



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



'CALLED TO BE SENT (FAITH & MISSION)'

Community in Double Jubilee of 175 Years of Parish Community
and 100 years in Heaven of St Allamano

Wk 4 (yr A) Fourth Sunday in Lent 15 March 2026
Laetare Sunday Mothering Sunday

Sat 14:

8.00am Morning Prayer in Church

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Martin Soosay RIP

Sun 15: 4th in Lent

8.30am: Huguette & Jean-Marie Ansara
Dicter & Elie Starcevie RIP

10.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

6.00pm: Jacintha Matei & Family (int)

Mon 16:

9.30am Morning prayer

6.00pm: Eileen Fitzpatrick RIP

Tues 17: St Patrick

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Marjorie Rickard ann RIP

10.30am Rosary in Church

Wed 18:

6.00pm: Philip McManus ann RIP

Thu 19: St Joseph, Husband of Mary

9.30am Morning prayer

10am: Bunty Flynn RIP

10.30am Rosary in Church

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JP II Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Fri 20:

10am: Mark Shanagher (ints)

10.30am The Way of the Cross in Church

2pm Christian Meditation in Church

6.00pm The Way of the Cross in Church

Sat 21:

8.00am Morning Prayer in Church

5-5.45pm: Confessions (church)

6pm: Rowena Flaherty RIIP

1.00pm John Thompson RIP

Sun 22: 5th Sunday of Lent

8.30am: Richard Horgan RIP

10.30am: Prisca Remedios Dias & Peter
Dias RIP

6.00pm: Anthony Dos Remedios RIP

Christ Heals Our Blindness

Our Lenten journey continues, and we are already in the fourth Sunday of Lent, famously known as “Laetare” Sunday. We are invited to be joyful, as Isaiah tells us, “Rejoice, Jerusalem; be glad for her, all who love her!” (Is 66:10). The reason to be joyful is simple: Christ illuminates us and heals our blindness.

Among the human senses, sight is one of the most important. He restores the sight of a man born blind. One can imagine how joyful this man was when he received his sight. Jesus proves that he cares for the well-being of his flock—especially the sick, the weak, and the marginalized. Again, he broke another cultural and religious barrier to save the blind man: he healed him on the Sabbath. Without regard for the consequences, he attended to the man’s essential need.

Jesus’ disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” From this question, it is evident that the prevailing notion was that all suffering was caused by sin. However, Jesus’ response proved otherwise: God permits something to happen for the manifestation of his glory. In other words, this miracle remarkably revealed the power and glory of God.

The lessons we must learn from the man healed by Jesus include that he was obedient to the instruction given to him: “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam.” Second, we must be consistent in our words, faith, convictions, and commitment to the truth. Despite the Pharisees’ intimidation, the man remained truthful and firm, refusing to deny Christ; instead, he insisted that it was Jesus who had healed him. According to St. John Chrysostom, “The Pharisees cast him out of the temple; but the Lord of the temple found him.”

Finally, the salvation that Christ offers us is like illumination. Christ, obedient to God even unto death, is our light. Whoever believes and accepts this illumination into his life is like one whose eyes were opened, for humanity was born blind, in darkness. The good news is that Christ liberates and heals our spiritual blindness. Hence, we can confidently say, “The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.”

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John Thompson's Memorial Mass is on Saturday 21st March at 1pm. Please keep family and friends in your prayers at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

Mother's Day Bake Sale after 10.30am Mass TODAY (15th). In aid of the Loreto Convent Sisters living in Albania. The Sisters have helped over 5000 victims of human trafficking. All donations will go to this worthy cause. **Please note we can only accept cash.**

Choir for Holy Week All are welcome to join the choir to support the singing at the Holy Week services: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. **If you are interested please email Teresa O'Sullivan**, Parish Music Coordinator: howelsy@btinternet.com or by leaving a message at the presbytery 020 8449 3338 asap. Teresa will give you details about dates and times when you make contact.

Seeds of Hope - Evangelisation Day takes place from 11am-4pm on Saturday 21 March 2026 at Our Lady and St Vincent, Potters Bar. Join Catholics from across the diocese for inspiring talks, workshops, prayer, and reflection to grow in confidence in sharing Christ. To find out more and book please visit rcdow.org.uk/evangelisation/seeds-of-hope/ or email evangelisation@rcdow.org.uk

The Way of the Cross: Every Friday during Lent after the 10am Mass and at 6pm in the evening:-

- **20th March: 10am led by Cafod Group and 6pm led by Confirmation Candidates.**
- **27th March: 10am led by Allan (Prayer Cell Group) and 6pm led by Finance Committee**

Morning Prayer: Saturdays During Lent at 8.00am in Church - all welcome! Followed by a shared breakfast in the JP II Room, concluding on the Saturday 28th March with a full English Breakfast. (orders taken the week before). Voluntary money contributions to go towards our church.

Retreats: As we are 'Called to be Sent', our retreats will focus on celebrating the Jubilees (We Dare to Ask). In this Lent, we will have moments of retreat/reflection which will be held in two sessions. The same is repeated in the evening:

- **17th March: 11am & 7.30pm (Session One) JP II Room**
- **24th March: 11am & 7.30pm (Session Two) JP II Room**
- **28th March: 9.30am-3.30pm Young People (18-35 years) retreat will be held at Consolata Missionary, 3 Salisbury Avenue, N3 3AJ.**

MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS:

Gathering: 846 Amazing grace

Penitential: 519 Kyrie Eleison

Psalm 23 (22) R/ The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want, nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acc: Vs: I am the light of the world, says the Lord, come follow me; have the light of life.

Offertory: 433 We cannot measure how you heal

Communion: 948 You are my shepherd, you are my friend. I want to follow you always, just to follow my friend.

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Going Forth: 779 O God, you search me and you know me.



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, Martin Harrison, Victor Annan, Mary Spearman, Alice Power, Carlotta Brunelli, Nula Mole, Linda Quilter, Clare Buckmire, Martin Quilter.

Recently Died: John Thompson & Chris Myers

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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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