

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

2nd July 2017

Do Something Simple

So how do we best succeed in being people of God in the world? Jesus' advice is "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Surely this advice is too hard to follow. Does Jesus expect us to abandon our parents our children and our families in favour of some Christian crusade? On closer inspection this is not quite what Jesus may have meant. The broad advice is that Jesus should come first, and that no worldly matters should get in the way of God. What is the point of becoming obsessed with houses, cars, university results and the best pension deals if we are only to lose our physical lives at the end of the day any way. The Word of God we are told, will last for eternity. It's not difficult to know where our priorities should lie and yet it is still easier said than done. We are part of the physical world after all, and transcending physical comforts is a tall order. It seems altogether too difficult, and yet would Jesus really ask something of us if we weren't capable of giving it?

The tendency in today's world is to notice and reward the grand gestures. While discipleship certainly includes such great acts as laying down one's life for Christ, it also includes such everyday simple acts as hospitality and charity. Jesus was surely an expert psychologist when he said "....and whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple - amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." It's with relief that we learn that God asks no more of us than we are individually capable of. We are all capable of doing something, however simple. Do something simple for God today.



PARISH NEWS

CLIMATE COALITION WEEK OF ACTION: At this time when we remember the anniversary of Pope Francis's *Laudato Si'* letter and join CAFOD and 130 organisations speaking out about climate change and Care for the Earth, we will have a chance to take a small action together at Mass today.

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 3rd July at 7.30pm** at St John's in Duncan Terrace. No need to register: Just turn up! Anyone who wants more information should contact David Lester on 020 7250 0513 or davidlester51@btinternet.com or speak to Sr Miriam.

PENTECOST PHOTOS: Last chance to see and order photos from our Pentecost international celebration which are on display in the hall along with order forms.

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

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

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 (0795631119), Antoinette Kamara or Josephine Onwuka.

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.

PARISH WEB SITE: Thanks to Valentine Nzekwe our web site (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: £251.21 Loose plate: £230.69 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 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.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 2 nd July	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.96)	8.30am 11.00am	Dena Adams RIP All our Parishioners
Monday 3 rd July	<i>St Thomas</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 4 th July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 5 th July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 8 th July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 9 th July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mass Book p.99)	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Private Intention

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