



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Third Sunday of Advent

Ps Week 3

14 December 2025

Year A(II)

Sat 13: St Lucy

10.30am-3pm: Catechist Formation
 4pm: Altar Servers Formation (church)
 5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)
 6pm: Sheena Louise Mitchell RIP

Sun 14: 175 Years Jubilee

8.30am: NO MASS
 10.30am: Noel Donigan RIP
 4pm: Childrens' Reconciliations
 6pm: Mary Margaret Fallis (ints)

Mon 15

9.30am Morning prayer
 10.00am: Eric Power RIP
 5pm: St Catherine's Carol Service
 (6pm: No Mass tonight)

Tues 16:

9.30am Morning prayer
 10am: Alice Awan RIP
 10.30am Rosary in Church
 10.45am: Life Ascending Meeting

Wed 17:

6pm: Martin O'Gorman RIP

Thu 18

9.30am Morning prayer
 10am: Ivan Gomes (ann RIP)
 10.30am Rosary in Church
 10.30am Tea & Coffee in JP II Room
 6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Fri 19

9.30am Morning prayer
 10am: Cesare Corsini RIP
 10.30am Rosary in Church
 2pm Christian Meditation in Church

Sat 20:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)
 4pm: Altar Servers' Formation
 6pm: Tan Kow Woon RIP

175 Years: Called to Go From Mission to Mission

A mission was established in Union Street in the year 1849 by Rev. Fr. George Bampffield, and was given the name **Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great**.

It should be remembered that, apart from our church, he also established missions at Cheshunt and St Albans. What is very interesting is that he gave this name five years before the Church declared the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception and nine years before Our Lady told Bernadette in the Lourdes Grotto that she was the Immaculate Conception! What a great name we have!

Celebrating the jubilee of 175 years is a significant milestone. We need to rewind the history.

First of all, we thank God for the gift of faith and for the many sacrifices our senior brothers and sisters made. What we are today is due to their witness, commitment, and love for Christ. They transmitted their faith to other generations with simplicity and love. How many priests, nuns, catechists, volunteers and committed lay people have loved their faith, and continue to do so.

It is also a responsibility for us to keep our faith alive. We need to transmit our faith not only to future generations but also to many brothers and sisters among us who do not know who Christ is.

The community started as a mission and grew into a parish. Faithful to its call, it is reminded to go and proclaim the Good News, that is, from mission to Mission. **St Joseph Allamano, the founder of the Consolata Missionaries, whose jubilee is also now**, reminds us with St Paul: *Woe to me if I don't proclaim the Gospel*. Let us ask God that we may deepen our faith, renew ourselves, and participate actively in the mission of the Church: to evangelise. Amen

After the 10.30am Mass, please join us in the parish hall today for refreshments.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: 24th December

Masses are at 4.30pm, 6.30pm and 11.30pm

Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day - 25th December

Masses are at 9.00am, 11.00am and 6.00pm

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NOTICES

Candlelit Carol Concert: TODAY (Saturday evening at 7pm) in Church. No tickets are needed. Please join us afterwards in the parish hall for light refreshments.

Cake and Decoration sale: Fundraising for Lourdes 2026: After Mass TODAY! 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.

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

Finance Committee meeting: Tuesday 16 December, 6.30pm in the JP II Room.

Parish Youth Ministry: meet in the parish hall on Tuesday 16th December at 6.00pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Adults
Monday 22 December 6.30pm-8.30pm: Reconciliations.

Altar Servers: I encourage and invite all Post Holy Communion to become altar servers. We will be offering formation on 13th and 20th December from 4pm to 5pm. To confirm attendance, kindly email the office at 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.**

Our Jubilee Year: We Invite Proposals For:

A) A Slogan & Logo 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 with your suggestions or use the QR Code by 15th January 2026.**

Mary Immaculate and St. Gregory
the Great Jubilee Slogan



Finchley Catholic High School: are looking to appoint examination invigilators. Details are on their website: www.finchleycatholic.org.uk under **Work with Us/ vacancies**. Closing date: 5th January 2026.

THANK YOU! It was such a lovely opportunity to come together as a Community for our Christmas Fayre last Sunday. A big thank you to our kind donors and all the parish groups who helped throughout the day, both young and the young at heart. We raised an amazing £2,500.00. Fr Godfrey & the Fundraising Team

MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS: Gathering: 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. © Mike Stanley CJM Music 1999

Following the lighting of Advent wreath: All Sing: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice!

Psalm R/ Come, Lord, and save us.

Gospel Acc: Vs: The Spirit of the LORD is upon me; he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Offertory: 338 Magnificat: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

Communion: 111 For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.

Going Forth: 880 Tell out my soul



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, Nula Mole.

Recently Died:

Deceased Anniversaries: Emanuele Brunelli, Ivan Gomes, Elizabeth Higgins, Fiona Power.

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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