

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

30th July 2017

Buried Treasure

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field; which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it.”

In both parables both men appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.

Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards , home improvements, fame, social acceptance and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.



PARISH NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: there will be no weekday Mass here this coming week.

There is a 10 o'clock Mass each morning at St John's.

The Parish Office will be closed from 1st - 14th August incl.

while Lisa the Parish Secretary is away on holiday

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. Sr Miriam will be in touch with you at the end of August.

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: £234.15 Loose plate: £171.24 Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Ronald Rowley, Emilio Tirado, Marie McKee, Dr Peter Griffith (father of Julia Williams) & James Daly **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 30 th July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.108)	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Anna Kam Ho RIP (Anniv.)
Monday 31 st July	<i>St Ignatius Loyola</i>	10.30am	<u>NO MASS THIS WEEK</u>
Tuesday 1 st August	<i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	10.30am	<u>NO MASS THIS WEEK</u>
Wednesday 2 nd August	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	<u>NO MASS THIS WEEK</u>
Saturday 5 th August	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	All our Parishioners
Sunday 6 th August	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD (Mass Book p.173)	8.30am 11.00am	Lawrence Fallon RIP (1 st Anniv.) Joyce Skillett 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