

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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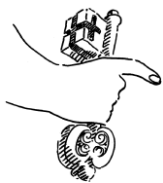
Parish Office opening times: Tuesday-Friday 10.00am -2.00pm



TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th August 2017

The Key



Who do you think Jesus is? As small children we are told that Jesus is the Son of God, and we accept it readily. When we are children God is a kindly father figure who lives in Heaven and listens to our night prayers. When we are small, Jesus is the baby we see in the Christmas Nativity scene. When we are a little older, Jesus is the teller of all those intriguing parables. Once we are young adults we see Jesus as a great teacher, a healer, a worker of miracles and a revolutionary. For some of us, doubts creep in. Is Jesus really the Son of God or simply a good

man and a great prophet?

In today's gospel Jesus asks his disciples "Who do you say I am?" "You are the Christ," replies Peter promptly, "the Son of the living God." But this wasn't Peter's opinion from the start. Peter and the other disciples first met Jesus as a fellow human being. By working with Jesus and following his ministry daily, Peter and the other disciples gradually came to the extraordinary conviction that God was working through Jesus; speaking, healing, working miracles and offering eternal salvation.

Today we listen again to Jesus' question. "Who do you say I am?" It seems that the question is stretching over the centuries. It seems that the question is aimed not just at the disciples but at us. Jesus doesn't want us to give the answer we've been taught to give ... our answer has to be from the heart. Our answer might be, "I don't know!" Our answer might be, "I'm not very sure right now." Or our answer might be a resounding, "You are Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus knows that faith is a journey and our answer reflects at exactly what stage of that journey we have reached.

It may be that we think of Jesus as little more than a good man and a great prophet. If this is what we believe, the Bible becomes little more than a book filled with good stories and sound philosophy. If like the disciples we are convinced that Jesus is the Son of God, all at once we are opening ourselves to great possibilities.... all at once we have found the key to life's greatest adventure.



PARISH NEWS

LEARNING ABOUT BEING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN: The next **RCIA** course for those adults (18 or over) who wish to be baptised or received into the Church or confirmed, will start on **Monday 18th September 2017**. Please fill in one of the forms from the stand by the church door and leave it in the sacristy. The full schedule is now available: for details of the course please contact Sr. Miriam who will be in touch with you at the end of August.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: the next course for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will take place on Tuesday's 5th & 12th September at 7.00pm in the Church. You should attend both sessions please.

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.

PRAYER FOR CREATION: Pope Francis has designated 1st September as "World Day of Prayer for Creation". This begins the "Creation Session" which ends with the Feast of St Francis on 4th October. The Sisters will be having an evening prayer to mark this day, Friday, 1st September at 7.30pm – 8.30pm in the Church. Please join us!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Envelopes £218.87, loose plate £237.91. Thank you for your generosity.

PLANNED GIVING DONATIONS:

'We will shortly be submitting our Gift Aid claim to HMRC claiming back all 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 ASAP'.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Ronald Rowley, Emilio Tirado, Marie McKee, Dr Peter Griffith (father of Julia Williams), James Daly and Michael McLoughlin **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 27 th August	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.118)	8.30am 11.00am	Bridget Devitt RIP Jimmy Duggan RIP
Monday 28 th August	<i>St Augustine</i>		No Mass this day
Tuesday 29 th August	<i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>		No Mass this day
Wednesday 30 th August	<i>feria</i>		No Mass this day
Saturday 2 nd Sept	<i>Feria</i>	10.30am	Bridie Harrington RIP
Sunday 3 rd Sept	TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.)	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Bernard Arifin Sani RIP (11 th 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