



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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Saturday 22: Our Lady, Mother & Queen

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Ambrose Walsh RIP

Sun 23 August 2026:

21st in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

10.30am: Peace in the Middle East

6.00pm: Anahita (thanksgiving)

Monday 24: St Bartholomew

9.30am Morning Prayer

6.00pm: Joan Burke RIP

Tuesday 25: St Louis

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am: Tony McGory RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

Wednesday 26: Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God

6.00pm: Charles McCann RIP

Thurs 27: St Monica

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Mary Fallis RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JPIL Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

Friday 28: St Augustine

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: John Dacomb RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

1.00pm: Christian Meditation in Church

Saturday 29: The Beheading of St John the Baptist

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Francesco Costantino RIP

Sunday 30 August

22nd in Ordinary Time

“You are the Christ, the son of the living God!”

Readings: 1st: Is 22, 19-23; Ps 137, 1-3.6. 8; 2nd: Rom 11, 33-36; Gos: Mt 16, 13-20

In today's Gospel, Saint Peter affirms that Jesus is “the Christ, the Son of the living God.” In response, Jesus entrusts Peter with the task of building and guiding the Church: “The gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.”

The Church is an assembly, a gathering of all those who share in the love of God and who have been baptised in Jesus Christ. But this love must be made visible so that it can be recognised and embraced. We see this love expressed in the life and ordering of Christ's Church. This is the structure upon which our Church is founded: the weakness and humanity of people transformed by the love and grace of God.

The practical importance of this truth can hardly be overemphasised. Many people today, for example, feel that they can do better without “organised religion.” They believe that they can approach God without an institutional Church. The truth, however, is that we do not approach God on our own terms. It is God who takes the initiative and approaches us in his Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus does not come to us through a spectacular revelation of his glory. He comes quietly to us, as he did in Palestine, in human form. Today, he continues to come to us through his Church, where we encounter his presence in the community of believers, in the sacraments, in the Word of God, and in our service to one another.

Let us, therefore, be grateful and humble, recognising that all of us form part of the Church. Through our conduct and our behaviour, we help to build and make visible the presence of God in the world. We are called to be the living presence of Jesus Christ, acting in and through his Church, always remembering that he is the founder and foundation of the Church.

May the celebration of this Sunday's Gospel also challenge and inspire each one of us. Peter gave his response when Jesus asked, “Who do you say I am?” Suppose Jesus were asking us the same question today: “Who do you say I am?” What would our response be?

Our answer will, undoubtedly, depend on the depth of our relationship with him. May we continually cultivate and deepen our relationship with Jesus and remain docile to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He will lead us to recognise who Jesus truly is and to give our own faithful answer. Amen.

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

Fr Godfrey warmly invites all our young parishioners aged 18 - 35 to join him for a social gathering and meal together on Thursday 27th August at 6.30pm in the JPll Room. To help with preparations and catering, please let Fr Godfrey know if you are able to attend by Tuesday 25th August. You can contact him by: mobile: 07947 371234 or email: godfreymsumange@rcdow.org.uk Hope you can join us for a lovely evening together!

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 John Taylor, Parish Priest from 1941 to 1956. We also remember the curates who served during this period: Fathers Harold Purney, John Low, Peter Needham and Thomas Anderson.

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.

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 020 8449 3338.

Summer Raffle: Help The SVP Alleviate Poverty: our members, volunteers & staff provide friendship, practical help and daily support to people in need in our community. Every ticket you buy makes a difference, supporting their work. £1 each/£5 strip. Available after all Masses TODAY (CASH ONLY please).

Turin Pilgrimage: 6-10 October 2026: Pilgrims going to Turin are requested to attend the following: **All are held on Thursdays in September: 7pm-8.30pm in the JPll Room.** Retreat (Pt 1): 10th Sept, Retreat (Pt 2): 17th Sept and Final Notes Meeting on Thursday 24 Sept in preparation for the pilgrimage.

Altar Servers: Please can all altar servers attend special training on the 1st and 2nd September from 4.30 to 6.00pm in the JPll room.

Receiving Holy Communion allows us to welcome Jesus, truly present in His Body and Blood, into our hearts. Practising Catholics who are free from grave sin may receive Holy Communion, on the tongue or in the hand, with reverence. When receiving in the hand, place one hand flat on top of the other, forming a throne for Our Eucharistic Lord. The Host must be consumed immediately in the presence of the Minister. **If you are not Catholic**, you are warmly welcome to join the queue and receive a blessing instead. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. **If you are gluten intolerant**, please speak to a Minister in the sacristy before Mass to request a gluten free host.

Patronal Feast of Saint Gregory the Great

Novena starts 28 August
after each Mass

Sunday 6th September
(Please note there is no 8.30am Mass)

10.30am Mass

Followed by lunch in the hall afterwards

Can you help please?

There is a food list in the porch. Can you kindly provide a dish or two on the day - thank you. Please sign up on the list!



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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