



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 25:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Michael & Mary O'Brien

Sunday 26th July: 17th Ordinary Time

8.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

10.30am: Busia Dziadko ann RIP

6.00pm: David Kelly RIP

Monday 27:

9.30am Morning Prayer

6.00pm: Adrienne Mylan RIP

Tuesday 28:

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am: Sheena Louise Mitchell RIP

Wednesday 29

6.00pm: Shantha Soosay (thanksgiving)

Thurs 30

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Kevin Johnson & Noreen O'Connor RIP

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JP II Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Friday 31:

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Patrick Doona RIP

2pm: Christian Meditation in Church

Saturday 1 August:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Mark & Steph Gunning (ints)

Sunday 02: 18th Ordinary Time

8.30am: Lena Duarte RIP

10.30am: Neil Cowney 10th ann RIP

6.00pm: Anastasia & James Ellard
newlyweds

Searching and keeping safe the greatest treasure

Readings: 1st: I Kg 3: 5. 7-12; Ps: 118; 2nd: Rom 8, 28-30; Gos: Mt 13, 44-52

What would you respond to the question Solomon asked by God, that is what do you need in life? Probably most of us would say car, money, power, shoes, luxury house, etc. Solomon responds wisdom, that is capacity to discern the true value of things, a request pleasing to God. Such response points an awareness of what is essential in our life. We read in the Book of proverbs, an understanding heart is God's gift (Prov. 2: 6). And if we lack it, we need only to ask God. He will give us (Cfr. Jas 1:5) This is what is reflected also in the responsorial psalm, what matters is not gold, but to obey God's word. This is the secret of our success in different aspects of our life.

It is this capacity of discernment which leads us to the gospel, where we are invited to search and keep the greatest treasure, the kingdom of God. This is nothing else than the divine life in us, which is, in other words, the meaning of our life. The person goes and sells everything which he had to buy a field which contained the treasure.

We already have this treasure, which is keeping us united with God, through baptism. The greatest challenge in our secularized world is not that to search. Today the challenge is to keep the greatest treasure.

It is common to note that some of the baptized, growing they no longer practice their faith. The treasure they found is getting out of control.

Let's ask from God that capacity to discern what is most important for us, and avoid chasing false treasures such as money, power, social status, or worldly pleasures. They lead us nowhere and at the end of the day we become exhausted, unhappy, wearied. Let us focus instead to search and keep the real "pearl", by intensifying of our personal relationship with God through daily in prayer, listening to Him by getting reconciled by our creator.

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Please join me in welcoming Fr Miguel. It is a joy and blessing to have Fr Miguel here during the summer in our parish community for another year.

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.**

Preparations for pilgrimage to Turin from 6 to 10 October 2026

Thursdays 11, 18 and 24 September pilgrims to Turin are invited for a moment of retreat and formation in preparation for pilgrimage, from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. If there is anyone would wish to join, please contact Fr. Godfrey.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with Fr Godfrey's birthday celebrations, all those who donated food, drinks, cakes, flowers and gifts which made it a memorable occasion. Very much appreciated. Maria Rossi.

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 our Archbishop Richard Moth. God Bless Marie.

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

Fake news is circulating using an AI-generated video/WhatsApp/email depicting the Archbishop requesting for a financial donation. They are entirely fraudulent and have been created to persuade recipients that they are communicating with the Archbishop personally. Similar techniques are being used to impersonate me myself.

We ask that you please remain vigilant

- Never assume that a WhatsApp message or video is genuine simply because it appears to come from a member of the clergy.
- Never send money, gift cards or bank details in response to unsolicited requests received via WhatsApp or other messaging platforms.
- Always verify the identity of the sender by contacting the priest or parish directly using a known telephone number or official email address before responding to any request.
- Report any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>.

MUSIC LITURGY 10.30 MASS:

The music group will be back 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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