



‘CALLED TO BE SENT (FAITH & MISSION)’

**Community in Double Jubilee of 175 Years of Parish Community
and 100 years in Heaven of St Allamano**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 12th:

10am: Parents' meeting for Holy Communion
Candidates (Church)

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: McCann Family (ints)

Sunday 13th: - 24th in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Kathryn Vassallo RIP

10.30am: Francesco Contantino

6.00pm: Jennifer Monaghan RIP

Mon 14th: Exaltation of the Holy Cross

6.00pm: Jayden & Ronan Fernandes
(thanksgiving)

Tues 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am: Prashant Fernandes & Family
Holy Rosary after Mass (thanksgiving)

Wed 16th: Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

6.00pm: Mary Stella RIP

Thurs 17th: Saint Hildegard

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Ramirez Family (ints)

Holy Rosary after Mass

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JP11 Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

7pm 'Retreat 2' Formation for Turin Pilgrims (JP
Room)

Friday 18th:

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Natalia Fernandes (thanksgiving)

Holy Rosary after Mass

1.00pm: Christian Meditation in Church

Sat 19th:

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Patsy Murray (ann RIP)

Sunday 20th: - 25th in Ordinary Time

8.30am: Pansy Williams (ints)

10.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

6.00pm: Olga Morrison RIP

Readings: 1st: Sirac, 27: 30-28:7; Ps 102; 2nd: Rom 14, 7-9; Gos: Mt 18, 21-35

This Sunday, the Lord reminds us of our own incapacity to forget and, above all, of our need to forgive. Today's first reading, from the Book of Ecclesiasticus, prepares us for the Gospel: "Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord... Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven."

The Responsorial Psalm reinforces this message: "The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy." The reason why we should forgive and give a good example through our lives is expressed in today's second reading, from St Paul's Letter to the Romans: "If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord."

This calls us to live not according to our anger or resentment, but according to the ways of the Lord. C. S. Lewis said: "Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive."

This happens to us continuously. There are so many opportunities to forgive: with friends, in our families, at work, and in society. If we look honestly at our own lives, we know how difficult forgiveness can sometimes be.

We need to remain calm and allow anger and resentment to pass away. When we turn within ourselves, to that place where the Lord speaks to our hearts, we can find a peaceful and dignified solution.

In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus: "How often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?" Jesus answers that forgiveness should have no limits.

Then Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving debtor. The first debtor, who had received great mercy from his master, refused to show the same mercy to another. He was full of resentment and anger and had his fellow servant thrown into prison.

If he had taken the time to remember how much he himself had been forgiven, perhaps he would have understood the needs of his fellow servant and forgiven him.

The master says: "And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart."

It is easy to understand the message. What is more difficult is to put it into practice. Forgiveness is not always easy, but it can make us free. We need to remain calm, preserve our peace of heart, ask God for assistance, and act with humility.

When anger comes, let us not allow it to control us. When resentment appears, let us bring it to prayer. And when we find it difficult to forgive, let us remember how much the Lord has forgiven us.

May God grant us a heart capable of forgiveness, full of compassion and mercy, and the humility to forgive others as He forgives us. Amen.

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Some Enchanted Evening: A wonderful night at the musicals @ Mary Immaculate and St. Gregory the Great, Barnet. **Saturday 26th September 7.30pm.** Tickets £20. Available at all Masses: 12th/13th and 19th-20th September.

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.**

Bishop Douglass Open Evening: families with children looking ahead to secondary school are warmly invited to attend the Open Evening taking place at Bishop Douglass on Wednesday 16th September, from 5-7.30pm. To reserve a spot visit www.bishopdouglass.barnet.sch.uk

We are blessed to welcome Fr. Michelangelo Piovano, Vice General Superior of the Consolata Missionaries worldwide who is visiting our parish. He has been a missionary for many years in Brazil and for the last two decades has been working in Italy and Portugal. Currently he is based in Rome. Fr. Michelangelo, thank you for visiting our community.

As we continue to celebrate our Double Jubilee, we pray for all the priests and curates who ministered in our parish community at Mary Immaculate & St Gregory the Great. Each week, we give thanks in prayer for our priests and curates who served our parish and give thanks for their ministry. **In this week, we pray for Fr John Murphy, Parish Priest from 1982 to 1987, and curates:** Fathers Bernard Lang & Philip Law.

Film Showing: of Sue Francis' recent trip to Iceland is on Tuesday 15th September at 11am in the JP Room. Any donations given will be going to the Poor Clares and Cafod (for the Nepal disaster). All welcome! **Sue & Life Ascending Group**

Loreto College: St Albans: The Open Evening for prospective pupils applying to Loreto College for September 2027 will take place on Tuesday 29th September from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Please use the entrance in Upper Lattimore Road. More details are available on the school website www.loreto.herts.sch.uk

Music Liturgy: 10.30am Mass.

Gathering: 713 Sing of the Lord's goodness

Psalm: R/ The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Gospel Acc: Vs: A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Offertory: 906 If we are living we are in the Lord

Communion: 625 Bread for the world, the world of hunger, wine for all peoples, people who thirst, may we who eat be bread for others, may we who drink pour out our love.

Going Forth: 807. Praise, my soul, the king of heaven.



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, Linda Quilter, Clare Buckmire, Martin Quilter, Margaret Kelly, Angela Manzi, Mary Quigley, and 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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