

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

23rd April 2017

Moving Mountains

We live in an age where everything has to be 'seen to be believed'. If we haven't heard in Breakfast News or read it on the front page of 'The Independent', then it can't be true. For a scientist to act in faith rather than on proven fact, or for a detective to make an arrest without hard evidence would be deemed negligent. Faith is the domain of the non-scientific. Faith is reserved for when we follow our hearts and our instincts. The solely scientific see no validation for faith, and yet we are told that faith has the power to move mountains.

The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is interesting in that it addresses doubt in the first place. If Jesus wasn't expecting us to suffer doubts, why address the subject in the first place? We are brought up to think of faith as good and doubt as bad, but would God really want us to bury our doubts and fake our religious experience? For all of us who do not have the benefit of Thomas's first-hand experience, the good news is that doubt and faith are opposite sides of the same coin. Honest doubt can ultimately lead to a stronger faith. Doubt leads to questions, and whereas questions don't always lead to answers, they almost always lead to spiritual growth.

Today we are encouraged to believe without seeing. No, we're not being asked to silence our doubts or to leave our brains at the church door! The reality of our faith boils down not to what we are able or not able to believe, but who we believe in. Can trusting Jesus give us faith enough to move mountains?

CONFIRMATION: the next session for the candidates is on Monday 24th April from 7.00-8.30pm at St John's, Duncan Terrace. There is an important parents' meeting on Wednesday 26th April at St John's at 7.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Children's classes do not resume until next Sunday, 30th April, at 9:45 a.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: This Tuesday, 25 April, 7:00 p.m. in the sacristy.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS: Interested in helping to plan parish social events? Please come to a meeting in the hall following the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, 30th April.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Next meeting is Saturday 6th May, 2:00 – 4:00pm.

HELP REQUESTED: If there is anyone interested in helping arrange flowers in church when needed, please let Sister Miriam know. Thank you.

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.

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.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £693.01 Loose £521.91 and the Good Friday collection for the Holy Places £ 267.14
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Sr Mary Bartsch SSND, 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 23 rd April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book p.255)	8.30am 11.00am	Mary Coyle RIP & Richard Burke RIP Michael O'Sullivan RIP (Anniv.)
Monday 24 th April	<i>St George</i>	10.30am	Sr Mary Bartsch SSND
Tuesday 25 th April	<i>St Mark</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 26 th April	<i>Easter feria</i>	10.30am	Dena Adams RIP
Saturday 29 th April	<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 30 th April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book p.258)	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Peter Waddick RIP & Johanna Waddick's Int.

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