

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2nd April 2017

Miraculous Life

Sisters, Martha and Mary send word to Jesus to tell him that his beloved friend Lazarus is seriously ill. When Jesus hears this news, he remains another two days where he is before setting off to Judea. The story is puzzling to say the least! That Jesus delays rushing off to be with his good friends in their hour of need surely smacks of total indifference. In truth, Jesus' delay is essential to the story.

Jesus is about to deepen the faith of his good friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus and all those who know them. It is because he loves his friends and not because he is indifferent to them that he allows Lazarus to die before returning. It is through Lazarus' death that Jesus is about to display indisputable proof of God. Jesus is about to work the ultimate miracle. Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

It is not just that Lazarus got his life back that makes this miracle so exciting, it's that everybody who witnessed it or heard about it had their lives changed as a result. The raising of Lazarus reminds us not only that we are to inherit eternal life, but also that our lives can be miraculously enriched by our faith in Jesus.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION AS WE APPROACH HOLY WEEK

MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Friday at 7:00pm, with an opportunity for private confession after Stations.

RETREAT DAY: Next Saturday, 8 April, 10:30 - 3:30 you are welcome to a retreat day here at Blessed Sacrament. This is an opportunity to prepare personally to enter into the events of Holy Week. The day begins with Holy Mass and includes reflection on Jesus' death and resurrection and time for quiet personal prayer. A simple lunch will be provided. It would be very helpful to have some idea of interest. If you want to take part, please sign on the paper by the notice board or fill in a form from there and give it to Sister Miriam by the 4th of April.

SPIRITUAL READING AND PRAYER BOOKS: There are some religious books on the cupboard at the back of church. If you are interested, please help yourself.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: the next two classes for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will take place on Wednesdays 5th and 12th April at 7.00pm in St John the Evangelist Church, Duncan Terrace, Angel. You should attend both sessions.

WEB SITE: Check out the parish website at www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet the site now includes the newsletter and much more. If you Google Blessed Sacrament, don't go to the "Catholic Directory" site as it is outdated.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: Please collect your box of Planned Giving envelopes for 2017/18, please DO NOT USE THEM until the week ending 8th April 2017.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £205.70 Loose £105.02
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for John Phillips and Alma Gordon Cooper who died recently, and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

HEALING FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: especially Leny Tirado, Mary Payne, Alice Clancy, Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Eugene Mariner, Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Margaret Phillips, Peggy Walsh., Nora Moran, Maria Carrano, Teresa Finnigan, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach , Albert Boateng, Anne Griffin, baby Freddie Mudd.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 2 nd April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mass Book p.170)	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Joseph Taylor RIP (Anniv)
Monday 3 rd April	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 4 th April	<i>Lent feria</i>	1.30pm	Private Intention
Wednesday 5 th April	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Friday 7 th April	<i>Lent feria</i>	7.00pm	Private Intention
Saturday 8 th April	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 9 th April	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Mass Book p.176)	8.30am	Dena Adams RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10.30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

Confessions: Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

Weekday Mass at St John the Evangelist Monday - Friday at 10.00am – All welcome

Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm