



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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 08: St Dominic

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Philomena Healy RIP

Sun 09 Aug 2026 - 19th In Ordinary Time

8.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

10.30am: Patrick Kelly

6.00pm: Chrissie Hynes RIP

Monday 10: St Laurence

9.30am Morning Prayer

6.00pm: Clare & Al Forster (thanksgiving)

Tuesday 11: Saint Clare

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am: Soosaipillai Francis ann RIP &
Philomena Francis RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 12: St Jane Frances de Chantel

6.00pm: Anita Alvares RIP & Agnelo
Fernandes Family

Thurs 13: Sts Pontian & Hippolytus

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Bernard Smith RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JPll Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Friday 14: St Maximilian Kolbe

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Martin Smith ann RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

1.00pm: Christian Meditation in Church

Saturday 15:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Costantino Family RIP

Sunday 16: The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

"Lord, save me!"

Readings: 1st: I Kg 19:9. 11-13; Ps 84:9-14;

2nd: Rom 9:1-5; Gos: Mt 14:22-33

The readings today invite us to reflect on our faith. Our God is different from other gods, and we often find Him in places and situations where we least expect Him. The prophet Elijah thought he would encounter the God who had accompanied him on his journey through powerful natural events such as an earthquake, a storm, or a fire. On the contrary, he encountered God in "a tiny whispering sound."

These days, many people are on holiday. After being busy throughout the year with so many responsibilities and tight schedules, it is good to have time to encounter God. This can happen through prayer, visiting a holy place, meditation, spiritual reading, or even by encountering Him in other people. During the year, we are often absorbed by many activities. Let us intentionally set aside time to nourish our spiritual lives.

In the second reading, we meet St. Paul, who suffers and laments. His sorrow is for his own people, who have not accepted Christ as the Messiah promised to them by God through their patriarchs and prophets. The Gospel was first intended for them. Their rejection of Christ led to the Gospel being proclaimed to the Gentiles. St. Paul's cry is also the cry of many of us today. How many of us have family members who no longer practise their faith? We should not despair but continue praying for them. God's ways of salvation are mysterious. The most important thing we can do is to pray for them.

The Gospel we read today follows the miracle performed by Jesus, the multiplication of the loaves. Peter begins to sink because of his "little faith." Yet he is the one who will later be chosen to lead the Church: "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church." In many ways, Peter represents all of us. We believe in the Lord, yet at times we lose courage and fall behind, especially when the storms of life come. May we imitate Peter by offering those short but powerful prayers that express complete trust in God: "Lord, save me!" "Lord, hear me!" Such simple invocations acknowledge God's presence and our dependence on Him. God knows our weakness, and if we are humble, He will always come to our help.

Whatever storms we may face, whether as a community or in our personal lives, let us always remember that Jesus is with us. Let us hear Him saying to each one of us, "Do not be afraid. I am here." May this hope remain with us always. Amen.

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A warm welcome to new parishioners and our visitors during this holiday season. Please do say hello to our Parish Priest.

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.**

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, hand, extent your hands together and flat as a throne for Our Eucharistic Lord (cont/d)...

... **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 Francis Spink, Parish Priest from 1901 to 1913 (Rural Dean from 1909 to 1913).** We also remember the curates who served during this period: Fathers James Connor, John Hookay, Phillip Graty, Richard Rider, William Brown and Thomas Lloyd.

Mass Bookings can be personally booked for each Mass at a small charge. If you would like to book a Mass to remember a loved one, special anniversary or thanksgiving, please pop into the parish office (during office times) or email the parish office to book your Mass. Recommended price is £10.00 a Mass. Payment can be made via bank transfer with reference '**name & date of mass**' or by cash in a sealed envelope posted through the presbytery door, again, marked with name/date of mass

Visit to the Sick/Hospital/Housebound: if you know of anyone who is sick and would like a visit, please contact the parish priest/parish office on the number at the bottom of this newsletter.

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 and Mary Quigley, Karen Sanchez

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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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