

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

4<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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## Living Temples



Once a year at Passover, Jews visited the Temple and offered a sacrifice to God. At this time of year, the number of visitors to Jerusalem swelled and the moneylenders, with their eye to business, took to operating a scam. When visitors came to the Temple they were able to purchase animals or doves to offer as sacrifices. Because the Jews considered Roman coinage bearing Caesar's head as idolatrous, they were given the opportunity to exchange their Roman coins for Temple coinage. The idea was originally a good one, but the moneylenders were operating an unfair exchange rate for over-priced animals. What had started out as a good idea had turned into an abuse. .... and this in God's name! Was it any wonder that Jesus was so angry?

To see Jesus angry enough to take a whip and drive out the villainous traders might surprise us. We are brought up with a vision of a Jesus as both meek and mild. In our modern times, where disputes have to be settled over a table and those who display temper are sent off for anger management counselling, the story might even make us raise a disapproving eyebrow. But what this story makes us realise is that there are situations that warrant our righteous anger. Jesus simply could not

tolerate injustice, and neither should we.

What injustices do we need to drive out of our society today? We don't have to look far. How can we claim to be Christians yet settle for injustices that Jesus would not have settled for? Can we really sit back and allow rich countries to profit greedily at the expense of poor countries? Can we really condone the unfair distribution of our planet's resources just for our own convenience? Can we continue to let governments ride roughshod over those who cannot speak up for themselves?

What has to be driven out of our lives and communities because instead of bringing us closer to God they prevent us from meeting him? Today's story is not about protecting a sacred building. God after all does not live in a building. Each of us is a living temple. God lives through us.



✠ **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.

**REAL EASTER EGGS:** If you wish to place an order for a Real Easter Egg, today is the last opportunity to order them. Please do so at the front of Church after Mass.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** the next classes for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will take place on Wednesdays 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in St John's Church, Duncan Terrace. You should attend both classes please.

**ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60!) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give one of the priests the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email) Thanks.

**THE CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL:** A few weeks ago you heard the Cardinal talk about his Lenten appeal. This is our opportunity, through our Lenten alms, to support the local diocesan charitable work, family life and evangelisation programmes. Please take a leaflet as you leave today and use the envelope for your Lenten local alms. On Sunday, 18 March, there will be a retiring collection for this appeal.

**FOOD BANK:** Please continue your prayers for blessing on the food bank and continue to place your food donations in the box at the back of church. We will be open for the second time on Thursday, 1:00 – 4:00.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Parents' meeting is next Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, at 7pm. There is no children's class next Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, Mothering Sunday. Next children's class will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**ALICE CLANCY RIP:** a former parishioner of Blessed Sacrament, sadly passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Her funeral will be on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 11am at St. Monica's Church, Palmers Green. Her body will be received into the church there on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March at 5:00 p.m.

**LENTEN READING:** please help yourself to the books and pamphlets on the shelf at the back of the church.

**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, Josephine Onwuka.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 157)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Joseph Kelly RIP
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Intentions of Year 6 Bl. Sac. School
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Liam O'Farrell RIP (Anniv.)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Lent feria</i>	<u>7.00pm</u>	Private Intention
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Lent feria</i>	10.30am	Intentions of John Keane
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 165)</i> <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Ignacio Echeverria 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*