

# 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

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## No Man Is an Island

To give correction occasionally is an unpleasant duty, and to receive it is an equally unpleasant duty. Which is harder? An honest answer tells us a lot about our personality.

Every one of us has experienced confrontation over our behaviour at one time or another. How did we respond? More than likely we didn't respond well. None of us like to have our faults pointed out. At worst it can send us into a spiral of heated indignation and stubborn denial, protesting our innocence and hurling accusations back in retaliation. Ultimately, whether the criticism was taken on board or not depends on the spirit in which it was given. Was the criticism dealt by a friend with our best interests at heart, or was it dealt in a spirit of anger and come-uppance? How the criticism was dealt and how we responded is key in our dealings when it's our turn to correct someone else.

Most of us dislike having to correct someone else; we procrastinate and beat about the bush. Mightn't it be easier all round if we pretended the problem didn't exist? The main flaw with that strategy is that the papers are full of serious examples of what can happen when problems are side stepped and left to fester. How many people have allowed abuse, deception, injustice and even holocaust because they have kept quiet and avoided confrontation? There's no getting round it, there will come a time when we need to meet confrontation head on.

Today's gospel tells us how to confront someone we know to be in the wrong. We should make the confrontation on a one to one basis in a spirit of love and empathy. If our attempts at putting things straight fail, we should attempt to involve a third party. An extra pair of objective ears can often take the heat out of a situation; this is why people often take their problems to a counsellor. When Jesus says "Where there are two or three gathered in my name....." he is making it clear how important we are to one another. No man is an island; we all need each other's support. We all need each other's empathy, and there will come a time, when we all need a good honest dose of tough love.



## PARISH NEWS

**CARDINAL CORMAC MURPHY-O'CONNOR RIP:** The body of the late Cardinal will be received into Westminster Cathedral at 10.00am on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September and will lie there all day. All are welcome to pay their respects. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 12noon. Admission to the Funeral Mass is by ticket only.

**PARISH BARBECUE:** This year our parish BBQ will be on Sunday, the 24<sup>th</sup> of September from noon till 5:30. Burgers, hot dogs, sausages chicken wings, cake beverages, and raffle tickets all available at reasonable prices. There will games for the children during the afternoon. Planning continues after the 11:00 Mass today. We are happy to receive raffle prizes that can be used on the day or at the Christmas bazaar.

**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.

**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 Séamus or Sister.

**SAVE THIS DATE:** The parish volunteers' party, postponed from July, will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** We are hoping to continue with monthly children's choir on the second Sunday of each month. This depends on having enough parent volunteers to help on the Saturdays. If you are willing, please talk to Josephine Onwuka or Sister Miriam. Thank you.

**PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS:** We will shortly be submitting our Gift Aid claim to HMRC for 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 Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor 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), Ellen Hunt & Raymond Willoughby

| <b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>        |  |                   |  |
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| <b>DATE</b>                     | <b>FEAST DAYS</b>  | <b>TIME</b>       | <b>INTENTION</b>   |
| Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY<br/>IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br><i>(Parish Mass Book p. 125)</i>  | 8.30am<br>11.00am | Intentions of the Glead Family<br>Dominico Phuong Tran RIP |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | <i>feria</i>   | 10.30am           | NO MASS THIS WEEK  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept   | <i>feria</i>   | 10.30am           | NO MASS THIS WEEK  |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept | <i>St John Chrysostom</i>  | 10.30am           | NO MASS THIS WEEK  |
| Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept  | <i>SS Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>  | 10.30am           | All our Parishioners                                       |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept    | <b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY<br/>IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br><i>(Parish Mass Book p. 128)</i> | 8.30am<br>11.00am | Dena Adams RIP (Anniv.)<br>Thanksgiving for Mary Todd      |

**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*