

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th June 2018

The Winning Side



Is Satan real, or is Satan a name we give to personify evil? Is sin real, or is sin a name the teachers of yester-year gave to the mistakes and poor choices we make in our weaker moments?

In today's gospel, Jesus asks us to confront Satan and take a long hard look at sin. There is one thing about Satan that is fairly certain. He probably won't ever turn up wearing a red cloak and carrying a pitchfork. Satan will meet us with attractive choices in our weakest moments. Satan will play down our sins and help us justify our poor choices. At our poorest and most desperate it might become easy to steal, especially if we dress it up as 'borrowing'. In our loneliest moments it might become easy to give in to an affair, especially if we dress it up as a 'harmless fling' or an 'open relationship'. In our most insecure moments it becomes easy to give in to gossip and malice, after all, what harm can words do? We might be able to make excuses for our poor decisions, but that doesn't make those decisions any less sinful.

The consequences of sin are far reaching. Selling one's soul to the devil might be the stuff of Hollywood films, but sin really does change us. Once we have justified a sin, it becomes easier to sin again. Once we have justified a poor decision our conscience grows mute. Before we know it, we are not the people we once were. We really have sold out to the devil.

The good news is, that by being on Jesus' side, we can overcome Satan's power. Sin doesn't have to define us. The past does not have to equal the future. In fact, remembering how low sin made us feel can give us that all important focus in resisting sin in the future. One day Satan's defeat will be final. In the meantime we need to ask forgiveness for our sins and make sure we are firmly on the winning side.



COMMUNION MINISTERS: Please plan to stay for a meeting after Mass next Sunday morning, 17th June.

FOOD BANK: We continue to rely on your support through volunteering on Thursdays or helping us to expand our support base. Food donations are welcome. What is most needed is listed on the box at the back of church. We cannot make use of perishable items. Thank you.

SERVICE FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS: This Lampedusa Cross service marking Refugee Week, 2018 takes place at Westminster Cathedral, on Friday 15th June, 6:15 – 6:30pm in the side chapel. It is followed by a workshop led by Safe Passage, a group working for legal access to the UK for unaccompanied child refugees. (7:15 in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, behind the Cathedral).

YOUR SKILLS / EXPERIENCE: If there is someone in the parish who has a background in building or engineering and mechanical things, please talk to Sister Miriam.

MISSION APPEAL: the Missionary Sisters of St Joseph have written thanking you all for your very generous response to their recent appeal and wish to assure you of a remembrance in their prayers.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £217.47 Loose £245.02

Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Trudy Smelko 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 & Russell Blanco

MASSES THIS WEEK:

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 10 th June	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>(Parish Mass Book p 92)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Long Vi Sinh RIP
Monday 11 th June	<i>St Barnabas</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 12 th June	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 13 th June	<i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	10.30am	<u>**NO MASS THIS WEEK**</u>
Saturday 16 th June	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Bridget Devitt RIP
Sunday 17 th June	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>(Parish Mass Book p 95)</i>	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	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