

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th July 2018

How to Deliver an Enduring Message

You've landed a job in a top marketing company. The managing director sets you your first task. You must take a message out into the world relying on nothing but your own devices. More importantly, you need to come up with a three-point strategy to ensure the message endures for at least the next two thousand years ... in fact until the end of time. No pressure!

Today we hear how Jesus sent out his disciples to teach the world about God's Kingdom. What was the strategy Jesus gave them to ensure the message survived the generations?

First Jesus promotes single mindedness. The disciples must travel light unhampered by any distractions. How many advertising campaigns fail because the heart of the message is cluttered and confused? How many Christians come out of church on a Sunday remembering only that they need to contribute to the church steeple restoration fund rather than remembering the central gospel lesson.

The second part of Jesus' plan was to choose the best audience. We are all familiar with the street preacher who stands in the middle of the city precinct whilst tides of shoppers give him a wide birth. For all his good intentions, this person has not chosen an audience who are in any mood to stop and listen. Jesus advises not to stay where we are not wanted nor try to teach those who refuse to listen. Choosing the best audience and setting are all important.

Thirdly, make the message clear and compelling. Jesus tells the disciples to teach a message of repentance and to cure the sick. In other words, we are to instigate a change for the better in the lives of others. It's a powerful message. Who doesn't want to change for the better? Who wouldn't listen if they were promised a better life? So did Jesus' strategy work? That Christianity is so strong two thousand years down the line is a great testimony to Jesus and the work of those early disciples.

Single mindedness, choosing an audience and making the message clear and compelling. Now it's our turn.



FR DAVID'S LEAVING GIFT: now that Fr David is away on leave it would be good to arrange the traditional 'goodbye' collection for him! If you would like to give something towards this, please place the money in an envelope marked 'For Fr David' and place it in the offertory collection bag at Mass. He is away until the end of July but will then be here for August while I am on annual leave. Thanks! *Fr Séamus*

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Today after the 11:00 Mass there is a meeting for some preliminary planning for the bazaar. Main questions: How early to begin selling raffle tickets? How to get good prizes for raffle? and any new ideas. All interested parishioners are most welcome!

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS: We have a piano, cymbals and drum available for sale. Anyone interested talk to Sister Miriam this week, after which they will be advertised more widely.

TIDY & CLEAN UP: If you can, please come and give a hand, 11:00 - 1:00 on Saturday, 21st July to do some outdoor and indoor clean up. Thank you.

NEW CATECHISTS: We need Catechists to help prepare our young people for the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. If you think you might like to exercise this very important ministry in the parish, please let either Fr Séamus or Sister Miriam know. Thanks

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT? We have a course called the RCIA Course which prepares those aged 18 and over for becoming Catholics. The next one will start at the end of September this year. The course is offered at Duncan Terrace for Blessed Sacrament and St. John's together and is led by David Lester with assistance from the priests and Sister Miriam. For more information and to receive a copy of the schedule when available, please contact David Lester by email: davidlester51@btinternet.com or by phone 07914 055 438 or have a word with Sr Miriam or Fr Séamus. They will be happy to answer any questions you have.

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.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £166.50 Loose £288.72 **Thank you for your generosity.**

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for John Mulligan 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, Florence S Philip, Amidu (Blessing) Yamba.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 15 th July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p 106)</i>	8.30am	Intentions of Sonni-Ali family
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 16 th July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 17 th July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 18 th July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Saturday 21 st July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 22 nd July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p 109)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Josephine Hassett 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