

# 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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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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## Lessons to be learned

How many people, years after their driving test, can still hear their driving instructor loud and clear in their mind's ear every time they take a corner. "Slower.... Slower.... Slower... Whoa! Slow it right down!"

A good teacher is very powerful. The words of a good teacher are with us forever. A good teacher opens up our eyes and helps us to understand. A good teacher adds something to our world and changes us forever.

Today Mark tells us how Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. He tells us how amazed the people were at how he taught and at the authority in his teachings. His authority was powerful enough to expel demons even. You'll notice that Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught but only how he taught and the impression he made. He taught in a way that was to change all our lives. It is testament to his skill as a teacher that news of him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

We do not have the benefit of listening first hand to Jesus' teaching, but it is testament to his authority that we still read his words twenty centuries after he spoke them. There are still demons in our lives, and Jesus' teaching still has the authority to drive them out. There are still lessons to be learned for those who believe Jesus can add something to our world and change us forever.

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**POP-UP FOOD BANK:** We are hoping to begin this parish outreach to the wider community in early March. On Thursday mornings City Harvest, will bring food which they have collected for us to distribute to people in need. The doors will be open from 1:00 – 4:00. We will depend on volunteers, for that time and to prepare and close up, in all from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you can help on Thursdays for all or part of that time, or in some other way, please fill in a volunteer form from the table by the organ and hand it in today or next Sunday. Is there someone who could design a poster? Please put that on a form too. Thanks to all who have already responded.

**REAL EASTER EGGS:** Yes it's very early, but our order needs to go in by 6th March. Is there someone willing to take the orders after the Masses on the next four Sundays? If you can, please see Sister Miriam after Mass.

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

**CONFIRMATION COURSE:** The next session is tomorrow evening, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, from 6.45- 8.30 here in the Church hall. Please try to be on time!

## UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL:

- Annual Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes with Anointing of the Sick, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm
- Mass for members of the Travelling Community, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm

- Annual Mass for bereaved parents, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 £317.40 Loose £252.30 **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 & Gerry Twomey.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 132)</i>	8.30am	Brian Daws RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan.	<i>St John Bosco</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<i>SS Laurence, Dunstan &amp; Theodore</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 134)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Jerry & Mary O'Donnell 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*