

# 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

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## Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.



## PARISH NEWS

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER:** if you are applying for a place in a Catholic Secondary School for next year you will need to have a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by a Priest. Fr Séamus and Fr David will be available to do this here in the Church at the following times:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 - 5.00pm

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October 11.00am - 12.30pm

**CAFOD HARVEST FAST:** There will be a retiring collection for the CAFOD Harvest Fast today. Thank you.

**FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS:** next Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00 p.m. our parish First Communion programme begins with a meeting in the hall for parents / guardians of the children you wish to prepare for the sacraments. Since this is for the adults, it is helpful if you do not bring the children. If that is essential, please have the children bring quiet activity they can do during the meeting. If for some reason you are unable to attend, it is important that you let us know in advance. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Miriam (details above). Thank you.

**OCTOBER PRAYER:** On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, at 7pm there will be Rosary and prayer time, entrusting ourselves, our families, parish and world to Mary's care.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY:** Is there someone with experience in health and safety who is willing to assist in reviewing H&S in the parish. Please let Father Séamus know. Thank you.

**REAL ADVENT CALENDARS:** If you wish to order one, please pick up an order form at the front of church and return it with £4.00 by the 29<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR TEAM:** Planning meeting next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October after 11:00 Mass.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017. Preliminary Meeting for anyone interested in helping with planning today after the 11:00 Mass in the hall (after you have had your tea).

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes £357.55 loose plate £167.11  
Thank you for your generosity.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Raymond Willoughby and Betty Vos (Robin's mother) 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), 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.

| <b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>          |   |                   |  |
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| <b>DATE</b>                       | <b>FEAST DAYS</b>   | <b>TIME</b>       | <b>INTENTION</b>                                   |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> October   | <b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY<br/>IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br><i>(Parish Mass Book p.140)</i> | 8.30am<br>11.00am | All our Parishioners<br>Thomas & Bridie Fallon RIP |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October   | <i>feria</i>  | 10.30am           | Mary Mackessy RIP (Anniv)                          |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October  | <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>   | 10.30am           | Mary Woolworton RIP                                |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct    | <i>St Luke</i>  | 10.30am           | Dena Adams RIP                                     |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> October | <i>feria</i>  | 10.30am           | All our Parishioners                               |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October   | <b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY<br/>IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br><i>(Parish Mass Book p.143)</i>  | 8.30am<br>11.00am | Bridget Devitt RIP<br>Frank O'Donnell RIP (Anniv)  |

**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*