

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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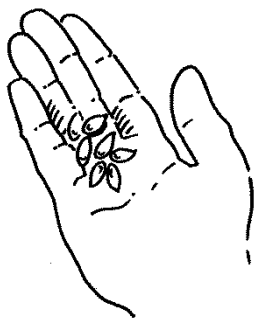
Parish Office opening times: Tuesday-Friday 10.00am -2.00pm



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th June 2018

Seeds of Faith



Seeds are amazing! We plant them, provide the right environment and then wait. Miraculously, the seeds flower into an array of fabulous plants. We can help the plants to grow, but we cannot make them grow, this power is out of our hands. Ultimately, we cannot predict the harvest. The seeds of faith work in the same way. We can teach someone else about God but ultimately that is all we can do. People react to God's word in countless different ways, ways we cannot predict. Jesus' first disciples were to take comfort in the knowledge that although they were entrusted to plant the seeds of faith, they were not responsible for the harvest God would take care of that.

The task of planting the seeds of faith in the twenty-first century can seem as daunting as it must have seemed to those early disciples. Can we really make any difference to a world that still allows war, cruelty and poverty? Today's gospel offers yet more consolation. Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed. Despite its insignificant appearance it grows into an impressive shrub substantial enough to provide shade. It's thought provoking that such a humble seed should provide so impressive a result. Jesus teaches us that we mustn't be overwhelmed when faced with a seemingly overwhelming task. We must simply implement Christ's teaching with whatever humble means we have and leave God to do the rest.



COMMUNION MINISTERS: Please plan to stay for a meeting after Mass today.

CLERGY MOVES: as announced last weekend, Fr David will be moving in September to take up a new appointment as Assistant Priest in the parishes of Northolt and South Harrow. His replacement will be Fr Allan Alvarado who is being Ordained a Priest by the Cardinal on Saturday 30th June in the Cathedral. Please keep Fr David and Fr Allan in your prayers.

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.

BEN KINSELLA RIP: parishioners will remember that this young man was tragically killed in June 2008. To mark his tenth anniversary there will be a special Memorial Mass for Ben at St John's in Duncan Terrace on Saturday 30th June at 6.00pm.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £457.77 Loose £213.74
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 17 th June	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>(Parish Mass Book p 95)</i>	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 18 th June	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Ronald Baggs RIP (Anniv.)
Tuesday 19 th June	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Thanksgiving for 1 st HC Children
Weds. 20 th June	<i>St Alban</i>	10.30am	<u>**NO MASS THIS WEEK**</u>
Saturday 23 rd June	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 24 th June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist <i>(Parish Mass Book p 167)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Laki Demetriou 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