

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th May 2017

Finding the Best Way

Prisons are full of people who have never set out to be bad. Our path in life is often set from childhood. Our futures are often decided for us by our upbringing, by good parents or by bad parents, by mistakes we have made that have set us on a wrong path, or by exams that we have either passed or failed. But our past doesn't have to equal our future. If we want God to prepare us a place in heaven, we have to live by God's teaching, and that starts with a simple decision. We only have one life, and we have to find the best way to live it.

If you have faith in God, you also have faith that Jesus is preparing a place for each and every one of us. So how do we find our way to that place? Jesus' only advice is, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." To the early disciples Jesus must have sounded like he was talking in riddles, but to have tied up all the loose ends for the early disciples would not have helped us future generations. We have to find our way to the Father through Jesus without maps or answer books. How could Jesus have left specific answers two thousand years ago on subjects like embryology for instance, cloning, or IVF? Jesus simply trusts us to work things out in the light of his teaching, just as he trusted his first disciples.

"No one comes to the Father except through Jesus". There are many rooms in God's house ... room enough for everybody who acts in good faith room enough for everyone who lives their life the way Jesus has taught.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations and prayerful support to the children who made their First Holy Communion yesterday or who will do so this afternoon. Thanks to the catechists who have prepared them, Sinead Garvey and Tara Sani.

CONFIRMATION: the rehearsal for next Friday's Confirmation Mass will take place in St John's Church at 7.00pm on Monday evening 15th May.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION OF OUR INTERNATIONALITY: On Sunday, 4 June, we will be celebrating our unity in diversity in our prayers at Mass and with an international feast after Mass. Start now please to think of your participation. At the Mass itself, those who wish from various cultures will be invited to present gifts in the offertory procession. You are encouraged to wear your national costume, if you have one. For the international lunch after Mass, please plan now, if you are able, to bring some food that is typical of your country of origin. You will soon be asked to sign your country of origin and what you can bring for the feast (savoury, sweet, beverage ...) Also, we can and treat each other to typical songs and dance.

HELP NEEDED: A few strong people who can do some digging, lifting and tidying in the garden behind the church. If you can bring spades, clippers, or even a pick axe that will be helpful. We'll make a start on Saturday, 20 May at 11:00 a.m. Sandwich and tea makers also welcome!

CALLING ALL YOUTH FROM 13 – 29: In 2018 there will be a synod about youth and faith. This is a meeting of Bishops from around the world with the Pope. They want to hear from young people about their experience. Our bishops invite you to be part of the Mega Youth Poll by answering the questionnaire found at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/cathnews-synod-youth-poll It will take only about 15 minutes. Poll closes 5 June.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS: Envelopes £265.30 Loose £263.78 Priest Training Fund £320.89

Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Teresa Finnigan, 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, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach , Albert Boateng, Anne Griffin, baby Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 14 th May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book p.265)	8.30am 11.00am	Dena Adams RIP All our Parishioners
Monday 15 th May	<i>Easter feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 16 th May	<i>Easter feria</i>	10.30am	Funeral of Teresa Finnigan RIP
Wednesday 17 th May	<i>Easter feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 20 th May	<i>Easter feria</i>	10.30am	Robert Hergott RIP
Sunday 21 st May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Mass Book p.268)	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Margaret O'Connor RIP

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