

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

16th July 2017

Listen, Reflect, Respond

Today's gospel reading focuses on how we listen, and more importantly how we respond to God's Word. The parable of the sower and the seeds illustrates the different ways in which God's Word is received or not received. The seed sown on the path that grew quickly but was stolen by the birds represents those of us who hear the Word but fail to understand it. The Word eludes us. The seed sown on the rocky ground represents those of us who hear the Word and receive it at once, but because the seed has no roots it is short lived. When trial and tribulation rear their ugly heads our commitment to God's Word is abandoned because our faith wasn't deep rooted to begin with. The seed sown among thorns represents those of us who hear the Word and would like to act upon it, but are so overwhelmed by worldly anxieties and diversions that the Word bears no fruit. Lastly, the seed sown in rich soil represents those of us who hear the Word, act upon it and realise results.

The Bible, and the teaching contained in it, is God's legacy to us, so how do we go about listening? Do we listen to the Sunday readings in a negative state of mind? Are we expecting to be bored by the readings, confused or indifferent before one word is even read? Do we ever take home the Mass sheet to reflect on the readings we have heard at Mass? Do we ever consider how the readings should be impacting our lives? Do we ever leave Mass determining to lead our lives a little differently? It's obvious that a seed needs fertile ground to grow. Similarly, it's obvious that we need fertile hearts and open minds for God's Word to seed and bear fruit. Today's challenge is to listen with an open mind, reflect and respond.



PARISH NEWS

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, please fill in one of the forms from the stand by the church door and leave it in the sacristy.

VOLUNTEERS' PARTY: since we now hope to have the hall painted this coming week, the party originally planned for next Saturday, 22nd July, has been postponed until the Autumn.

INTERESTED? Are you interested in helping with preparing children for First Communion or assisting in other programmes for passing on the faith? Please let Sr Miriam know.

BLESSED TANSI PILGRIMAGE: Saturday, 26th August is the annual pilgrimage to Mt. St. Bernard Abbey in Leicestershire in honour of Blessed Tansi. Coach seats (£20 adults; £10. Children) can be reserved with payment. Contacts: Lydia Willoughby (+447903458986), Antoinette Kamara or Josephine Onwuka.

PARISH WEBSITE: Thanks to Valentine Nzekwe our website (www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet) has been updated. It now includes our weekly newsletter, so if you are away, you can still find out the parish news. Have a look and share any ideas with Valentine.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Envelopes: £239.94 Loose plate: £203.22 Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Emilio Tirado, Marie McKee & Dr Peter Griffith (father of Julia Williams) 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)

MASSES THIS WEEK:

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 16 th July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.102)	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Intentions of Felice Roffo
Monday 17 th July	<i>feria</i>	2.00pm	Funeral of Emilio Tirado RIP
Tuesday 18 th July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Michael Griffin RIP
Wednesday 19 th July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 22 nd July	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 23 rd July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.105)	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Emilio Tirado 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