



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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 18:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: John Edward Hunt RIP

Sunday 19 July 2026

16th Ordinary Time

8.30am: Malcolm Freeman (ints)

10.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

6.00pm: Edward Obuama Addy

Monday 20:

9.30am Morning Prayer

6.00pm: Peter Delyfer RIP

Tuesday 21:

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am: David Kelly RIP

Wednesday 22

6.00pm: Tony Smith RIP

Thurs 23

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Joan & Patrick Gleeson (ints)

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JP11 Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Friday 24:

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Philomena Healy ann RIP

2pm: Christian Meditation in Church

Saturday 25:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Michael & Mary O'Brien

Sunday 26th: 17th Ordinary Time

8.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

10.30am: Busia Oziadko ann RIP

6.00pm: David Kelly RIP

Readings: 1st: 12:13. 16-19; Ps 85:5-6. 9-10.15-16; 2nd: Rom 8: 26-27; Gos Mt 13: 24-43

Our God is forbearing is patient and full of mercy for all

The Word of God today invites us to reflect once more on the nature of our God. He is mighty, all-powerful, and just, but He is also patient, compassionate, and full of mercy. He gives everyone the opportunity to repent and share in His Kingdom.

The first reading responds to questions that have existed since time immemorial. If God is mighty and just, why does He not immediately punish evildoers—those who exploit and oppress others? Why do those who transgress God's law seem to prosper while the faithful often suffer? A similar situation occurred when the disciples asked Jesus for permission to call down fire from heaven to destroy the Samaritans simply because they had rejected them (Lk 9:54).

Our God is not the way we often imagine Him to be. He does not act according to our human logic. Although He is all-powerful, and although we often think that might makes right, God is slow to anger, gentle, and loving. He gives everyone the opportunity to repent because we are all His creatures. At times, we too have been like weeds, yet God's mercy has transformed our lives. Jesus welcomed sinners, including prostitutes and tax collectors, and even shared meals with them. Does this mean that He tolerated evil? Certainly not. He welcomed the sinner, but never the sin. His desire was always to lead people to conversion.

The Gospel parable deepens this reflection. The farmer planted only good seed, but during the night the enemy sowed weeds among the wheat. Both grew together, and pulling out the weeds too early would have damaged the wheat as well. Therefore, they were allowed to grow together until the harvest, when they would be separated.

There is both good and evil within each of us. We should not lose heart because of our weaknesses, but continue striving to do good. Like the mustard seed, which begins as the smallest of seeds but grows into a large tree where birds make their nests, every small act of goodness can bear abundant fruit. Our good deeds are like a candle shining in the darkness. Through our witness, charity, kindness, mercy, encouragement, loving correction, selfless service, and prayer, we become a light for others. God, in His wisdom and mercy, will accomplish great things even amid the weeds.

May we be Christians who never rush to judge others, for the final judgment belongs to God alone. Instead, let us be guided by hope and love as we live in a world where good and evil exist side by side. Amen.

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Welcome home Fr Miguel! We look forward to Fr Miguel joining us, God willing, at the end of the week.

Registration sacraments for next pastoral year: are available in the porch and also on our website.

Programmes and forms are available for children & adults who would like to receive to receive sacrament initiation for the year 2026/2027:-

- **Sacrament of Baptism** for under 7s
- **Children aged over 7** (catechetical age) not yet Baptised.
- **Sacrament of Holy Communion for Year 3**
- **Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 10.**
- **RCIA (Adults)** for those who wish to be accepted in the catholic church or adults not yet baptised and/or confirmed.

The deadline to submit the forms for the Sacraments (except Baptism for under 7s), is the 15th September 2026.

Many congratulations and Blessings to Marie Baines-Holmes who received an Apostolic Blessing in recognition of an amazing twenty five years of her fundraising campaigning in our parish, and as a volunteer in the CAFOD office. Marie personally received the award recently from the Archbishop of Westminster. God Bless Marie.

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

As many of my parish community depart for a well-deserved holiday or family time spent at home, please know that you go with our community prayers. May your time of rest be filled with safety, relaxation, and spiritual renewal. May God protect you on your travels. God Bless, Fr Godfrey

MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS:

Gathering: 462 Gather your people, O Lord.

Psalm R/ O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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

Offertory: 871 Lord you have come to the seashore.

Communion: 952 And he will raise you up on eagles' wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Going Forth: 721 O Lord my God (omit vs 2)

Today is the last accompanied sung 10.30am Mass this Summer: the music groups will be back again in September. If you are interested in singing or playing at the 10.30 am mass from September, please contact Teresa O'Sullivan, Music Co-ordinator by email to howelsy@btinternet.com or by giving your details to the parish office.



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, Angela Manzi.

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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