



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



# Second Sunday of Advent

Ps Week 2

7 December 2025

Year A(II)

## Sat 06: St Nicholas

10.30am-3pm: Catechist Formation

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Edita Bernal (ann RIP)

## Sun 07: 2nd of Advent

9.30am-12.30pm Christmas Fayre

8.30am: Brian Mulcashy RIP

10.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

6pm: Rita Rawlings RIP

(Rite of Acceptance)

## Mon 08: Immaculate Conception

10.00am: Mass

9.30am Morning prayer

7.30pm: Eric Power RIP (new time)

## Tues 09:

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Eric Power RIP

10.30am Rosary in Church

## Wed 10: Our Lady of Loreto

6pm: Andrew Foley RIP

## Thu 11 Saint Damasus, I

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Michael Lydon RIP

10.30am Rosary in Church

10.30am Tea &amp; Coffee in JP II Room

6pm Adoration &amp; Confessions (Church)

## Fri 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Jesudass Soosay (ann RIP)

10.30am Rosary in Church

2pm Christian Meditation in Church

## Sat 13: Saint Lucy

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Sheena Louise Mitchell RIP

Sun 14: No 8.30am Mass

## Novena, preparing to celebrate Our Lady Mary Immaculate

"Well, tomorrow begins the Novena of the Immaculate Conception. Our Lady always gives us feasts more beautiful than the last. I still remember the great celebration of 1854, when the dogma of the Immaculate Conception was proclaimed—how much joy it stirred among the people! I would like you to celebrate this novena in thanksgiving for the great grace we have received, and to ask her to preserve it. When you thank someone for a blessing, you encourage them to grant even more. Thank Our Lady, and she will rejoice.

From writing of St Joseph Allamano, 28 November 1915

What, then, should you do these days? I always tell you the same: avoid sin and avoid tantrums. These are not limited to children; adults commit them too—often inwardly—and if they are not shown outwardly, it is usually out of self-love.

Some days we are malicious, vengeful, or lacking in charity. I am a man who fears for us, and we must pray that Our Lady protect the grace she has obtained for us. I want there to be no deliberate venial sin in this house. During this novena we should be able to say: I am worthy of this house—that is, as St. Paul said, by the grace of God.

I propose nothing extraordinary: simply free yourselves from small sins and lessen your daily faults. Shake yourself and say: Come on, my soul, do not remain even a minute in lukewarmness. Be alive—not even a minute in discouragement or coldness."

**The Patroness Feast of Mary Immaculate will be celebrated next Sunday 14 December. An important feast to our community, we will have only one Mass in the morning at 10.30am (please note there is no 8.30am Mass on the 14th). On the day we will inaugurate the jubilee of 175 years of our parish and the 100 years of Joseph Allamano in heaven, who died on the 16 February 1926. The jubilee year will start from December 2025 to December 2026.**

**Novena:** Everyday after Mass, we have a novena. It will be available on our parish website. We are invited to pray also with our families. The novena begins on the 5th December to the 13th December culminating in a parish celebration on the 14th December.

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## NOTICES

**Solemnity of Mary Immaculate, 8th December:** Masses are at 10am and 7.30pm.

**DVD Showing of the story of Our Lady of Knock, Co. Mayo** on Friday 12 December in the JPIL Room at 11am. Followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Donations to the Youth Ministry (*poster in the porch*).

**Sacrament of Reconciliation for Adults**  
**Tuesday 16 December 7.30pm:** Penitential Service & Reconciliations.  
**Monday 22 December 6.30pm-8.30pm:** Reconciliations.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation for Children**  
**Sunday 14 December, 4.00pm-6.00pm:** for Confirmation Candidates.

**Candlelit Carol Concert Saturday 13th December at 7pm** in Church. Carols performed live & sung by professional singers. No tickets are needed. Please join us afterwards in the parish hall for light refreshments. All welcome!

**Altar Servers:** I encourage and invite all Post Holy Communion to become 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](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk).

**St Catherine's Carol Service** performed by the school children in Church is on 15th December at 5pm. You are

welcome to attend. Please note Holy Mass on the 15th will be celebrated at 10am not 6pm.

**Cake and Decoration sale: Fundraising for Lourdes 2026:** There will be a sale of handmade Christmas decorations and cakes after masses next weekend (13th/14th December). All monies raised will go directly towards sending one of our own young parishioners and her mother to Lourdes on the jumbulance next year. Thank you for all your support.

**Pastoral Council Update:** elected the following as leaders for the term of 2025-2028: Chair: Geraldine Foster: Vice Chair: Valerie Dias: Secretary: Mary Boland: and Vice Secretary: Karen Fernandes. We thank them for serving our community and wish them all the best. Fr Godfrey.

### Our Jubilee Year: We Invite Proposals For:

**A) A Slogan for the Jubilee:** focussing on growing and renewing our faith and need to participate in mission. The mission of Christians is to evangelise. It is a jubilee of 175 years of faith, and a jubilee of 100 years of a figure who existed to evangelise.

**B) Possible initiatives during the Year of Jubilee** which you find important.

Please email [barnet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:barnet@rcdow.org.uk) with your suggestions by 15th January 2026.

### **MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS** Gathering: 64

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/ In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.**

Gospel Acc: Vs: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**Communion: Prepare the way for the coming of God, make a straight path for the coming of God (x2)**

Going Forth: Awake, awake, for the Lord is coming. Awake, awake, there's no time to sleep. Awake, awake, for the Lord is coming, the King is coming in glory. All over the world, people are waiting, Waiting for peace, and the promise of new life.

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**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:** Jean Ellis

**Deceased Anniversaries:** Edita Bernal, Jesusdass Soosay, Barbara Arnold, Michelle Davies, Kathleen McIlroy, Stephen Harper.

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

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & WEEKENDS: CLOSED**

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