

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th October 2017

Love Love Love

In that inimitable pop song the Beatles tell us, "All you need is love..." but is that just a sentimental ideal? Don't we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today's gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" It's another 'loaded' question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

It is difficult to think of a human situation that can't be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. "It's easy...." sing the Beatles. Well not a first perhaps... It's sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Love sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us. Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.



PARISH NEWS

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1st – FEAST OF ALL SAINTS: is a Holyday of Obligation when we as Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. There will be Mass here at 10.30am (with the participation of the Parish School) and 7.30pm.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Sheets are available at the back of church for you to write the names of those of your loved ones who have died. These sheets will be placed in the Book of Remembrance placed in front of the altar and Mass will be celebrated for those named in the book during the month of November.

RAYMOND WILLOUGHBY RIP: the Funeral Mass for Raymond (Lydia's husband) will take place at St John the Evangelist, Duncan Terrace, on Thursday 2nd November at 12noon.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND BAZAAR: Planning is underway for the annual bazaar on 2 December and raffle tickets should be available to take away and sell today, or next Sunday for sure. If you are willing and able to ask at stores, etc. for prizes for the raffle and tombola, please pick up a letter from Father Séamus to take with you to show the donor. These are on the table by the organ.

Many thanks to all who have offered to help at the bazaar. Next Sunday, 5 November there will be a meeting after the 11:00 Mass for all who will be helping on the day. If you missed getting a flier last week telling how you can help, please pick one up from the table by the door.

REAL ADVENT CALENDARS: If you wish to order one, please pick up an order form at the front of church and return it with £4.00 by the 12 November (next weekend!)

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Is there someone with experience in health and safety who is willing to assist in reviewing H&S in the parish. Please let Father Séamus know. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CRAFT: 11 – 12 November is the next session for this group. If any still wish to join, there are parent forms in the stand by the door.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £174.00 loose plate £170.52
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Raymond Willoughby and Betty Vos (Robin's mother) 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 Doreen Clayton, Tom Hunt, Sophia O'Donnell, Monica Smith (O'Leary), Cassie Robinson, Tessa Charlton, Michael Hehir, Emmanuel Tala, Mary Wallace, Nina & Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, 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, Ellen Hunt & Hazel Hoyte.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 29 th October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.146)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Raymond Willoughby RIP
Monday 30 th October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Anthony Alexander RIP (Anniv.)
Tuesday 31 st October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 1 st Nov.	ALL SAINTS <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	10.30am	Emilio Tirado-Benitez Int.
		7.30pm	All our Parishioners
Saturday 4 th Nov.	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	10.30am	All our Parishioners Living & Dead
Sunday 5 th November	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.149)</i>	8.30am	Edward & Margaret Fallon RIP
		11.00am	Linda Sciortino RIP (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