

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

**Clergy:** Mgr. Séamus O'Boyle (Parish Priest) Fr David Lucuy  
Fr Larry Milby

**Pastoral Assistant:** Sister Miriam Bruder SSND (home: 020 7837 8378)

**Parish Secretary:** Lisa Mulvaney **Parish Tel:** 020 7226 3277

**Postal Address:** 39 Duncan Terrace, Islington, London N1 8AL

**Email:** [copenhagenstreet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:copenhagenstreet@rcdow.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet)

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



---

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9<sup>th</sup> July 2017

---

## Out of the Mouths of Babes

How often do we laughingly say, "Out of the mouths of babes!" We usually say it when one of the junior members of our family has stated a glaring or embarrassing truth. To children the truth is black and white, but the older we get the more we tend to complicate issues that really ought to be very simple. Perhaps we want to dress up the truth with our own interpretations. Perhaps we want to disguise truths that make us feel uncomfortable. Whatever the reasons, as we get older the truth is harder for us to recognise.

Today Jesus criticizes the religious leaders who over complicate the law. Jesus was concerned for those people at the bottom of the social heap who could not live up to the six hundred and thirteen commandments of the Jewish law. Jesus' intention was not to do away with the law, but he could not support the lawyers who spent their time manufacturing new and insufferable burdens for broken people. To the broken people Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The demands of the twenty first century puts many challenges our way, and we spend a lot of our time juggling priorities and trying to live our lives by more than one agenda. Our lives are complicated and overly burdened. We look for the solutions to our problems in lifestyle magazines and in bottles of pills no longer able to recognise simple truths. Why don't we look more to God for solutions? God wants us all to have peace and fulfilment; all we have to do is to yield to God's agenda. The smallest child knows the difference between what is important and what is not. Why can't we?

When Jesus says, "My burden is light," he does not mean that Christianity is an easy way out ... he simply means that his demands aren't weighed down with rules and regulations that we aren't capable of meeting. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."



## PARISH NEWS

**POWER TO BE:** If you missed the chance last week to sign a postcard encouraging the World Bank to invest more in renewable energy in poor countries, please do so today. The cards are on the table by the Newsletters.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** because Julia Williams' father has died recently, the meeting planned for next Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July, has been postponed until further notice.

**SUMMER FAIR:** Blessed Sacrament School Summer Fair is next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2:00 – 5:00pm Raffle tickets (£1) are available after Mass.

**HELP NEEDED:** Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, help is needed please to prepare the hall for decorating. We'll start at 9:00a.m., break for 10:30 Mass and continue after Mass. Thanks in advance!

**VOLUNTEERS' PARTY:** since we now hope to have the hall painted this month, the party originally planned for Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, 26<sup>th</sup> 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 WEB SITE:** Thanks to Valentine Nzekwe our web site ([www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet](http://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: £194.62 Loose plate: £225.72 Thank you for your generosity.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for 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 Emilio 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 & Thomas Griffin, Freddie Mudd, Margaret Cross, Catherine Barnes & Josephine Onwuka (knee surgery)

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.99)</b>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Private Intention
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>St Benedict</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Maria Teresa Chi Quach RIP (Anniv.)
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>St Bonaventure</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.102)</b>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Intentions of Felice Roffo

**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*