

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd July 2018

Time Out



The younger generation are very good at telling us to “take a chill pill....” and there’s nothing more infuriating. But funnily enough, “taking a chill pill” is something we’re extraordinarily bad at. We are surrounded by twenty-first century devices to save us time, such as emails, microwaves and disposable nappies, yet somehow we don’t end up with hours of free time as a result. Quite the contrary, we work faster, travel faster, eat faster and take on more and more work. We feel that we need to fill every waking moment with an extra job. Yet sitting still for a moment in silence and solitude whilst the world rushes around us is very important.

Today Jesus understands that his disciples are exhausted by the demands of the crowds and suggests escaping by boat to find a quiet place to rest, recharge and presumably take stock. Unfortunately, the crowds worked out where Jesus was off to and beat him to it. Jesus stepped out of the boat to be greeted by the same crowds he had just left behind. If Jesus felt any exasperation he didn’t show it. Moved by compassion, because the people are like ‘sheep without a shepherd’ Jesus sets about putting their needs before his own. It might appear that Jesus was just about as bad at ‘taking a chill pill’ as the rest of us, but the story simply points to his level of compassion and discernment.

Taking time out to recharge and take stock is often more important than fitting in that extra job. Have you ever got to the end of a very busy day and wondered what you have actually achieved? How much worse to get to the end of one’s life and realise that we have achieved little of real importance. Take a chill pill. Remember to retreat from the world from time to time. Remember to regularly ask yourself those all-important life-enhancing questions.



JOHN MULLIGAN RIP: the Funeral Mass for John will be here on Tuesday of this coming week at 10.30am. Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathleen and her daughters at this difficult time.

FATHER DAVID’S LEAVING GIFT: Today there will be a retiring collection toward a leaving gift from the parish for Fr David. Fr David will be here throughout August and leave at the beginning of September. Please put any further contributions in an envelope marked “Fr David’s gift” and put it in the collection bag. Thanks.

ANNUAL BLESSED TANSI PILGRIMAGE: This pilgrimage to Mt. St. Bernard Abbey in honour of Blessed Cyprian Tansi will take place on Saturday, 25th August. Coach seats need to be reserved in advance (Adults £20; children £10) Contact Antoinette Kamara on 07930184347.

COMMUNION MINISTERS: After next Sunday there is no formal rota until early September. On Sundays when you are here in the summer, please sit near the front and sort out among yourselves who will minister the Hosts and the Chalice. Depending on numbers at Mass, fewer ministers may be required. Please check with the priest.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: At the meeting last week it was decided to hold the annual bazaar on Saturday 24th November 2018 and to make an early start on selling raffle tickets. Watch for details in September.

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.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £400.02 Loose £271.55 **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, Evelyn Corcoran, Gerry Corcoran, Eamon Hanahoe, Mary Paditey

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	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
Monday 23 rd July	<i>St Bridget of Sweden</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 24 th July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Funeral of John Mulligan RIP
Weds. 25 th July	<i>St James</i>	10.30am	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Saturday 28 th July	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 29 th July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p 112)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Anna Kham Ho 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