



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mon 21st: St Matthew, Apostle

6.00pm:

Tues 22nd:

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am: Madge & Basil Sawyer ann RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

7.30pm: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting : JP RM

Wed 23rd: St Pius Pietrelcina

6.00pm: Rosemary O'Duffy

Thurs 24th: Our Lady of Walsingham

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Peter Ridgewell ann RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

10.30am Tea & Coffee in JP II Room

6pm Adoration & Confessions (Church)

7pm 'Turin Pilgrims' Meeting (JP Room)

Friday 25th:

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.00am: Eileen Cronin ann RIP

Holy Rosary after Mass

1.00pm: Christian Meditation in Church

Sat 26th: Sts Cosmas & Damian

5-5.45pm: Confessions (Church)

6.00pm: Theresa Masterson RIP

Sunday 27th: - 26th in Ordinary Time

8.30am: George Buhagiar ann RIP

10.30am: Pro Populo (ints)

6.00pm: Gerard & Georgina Opara-Nad
(Thanksgiving)

The Extravagant Grace of a Merciful God

Readings: 1st: Is 55:6-9; Ps: 144:2-3.8-9.17; 2nd: Phil 1:20-24.27;

Gos: Mt. 20:1-16

God's love for us is beyond our limited human categories. His justice and love go beyond our human standards. It is almost unimaginable. Our Mother Church invites all of us to embrace His love.

We see in the first reading Isaiah speaking to his people in exile, inviting them: "Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked man abandon his way..." God is never tired of us, even when we are weak and unfaithful to Him. We are precious to Him, and so He continually searches for us without ever forcing Himself upon us.

This is also what is pointed out in the Gospel. Our thoughts are not His thoughts. We see how God continually and tirelessly searches for us. He goes out to look for workers early in the morning, then at nine, at midday, at three, and finally at five. With such patience and love, God looks for us.

Then comes the surprise at the hour of payment. It is here that we see that our justice is not His justice. How can an employer pay equally the one who worked only for the last hour and the one who worked and toiled throughout the whole day? Humanly speaking, it does not seem fair; it does not seem just at all. But from the divine point of view, we see that the standard of measure is not ours. His justice is governed by His generosity and unconditional love.

To be called to work in the vineyard is a gift that we all desire. It allows us to "dwell in the house of the Lord all the days" of our life (Ps 27:4).

Let us thank God, who tirelessly searches for us, again and again, so that we may be in His vineyard. And let us embrace and share His unconditional love with our neighbours as followers of Christ. 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.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with our Feast Day Celebrations of our Patron Saint Gregory the Great. It was a lovely gathering of the community. Thank you to all who contributed with food and your kind help on the day. God Bless you all. Fr Godfrey

Registration for Next Pastoral Year's Sacraments has now been complete.

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 David Ardagh-Walter, Parish Priest from 1988 to 1996, and curates: Fathers Bernard Boylan & Monsignor Walter Drumm (in residence).**

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

St Catherine's Catholic Primary School, Barnet: would be delighted to welcome parents with children born between 1st Sept 2022 to 31st Aug 2023, to our school tours ahead of Reception entry in September 2027. Come and meet our Headteacher and learn more about our school community and see our school in action. Tours will last approximately one hour. To book a tour on your preferred date please contact the school office: 0208440 4946 or email admissions@stcatherines.barnetmail.net We look forward to welcoming you on the following dates: Mon 12th Oct at 10am, Mon 12th Oct at 6pm, Wed 4th Nov at 10am, Fri 6th Nov at 10am, Mon 9th Nov at 10am and Fri 13th Nov at 10am.

St Michael's Catholic Grammar School is seeking to appoint a Modern Foreign Languages Assistant, specialising in Italian, to work for 2 hours per week supporting A Level students. Barnet Unified Reward Grade F Max – £21.83 per hour. Fixed Term, Part-time, term time only - required from 1st October 2026 to 31st May 2027. This person will work under the direction of the Teacher in Charge of Italian and will help students in their preparation for the oral component of public examinations. This role would be suit someone enthusiastic and dedicated to promoting the study and enjoyment of Italian. The school provides a very rewarding working environment where employees are valued and there is a focus on staff welfare. A Support Staff application form and job description is on our website. <https://www.st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk>. Please send applications to applications@st-michaels.barnet.sch.uk. **Closing date:** Monday 28th September midday.

Music Liturgy: 10.30am Mass

Gathering: 713 Sing of the Lord's goodness

Psalm: R/ The LORD is close to all who call him.

Gospel Acc: Vs: Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.

Offertory: 792 Eye has not seen

Communion: 948 You are my shepherd, you are my friend I want to follow you always, just to follow my friend.

Going Forth: 788 Praise to the holiest in the height vs 1,2,3,4,7



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

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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