

# 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1<sup>st</sup> October 2017

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## The Definition of Insanity

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but somehow doesn't get round to it.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet again Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty left that we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, roll up their sleeves and get stuck into the job.

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Most of us struggle to escape repetitive behaviours only to face the same negative results. Like the second son, we might mean well but constantly fail to make a difference. Today's gospel is an invitation for us to look at what holds us back and what drives us forward, only when we can really understand and address what holds us back can we get stuck into God's work. The first son shows us that it's never too late to change.



## PARISH NEWS

**PARISH BARBECUE:** Thanks be to God for the perfect weather; thanks to all who came and made it real community building experience; thanks to all who contributed time talent and donations. A bi-product of all this was earning over £200.00 for the parish.

**TODAY AFTER MASS:** There will not be coffee and tea.

**FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION:** If you wish to prepare your child (Year 3 or older) for First Confession and First Communion this year, you will find by the notice board a letter with more information and a registration form which is due by 9 October.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next course for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will take place on Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup> & 11 October at 7.00pm in St John the Evangelist Church. You should attend both sessions please.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:** *Children's Choir Leaders:* Sunday, 1 October, in church, after the 11:00 Mass.

*Communion Ministers:* Sunday, 8 October after each Mass for about ½ hour.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CRAFT:** There are forms available by the Church's door for children who would like to join in.

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS PARTY:** Saturday, 14 October, 7:00 p.m. in the hall.

**OCTOBER PRAYER:** Starting this Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7pm there will be Rosary and prayer time, entrusting ourselves, our families, parish and world to Mary's care.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, watch this space!

**FOOD BANK:** There is a possibility that we could host food distribution on a weekly basis. If this were to happen, volunteers who could be available in the day-time, once a week would be needed. If you are interested, please give your contact details to Sister Miriam.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes £289.77 loose plate £192.60. . Thank you for your generosity.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Eugene Mariner (Jacky's husband) 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 & Raymond Willoughby

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p. )</i>	8.30am	Dena Adams RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<i>Feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	10.30am	John & Nora Wotton RIP
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	10.30am	All our Parishioners
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p. )</i>	8.30am	Noel McDowell RIP & Tommy Fallon RIP
		11.00am	Intentions of Nerie Cea

**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*