascending Meeting (JP Room)

10.30am Rosary in Church

7.45pm Pastoral Council Meeting JP Room

Wed 03: St Francis Xavier

6pm: Martin Cooney RIP

Thu 04: St John Damascene

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Funeral: Rita Rawlings RIP

10.30am Rosary in Church

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JP II Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Fri 05

9.30am Morning prayer

(There is no 10am Mass)

11am: Funeral: Eric Power RIP

10.30am Rosary in Church

7.30pm: Healing Mass & Confessions

2pm Christian Meditation in Church

Sat 06: St Nicholas

10am-3pm: Catechist Formation

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Edita Bernal (ann RIP)

9.30am-12.30pm Christmas Fayre

Be awake and watchful, prepare the way for the Lord

We have begun the Advent season! The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *adventus* and *advenire*, meaning “arrival” or “coming.” It marks a four-week journey toward the Nativity of Jesus, in which we are invited to prepare our hearts for the coming of the King of the Universe. As John the Baptist proclaims, “A voice cries out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord.”

“Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed,” and “the time has come.”

How do we prepare for this journey? By staying awake and watchful, as John the Baptist urges, and by doing good and embracing holiness—often found in doing small things well. Let us also deepen our prayer life. Prayer drives out negativity and fear, purifies the soul, strengthens us, and gives us courage as we await the Lord.

After this time of preparation, our journey will culminate in great joy: the Son will be born for us. May we invest more in our spiritual life and not be overwhelmed by excessive material preparations. Have a blessed Advent season!

Dear Parishioners

Our community is celebrating a very important milestone this year: the 175th anniversary of its foundation. The historical record tells us: “*The mission was established in 1849, and a church dedicated to Mary Immaculate and St Gregory was built in Union Street in 1860 by the convert priest, the Revd. George Bampfield (who also established missions at Cheshunt and St Albans).*”

This anniversary is a moment of special grace—a time for celebration, renewal, and even dreaming boldly about the future of our community. It invites us to journey from **mission** to **missions**, embracing our call to grow and serve with renewed enthusiasm.

We will inaugurate our Jubilee Year (December 2025–December 2026) on the feast of our patroness, Mary Immaculate, which we will celebrate together on **Sunday, 14 December**. Various initiatives are being prepared in collaboration with our Parish Pastoral Council, and we will share more details with the whole community in the coming weeks.

Next year, marks 100 years death anniversary of St Joseph Allamano, born 16th February 1926. Another jubilee!

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NOTICES

Funeral Mass for Rita Rawlings is on Thursday 4th December, 10am.

Funeral Mass for Eric Power is on Friday 5th December, 11.00am. *(Please note there is no 10am Mass).*

Please keep their family and friends in your prayers at this sad time. May they both rest in peace.

Parish Christmas Fayre: Sunday 7 December

9.30am to 12.30pm

We value your help to host this community event - thank you!



We need your donations please: *NEARLY NEW or *NEW GIFTS or *TOILETRIES, *BOTTLES (preferably filled!), or *CHOCOLATES (any size) & *HOME-MADE CAKES (list in the porch). Please drop your donations in the box by Friday 5th December.

Are you free to help on the day? Please email Fr Godfrey barnet@rcdow.org.uk

Sunday 7th December at 6pm Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens.

Please pray for Paula, Oliver, Marie Joe and Dillan as we accept their intention and welcome them into our parish community.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Adults

Friday 5 December 7.30pm Transformation Mass.

Tuesday 16 December 7.30pm: Penitential Service & Reconciliations.

Monday 22 December 6.30pm-8.30pm: Reconciliations.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Children

Thursday 4 December at 4.00pm-6.00pm: for First Holy Communion Children.

Sunday 14 December, 4.00pm-6.00pm: for Confirmation Candidates.

Candlelit Carol Concert Saturday 13th December at 7pm

in Church. No tickets are needed. Please join us afterwards in the parish hall for light refreshments. All welcome!

Altar Servers: As previously shared with you in the thanksgiving mass, we invite your children to be altar servers. I encourage your children to grow in faith being altar servers. We will be offering formation for this on the following days: 6th, 13th and 20th December from 4pm to 5pm. To confirm attendance, kindly email the office at barnet@rcdow.org.uk. Thank you. Fr. Godfrey

Barnet High Street Christmas Fayre is on Sunday 7th December 12-5pm. Union Street is inaccessible from approximately 6am for the day. Plan your journey for Mass.

MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS

Gathering: 824 Awake from your slumber

Following the lighting of Advent wreath: All Sing: Share the light of Jesus, share the light that shows the way. Share the light of Jesus, share God's spirit today, share God's spirit today. ©1995, 1999, Bernadette Farrell. Published by OCP Publications. All rights reserved.

Psalm R/ Let us go rejoicing to the house, the house of the LORD.

Gospel Acc: Vs: Show us, O LORD, your mercy and grant us your salvation.

Offertory: (See separate leaflet)

Communion: 992 Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.

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Going Forth: 986 In the day of the Lord



Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them: David Kelly, Shawn Kelly, Rosemary Chester, Lorraine Norrie, Catherine Evans, Janine Kelly, Louie Sheehy, Stephen Mealy, Bernadette Mealy, Martin Harrison, Victor Annan, Mary Spearman, Alice Power, Carlotta Brunelli.

Recently Died: Rita Rawlings, Jean Ellis, Eric Power

Deceased Anniversaries: Albert Davis, John D'Souza, Doreen Priddy, Bridget Friel, Aileen Gibson

Contact Information: Parish Office: barnet@rcdow.org.uk Telephone: 020 8449 3338

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY: 10.30am-12 noon AND 4.00pm-5.30pm

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & WEEKENDS: CLOSED

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