

# 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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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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## WALKING THE PLANK

A plank is placed along the pavement. It's a wide sturdy plank with a prize placed tantalizingly at the far end. You are asked to walk along the plank and pick up the prize. Easy! You could run along the plank. You could probably hop along the plank backwards and blindfolded. Now you are asked to repeat the task, but this time the plank is raised eighty foot above the pavement level. It's exactly the same plank but somehow the prize is suddenly not worth the collecting. We are disabled by risk and by fear.

We are capable of doing great things, but most of us don't come anywhere near meeting our potential. We are afraid to step out of the comfort zone of our well-worn lifestyles, jobs and homes. We are afraid of the unknown, we are afraid of failure, we are afraid of ridicule, disruption and discomfort.

In the face of a sometimes hostile and sceptical world, Jesus asks us to have the courage of our convictions. The Church today is built on the courage of those who refused to compromise their beliefs. We are asked to speak out against injustice; keeping a cowardly silence is a denial. Today's gospel urges us to be courageous. "Fear no one," Jesus advises us. Why fear those who can make life temporarily uncomfortable when God has our everlasting interests at heart.

Of course, that's all very well; we would surely heed Jesus' advice to take courage if we had anything to offer in the first place. After all, it takes a very special kind of person with very special kind of skills to rush around changing the world. Surely it takes a very special kind of person to stand up and campaign for human rights. We convince ourselves that we are born with less worth than others, and by convincing ourselves that we are worth less, it is all too easy for us to rule ourselves out of the equation altogether allowing others to take the risks. Today Jesus convinces us that we each have a special value in God's eyes. Even the sparrows that are two a penny have worth in God's eyes, so how much more worth have we. We have an individual worth to a God who has counted each and every hair on our heads. We all have something to offer .... no excuses; no exceptions. We all have to walk that plank.



## PARISH NEWS

**29<sup>th</sup> JUNE – Feast of SS Peter & Paul:** is a Holyday of Obligation when we, as Catholics, are obliged to attend Mass. There will be two Masses here: 10.30am (with the participation of our Primary School) and 7.30pm.

**PENTECOST PHOTOS:** Photos from our international celebration are on display in the hall along with some order forms should you wish to order any copies.

**CALLING ALL THOSE CONFIRMED IN 2015, 2016 & 2017:** The next Post-Confirmation Youth Group session is **WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm in the Crypt at St John's, Duncan Terrace. See you there and feel free to invite your friends.

**HELP WANTED:** Can you give Sr Miriam a hand sorting out and filing some papers on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> after the morning Mass? If you can, please let Sr Miriam know. Thanks!

**KEEP THE DATE!** : if you are one of the many people who do some voluntary service(s) in our parish community, please keep Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.00pm free for a get-together in the hall.

**RCIA:** Do you want to become a Catholic or do you know anyone who wants to? The next preparation course will start in the autumn and there will be an Enquirers Evening for those who wish to know more, on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.30pm** at the Church. No need to register: Just turn up! Anyone who wants more information should contact David Lester on 020 7250 0513 or [davidlester51@btinternet.com](mailto:davidlester51@btinternet.com) or speak to Sr Miriam.

**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.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**

Envelopes: £272.50 Loose plate: £192.72 Thank you for your generosity.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Mary Payne 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 Leny Tirado, 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 Griffin, baby Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross & Catherine Barnes.

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Teresa Finnigan RIP
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>feria</i>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Funeral of Mary Payne RIP</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>St John Southworth</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>St Irenaeus</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<i>SS Peter &amp; Paul Holyday of Obligation</i>	10.30am 7.30pm	Intentions of Bl. Sacrament School All our Parishioners
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.30am 11.00am	Dena Adams RIP All our Parishioners

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 10.30am, Sunday 8.30am & 11.00am

**Confessions:** Sunday 8am-8.20am: 10.30am – 10.50am

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