

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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## Quick Fix Remedy?

Do you bound out of bed each morning eager to get to work ..... enthusiastic about all the challenges that lie ahead? Well probably not! Life is a series of highs and lows, but we all know that the 'highs' are few and far between. For most of us life is a series of chores and we can often feel burdened by drudgery and frustration.

In today's gospel reading, Peter James and John are feeling demoralised and fearful about talk of Jesus' imminent death. Perhaps the disciples felt that the goal they had been working towards was not the goal of which Jesus is now talking. We have all felt like this at some time. Even the most motivated amongst us will slump from time to time. We might all have felt at some point debilitated by fear and anxiety, or overwhelmed by tiredness. At times like these, a life mentor might advise us to re-visualise our goals. We might be advised to find inspiration and get excited. We might be advised to focus on our most important priorities and not set too many goals which will eventually sap all our energy. Funnily enough, two thousand years before the terms 'life mentor' or 'life coach' were coined, these were exactly the strategies that Jesus used to motivate Peter James and John in this difficult period of their discipleship. Jesus leads them up a high mountain where they see a vision of a transfigured Jesus in dazzling white accompanied by Moses and Elijah.

Peter, James and John had a moment of revelation that day on the mountain top, and although they could not capture that moment by erecting tents as Peter proposes, they had that glimpse of glory to remember and keep with them forever through the testing times ahead.

Christians do not have a quick fix remedy for making problems in life go away, but we share the same motivating vision of God's kingdom as we struggle with life's 'lows'.

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**✠ LENT ✠ : as part of our observance of this holy season there will be Mass followed by Stations of the Cross on each of the Fridays of Lent here in the Church at 7.00pm.**

**FOOD BANK:** We will be launching our neighbourhood food bank this coming Thursday, the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. Volunteers who were not able to be at the training session, please meet for a few minutes at the front of Church after Mass today. We continue to welcome your donations of the food items listed on the box at the back of church. **Everyone please pray for God's blessing on this venture!**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** If you missed getting an envelope last week, please do take one from the table by the door and return it next week. Again this year every pound we donate will be matched by government funds. If you wish to make a donation without using an envelope, the donation box will be by the door when you leave.

**FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION:** our First Communion children meet on Sunday at 9:45am. The next parents' meeting is in the hall at 7.00pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**REAL EASTER EGGS:** If you wish to place an order for a Real Easter Egg, please do so at the front of Church after Mass today with payment, or, at the latest, next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes £420.43 Loose £282.62 **Thank you for your generosity.**

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Dorcas Fagbuyi and Alice Clancy 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, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey & Barbara Johnson.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 151)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Michael Taylor RIP (Anniv.)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<i>Lent feria</i>	<u>7.00pm</u>	Private Intention
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 154)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Joseph Kelly 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*