

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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**Parish Office opening times:** Tuesday-Friday 10.00am -2.00pm



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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017

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## Accepting Our Crosses



Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering and death at the hands of the elders, chief priests and scribes. Peter took Jesus aside, "This must never happen to you," he said. Surely Peter only had Jesus' best interests at heart. Imagine how mortified he must have felt to hear Jesus reply, "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want in life but lose your soul? So often when we finally get what we want in life, the euphoria is short lived. We might feel elated for a few days at achieving one of our closest held ambitions, but then we are left with that hollow, 'what next?' kind of feeling. Today Jesus is talking about the necessity for suffering and dying. But why does Jesus see accepting the cross as a necessity? Why does he not stop to consider the alternative that Peter suggests?

As Christians we are asked to live life differently from those who struggle to fill life with pleasure and enjoyment. There is a well-known saying that goes, 'It is better to die a meaningful death, than live a meaningless life.' As Christians we have to transcend, self-interest, self-preservation and ego trips. The person who tries to indulge in every enjoyment may find him or herself chasing impossible rainbows. Could this be Satan's favourite trick? By trying to make life perfect by our own human agendas, are we in danger of reaching the end of life only to realise we have not lived life at all?



## PARISH NEWS

**LEARNING ABOUT BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN:** Learning about Being a Catholic Christian: If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about faith either because you want to refresh your understanding or you may be interested in joining the church, you can register for the course (RCIA) which starts on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> of September at 7:30. We join with St. John's parish for this course which takes place at St. John the Evangelist Church, Duncan Terrace N1 8AL. For more information talk to Father Seamus or Sister Miriam.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** the next course for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will take place on **Tuesday's 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm** at St John the Evangelist Church. You should attend both sessions please.

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:** Until the new rota is ready later this month, please let Vera (8.30) or Lydia (11:00) know you're at Mass and they will organise ministers for that day. Thank you.

**PARISH BBQ:** This year our parish BBQ will be on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of September following shortly after the 11:00 Mass. Today after the 11:00 Mass there will be a preliminary planning meeting for anyone interested in giving ideas and helping.

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** On Tuesday, 19th September, 6:30 – 8:30 Caritas is hosting an informative evening focussing on why human trafficking is an issue, the extent of the problem in London, and practical actions we can take. The event is specifically for people living in Camden and Islington boroughs. It takes place at Kilburn West Parish, NW6 5RS. See poster on notice board for details.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**

**Envelopes £275.50 loose plate £138.06. Thank you for your generosity.**

**PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS:**

'We will shortly be submitting our Gift Aid claim to HMRC claiming back all Planned Giving donations for 2016/17, if you have not paid any tax for the year 2016/17 please e-mail me, [oscarignatius@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:oscarignatius@rcdow.org.uk) ASAP'.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for** Ronald Rowley, Emilio Tirado, Marie McKee, Dr Peter Griffith (father of Julia Williams), James Daly and Michael McLoughlin **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 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 & Thomas Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes & Josephine Onwuka (knee surgery) and Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor.

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	<b>TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Bernard Arifin Sani RIP (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<i>Feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<i>Feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<i>THE NATIVITY OF T.B.V.M.</i>	10.30am	Dena Adams RIP
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<i>Feria</i>	10.30am	All our Parishioners
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30am 11.00am	Intentions of the Glead Family Dominico Phuong Tran 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*