



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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 1 August 2026

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Mark & Steph Gunning (ints)

Sunday 02: 18th Ordinary Time

8.30am: Lena Duarte RIP

10.30am: Neil Carney ann RIP

6.00pm: Anastasia & James Ellard
(thanksgiving)

Monday 03:

9.30am Morning Prayer

6.00pm: Pro Populo (ints)

Tuesday 04: St John Mary Vianney

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am: Philip Vaughan & Michael Riley
ann RIP

Wednesday 05: Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

6.00pm:

Thurs 06 The Transfiguration of the Lord (Feast)

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am:

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JPIL Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Friday 07: Sts Sixtus II & Companions

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Mary Margaret Fallis RIP

1.00pm: Christian Meditation in Church

Saturday 08: St Dominic

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Philomena Healy RIP

Sunday 09: 19th in Ordinary Time

8.30am:

10.30am: Patrick Kelly

6.00pm: Chrissie Hynes RIP

Our God is compassionate and takes care of us all

Readings: 1st: Is 55: 1-3; Ps 55;
2nd: Rom 8: 35. 37-39; Gos: Mt 14: 13-21

Why were the crowds following Jesus even into the desert? They were spiritually hungry and thirsty, and our God was feeding them. They were there listening to the Word of God, which is accessible to everyone. "Come, all you who are thirsty, come and buy; buy without money," the prophet Isaiah tells us.

The love God has for us is extraordinary. He has compassion for us and desires to nourish us not only physically but also spiritually. He leads the crowd into the desert, a place where we feel poor and in need. When we have everything, we often fail to appreciate its value. But when we come into contact with our own weakness, we learn to value what truly matters. The desert, a place of weakness and fragility, becomes an occasion of grace.

"Give them something to eat!" God wants us to share, with faith, the little we have. The real miracle does not begin when we have an abundance. It begins with the little we have. When we share it, together with prayer—Jesus "looked up to heaven, said the blessing, and then distributed the bread"—it already becomes a miracle. God works through the resources we already possess. The outcome is blessing, healing, strength, and abundant life.

Jesus uses us as well. The boy who was there was instrumental in making the miracle happen. In the same way, Jesus uses us, with our littleness and poverty, to perform miracles. When He blesses us, He blesses us abundantly, giving us His gifts to sustain us on our journey. The baskets were filled with bread and fish. As the Song of Songs says, "He brought me to the banquet hall, and his banner over me was love" (Song of Songs 2:4). When God gives, He gives abundantly.

Jesus is the new Bread from heaven. We should not forget that the multiplication of the loaves also points to Jesus Himself, the true Bread given to the whole world. He offers Himself for all humanity. The twelve baskets that were collected symbolise the fullness of God's provision for all people, represented by the twelve apostles.

Let us pray that we too may become instruments of God's miracles by embracing the logic of faith and generosity, by sharing our resources and our time, by appreciating the gifts we already have, and by allowing ourselves to be used by God as instruments of His love. Amen.

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Registration for Next Pastoral Year's Sacraments are now available in the porch and 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.**

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. (1) Never assume that a WhatsApp message or video is genuine simply because it appears to come from a member of the clergy. (2) Never send money, gift cards or bank details in response to unsolicited requests received via WhatsApp or other messaging platforms. (3) 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 and (4) Report any suspicious messages and the phone numbers to Action Fraud <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk/>.

Turin Pilgrimage: 6-10 October 2026: Pilgrims going to Turin are requested to attend the following: **Retreat (Pt 1) on Thursday 10, Retreat (Pt 2) on Thursday 17 and Final Notes Meeting on Thursday 24 September 2026 in preparation for the pilgrimage. All start at 7.00pm to 8.30pm in the JP II Room.** If there is anyone who would wish to join the retreat days (not attending the pilgrimage) - please contact Fr. Godfrey.

Receiving Holy Communion: is letting Jesus who is truly present in the body and blood, enter into our hearts. Practising Catholics can receive Holy Communion if they are free from grave sin. Communion can be received on the tongue or the hand but must be done with reverence and consumed in front of the Minister. If receiving on the hand, extent your hands together and flat as a throne for Our Eucharistic Lord.

If you are not catholic, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing instead. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. **If you are gluten intolerant and wish to receive Holy Communion** please make your way to the sacristy before mass and ask for a gluten free host from the minister.

As we continue to celebrate our Double Jubilee, we pray for all the priests and curates who have ministered to our parish community at Mary Immaculate & St Gregory the Great. Each week, we remember in prayer the priests and curates who served our parish and give thanks for their ministry. **In this week, we remember Fr George Bampffield, Parish Priest from 1870 to 1900.** We also remember the curates who served during this period: Francis Spink, Francis Shubbrook, James Connor, John Hooky, Philip Graty, Nicholas Murphy, Robert Treby, and Richard Rider.

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.

Baptisms: kindly pray for those welcomed into the church in July: for Edie Josephine, Emmanuel, Ruben, Mya Louise and Zara Olivia.

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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