

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

13th May 2018

Jesus' Prayer for Us



Today we hear of Jesus' prayer for us. As Jesus was sent, so too we are sent to continue his mission and spread his love. Key to continuing Jesus' mission we are told that although we are of this world we must not to be possessed or tied down by worldly concerns.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their drive and passion. So how can we capture some of that motivation?

For most of us, the day to day job of putting meals on the table takes up more of our time than the vital job of continuing Jesus' mission. Yet we all know someone who manages to strike that all important balance. We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, change is not beyond any of us.



NEXT SUNDAY'S INTERNATIONAL PENTECOST CELEBRATION: As we celebrate the Holy Spirit who unites us, we hope you will join the prayer and celebration at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Here are details of the preparations:

Preparing the hall: Saturday, 19 May, 11:00 a.m.

Offertory Procession: If you want to present any gifts during the Offertory Procession, you will be invited to bring them forward.

Bidding Prayer: If you can read a prayer in your native language, please see Sister Miriam after Mass today.

Dress: You are encouraged to wear your national costume if you have one.

Food for Shared Table: Please bring your food to the hall by 10:50 so that everyone can be in church by 11:00

Dance and Song: If you wish, bring music that can be played.

OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS: This weekend we pray especially for the 18 children who are making their First Holy Communion and for our youth who were Confirmed on Friday evening by Bishop Nicholas Hudson.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY: On Tuesday, 22nd May at 7: p.m. we will have a special Evening Prayer to honour Mary and entrust ourselves, our Church and our world to her care. This will include the Rosary and May Crowning.

SISTINE CHAPEL CHOIR: the Holy Father's personal choir will perform a sacred choral music concert (from the repertoire they sing in the Vatican) on Saturday 26th May at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral. The concert will last an hour and is free of charge (no tickets required). All are welcome!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY: Envelopes £282.50 Loose £291.16
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Orlando Best (Dora's son) 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, 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, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane & Margaret Walsh.

| MASSES THIS WEEK: | | | |
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| DATE | FEAST DAYS | TIME | INTENTION |
| Sunday 13 th May | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>(Parish Mass Book p 273)</i> | 8.30am 11.00am <u>1.30pm</u> | All our Parishioners Margaret Devaney RIP 1 st Holy Communion Children |
| Monday 14 th May | <i>St Matthias</i> | 10.30am | Private Intention |
| Tuesday 15 th May | <i>Easter feria</i> | 10.30am | Private Intention |
| Weds. 16 th May | <i>Easter feria</i> | 10.30am | Private Intention |
| Saturday 19 th May | <i>Easter feria</i> | 10.30am | All our Parishioners |
| Sunday 20 th May | PENTECOST <i>(Parish Mass Book p 286)</i> | 8.30am 11.00am | Noel Shaw RIP Margaret O'Connor 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