

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st January 2018

Change of Heart

'Wanted: Men and women willing to leave behind their old way of life and become fishers of men.' Can you see job applicants queuing round the block? Would we respond to Jesus' call with the same immediacy as those first disciples? Probably not! Chances are we'd hesitate long and hard. A hundred and one questions would hold us back. What would being a disciple involve? Would we be up to the job? What would we have to leave behind? What would we have to give up? Would part time discipleship be okay ... after all we've got lots else to do! Would candidates be permitted to serve two masters, giving up one's own agenda is surely too much to ask!

There would be lots of questions we would ask, but sadly no easy answers. There is no one answer that is right for everybody. But the one important message for us today is that discipleship usually means a major shift in direction; a change that involves leaving behind things that get in the way of our relationship with God. It is left to each of us to decide what our particular mode of discipleship might be, and what stands in the path of our new direction. Our new direction has to start with some good hard soul searching, and a change of heart.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday classes for the children continue each week at 9.45am

CONFIRMATION COURSE: The next session is tomorrow evening, Monday 22nd January, from 6.45- 8.30 here in the Church hall. Please try to be on time!

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Will meet in the Sacristy at 7.00pm on Tuesday next, 23rd January.

UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:

- Annual Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes with Anointing of the Sick, Saturday 10th February at 2.00pm
- Mass for members of the Travelling Community, Saturday 24th February at 2.30pm
- Annual Mass for bereaved parents, Saturday 10th March at 2.30pm. Parents will be invited to write the names of their deceased children on a card which will be taken up to the altar at the Offertory.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £164.87 Loose £178.85 **Thank you for your generosity.**

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for those who have 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, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 21 st January	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p 129)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Bridget Devitt RIP
Monday 22 nd January	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Katie Gallagher RIP
Tuesday 23 rd January	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Margaret Cunningham RIP
Wednesday 24 th Jan.	<i>St Francis de Sales</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 27 th January	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 28 th January	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p 132)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Brian Daws RIP All our Parishioners

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