



Mary Immaculate & St Peter's Catholic Church

PARISH UNDER THE CARE OF THE MISSIONARY CONGREGATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. SPIRITANS

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Weekly Mass Times:

Mon - Fri - 9.30am
Sat Vigil - 6pm
Sun - 9.30am, 11am, 6pm
Holy Days of Obligation - 7.30pm

**3rd
Jan
2016**

LIVING THE GOSPEL - *Going Home*

The wise men, or Magi, are warned in a dream not to go back to Herod and they go home by a different way. How could they do anything but go home another way – indeed, go home as different people? They are changed by their encounter with the child Jesus and they go home a different way; in a different state; in a whole different frame of mind. When we genuinely encounter Jesus – in scripture, in life, in prayer, in ourselves – then we cannot go home the same way; we must go home by a different way as the Magi did.

CHURCH NOTICES

BAPTISM - The next course will be held in January/February 2016. If you are looking to have your child Baptised at this parish, please email the parish office so your child's name can be included on the register of interest.

ANNUAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES IN THIS YEAR OF MERCY will take place in Westminster Cathedral on *Saturday 6th February 2016 at 2.00 pm*. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during the Mass by the bishops and priests. Can any parishioners who are interested please contact the parish office for more information.

CONFIRMATION 2017 - Preparations for confirmation in summer 2017 will commence on Wednesday 6th January 2016 with the first session for candidates *and* parents at 7.30pm in the parish hall.

LIVE SIMPLY - Do not forget our parish project over Christmas and try to keep the 3 aims in mind. Live as simply as we can and do not overbuy; live sustainably - try not to waste anything and live in solidarity - remember those at home and overseas who have much less than we do. In the new year we shall tackle our project with renewed vigour!

Fr Mark writes: A few weeks ago I contacted the Provincial to ask for a short sabbatical. Last week I received confirmation that my request had been granted. The Provincial has also taken the opportunity to consider their structure and make some movements within the parishes they run. As such a new priest, Fr James Fasakin C.S.Sp. will arrive in the Parish in February to take over as the Parish Priest. Fr James will be known to many of you as he supported Fr Derek for six months in the Parish; Fr James went on to become Parish Priest in St Patrick's Church, Birmingham and Chaplain to the West Indian Catholic Community in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, where he has made a great impact in the seven years he has been there.

Clearly I am very sad to be leaving the Parish but after five years it is time to move to pastures new. I have been well supported by you the parishioners and have made a number of very good friends. I have cherished memories of my time in New Barnet, you will always have a special place in my heart. I will remain in situ until Fr James arrives and propose to stay for a few days to hand over the Parish operations. I would also take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. God bless

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS - Please note that Fr Mark will only sign school admission forms for those children whose parents completed the required form requested between Feb and May this year. **FURTHER-MORE** please also note that the Diocese have issued new forms entitled "Certificate of Catholic Practice" (CCP) which are available from the schools.

CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS - All schools are being advised this year to go out to general consultation on their admission arrangements for 2017/18 onwards. We have been notified by local catholic schools that their consultation periods are now open. Policies may have been changed to comply with current regulations, therefore, it is suggested that you check the website of any individual school(s) you are interested in for further details.

CHURCH COLLECTION: 27th December: £ 1,120.92 *Thank you for your offerings*
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: £ 4,356.13
CRIB COLLECTION: £ 131.05

PARISH DATABASE: The parish database contains current information of the parishioners and their family members. The information on the database contains is for the parish use only, allowing us to verify parishioners and to complete school forms, passport applications, job references etc. It is important that the information held on the database is correct so please check regularly with the parish Secretary that your details are correct. New parishioners please contact parish secretary to register.

THANK YOU

Father Mark and Father Oliver of the Spiritan Community in New Barnet would like to thank all those people in the parish for their good wishes and gifts for Christmas. They are greatly valued and much appreciated.

Wishing you all every grace and blessing in the New Year to come

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Following our joyful Christmas Tea Party our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th January 2016!

New members always welcome
(contact Sue 020 8440 8707)

OUR DEAD: Those recently deceased: Alice Roche, Vera Connan, John Casey, Margaret Boland, John Wiseman, Anna Ferrari.
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES: Ellen & Pat Gaughan, Peggy Woods, Peggy French, John Lynch, Pietro & Ida Berzolla

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY 2nd Jan Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

6.00pm Vigil - *McArdle family - Christmas mass bouquet*

SUNDAY 3rd Jan EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9.30am - *John Lynch - RIP Anniversary*

11.00am - *Margaret Boland - RIP RD*

6.00pm - *Pietro & Ida Berzolla - RIP Anniversary*

MONDAY 4th Jan Christmas feria

9.30am - *Mary McSharry & Rita Schley - Intentions*

TUESDAY 5th Jan Christmas feria

9.30am - *Alice Roche - RIP RD*

WEDNESDAY 6th Jan Christmas feria

9.30am - *Mary Hoogstraten - RIP Anniversary*

THURSDAY 7th Jan St Raymond of Penyafort

9.30am - *Doreen Hardy - RIP*

FRIDAY 8th Jan Christmas feria

9.30am - *Mrs Ada McGovern - RIP*

SATURDAY 9th Jan Christmas feria

6.00pm Vigil - *Rosie Lynch - Christmas mass bouquet*

SUNDAY 10th Jan THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9.30am - *Parishioners' Intentions*

11.00am - *James Brady - 80th Birthday*

6.00pm - *Philip Cusack - RIP*



The children were lined up in the hall of a Catholic school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The teacher made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Father Mark writes: Each week since my arrival in the parish in March 2011 a list of sick and housebound people to be prayed for, have been published in our weekly parish news bulletin. Some of those mentioned in that list have been on it since that time. I would like to review the list and reconstitute it. As from next week only those names will be included of those who we know of who are still in need of our prayers. Please confirm with the parish office if you wish the name of someone to be included.

Gerry O'Donnell, Elenor Comber, Imelda Mills, Anthony Jones, Tony Tuff, Luke Peskett, Mario Joannou, Maria Wallis, Ethel McKenzie, Mary Boe, Emer McCloy, Jim Jones, Rita Edwards, Mary Rafferty, Judith Woodhead, Annmarie Hendy, Eliza Moniz, Tony Costello, Frances Brown Eastwood, Christopher Bettin, Michelle Flynn, Cian Carter, David Yeung, Helen Lee, Laurence Considine, John Barber, Mary Hanley, Albert Smith, John Wynne, Patricia Hills, Mary Leahy, David John, Eileen Leddy.

MINISTRIES

| THIS WK 1 | 6pm | 9.30am | 11.00am | 6pm |
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| Readers rota | | | | |
| Euch. Minister | A. Brady | C. Pereira | K. Lismore | M. McSharry |
| Euch. Minister | K. Conway | A. Horn | A. Lismore | G. Bass |
| Euch. Minister | TBC | A. Mondey | D. Mansi | TBC |
| Euch. Minister | | T. Williams | P. Peter | |
| NEXT WK 2 | | J. McCraith | TBC | |
| Readers rota | | | | |
| Euch. Minister | M. Shennan | P. Curran | P. Ruocco | J. Thornton |
| Euch. Minister | A. Brady | C. Formby | M. O'Connor- | H. Williams |
| Euch. Minister | G. Bass | R. McBride | M. Tuohy | J. Goring |
| Euch. Minister | | TBC | TBC | |
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