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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4 July 2026
5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)
6.00pm: Tony Smith RIP

Sunday 5: 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8.30am: Ziggy Budrevigene (Ints)
10.30am: Peter Delyfer RIP
6.00pm: Pro Populo (ints)

Monday 6: St Maria Goretti
9.30am Morning Prayer
6.00pm: Sheena Louise Mitchell RIP

Tuesday 7:
9.30am Morning Prayer
10am: Jesudian Soosay ann RIP

Wednesday 8:
6.00pm: Peter Delyfer RIP

Thursday 9: St Augustine Zhao Rong
9.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am: Bernadette James (int)
10.30am Tea & Coffee in JPII Room
6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Friday 10:
9.30am Morning Prayer
10.00am: Francis Brosnahan RIP
2pm: Christian Meditation in Church

Saturday 11: St Benedict
5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)
6.00pm: Madge Doohan RIP

Sunday 12: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8.30am: Marie-Therese Smith RIP
10.30am: Pro Populo (ints)
6.00pm:

Readings: 1st: Zac 9: 9-10; Ps 145:2-3.4-9;
2nd: Rom 8:9. 11-13; Gos Mt 11: 25-30

'Come to me all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest' (Matthew 25:28)

We read in today's Responsorial Psalm that the Lord is kind and full of compassion. He is abundant in mercy, good to all, and compassionate toward all his creatures (cf. Ps 145). This is the God in whom we believe. How wonderful He is!

He does not want us to be overburdened or to suffer. He simply wants us to find rest and be free. All of us carry burdens, and He alone can give us true rest. Unfortunately, when people become desperate, they often seek rest where it cannot be found. They turn to practices such as palm reading, tarot card reading, witch doctors, and many other superstitious practices, believing they will find peace or solutions to their problems. These only lead to more difficulties and greater weariness. This is following the flesh. It is placing our trust in other gods, and as a result, we become even more burdened.

What about you and me? Where do we go to find rest? Do we sit on the sofa and watch television or a film? That may help us relax for a while, but it is not the kind of rest Jesus is speaking about. True rest consists of taking time to be with God in prayer, in retreat, and in an intimate relationship with Him. As St. Paul says, "You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the Spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you" (Rom 8:9). It is this Spirit whom we need to encounter within ourselves.

He is there to be encountered by all who are humble. With joy, the prophet Zechariah proclaims, "Look, your king is coming to you!" Unlike earthly kings, He comes humbly, riding on a donkey. This is our King. By emptying ourselves and entering into our inner selves with sincerity and humility, both the rich and the poor can encounter Him.

Let us pray that we may come to Him with simplicity and trust, bringing Him everything that burdens us, so that He may set us free and grant us true rest. Amen.

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Thank you to everyone who supported our Opera Concert last Saturday. It was a great turn out and everyone had a lovely evening. **An amazing £2126.00 was raised.**

Our next event is on Saturday 26th September 'Some Enchanted Evening - A Night at the Musicals'. Please place the date in your diary. **Fundraising Team**

The Life Ascending Group will be showing a DVD on Padre Pio entitled 'Pray, Hope and Don't Worry' on Tuesday 7th July at 11am. Refreshments available. Donations for the Redcaps going to Lourdes this year. All are welcome!

We need your help please! Volunteers are needed as catechists, church cleaners after each Mass on Sundays, handy persons, gardeners, and collection counters. If you can help, please contact Fr. Godfrey — your support is greatly appreciated.

St Catherine's Primary School, Vale Drive, High Barnet are looking for a school caretaker to join their school team. The full details are on our school website or click on this link for more information: Caretaker Vacancy

Hope Corner Community Centre are seeking a part-time cafe assistant to join their friendly team in Mays Lane. 3 hours a day with an additional hour on Tuesdays. 9.30am-12.30pm. Please email hopecorner@outlook.com for a job description and application form. Deadline: 20th July 2026.

Sacramental Programmes for 2026-27: Registration for the new Sacramental Programmes will open on **12th July**. Registration forms will be available online from this date. Further information and updates will be published in the parish newsletter as they become available.

MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS:

Gathering: 462 Gather your people, O Lord.

Psalm **R/ I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**

Gospel Acc: Vs: I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Offertory: **408 O let all who thirst.**

Communion: C170 Shoulder my yoke and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart, And you'll find rest for your soul for my yoke is easy and my burden light.

Going Forth: 795 I heard the voice of Jesus say.

Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them: Rosemary Chester, 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, Margaret Kelly.

Recently Died: David Kelly, Mary Fallis.

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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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