

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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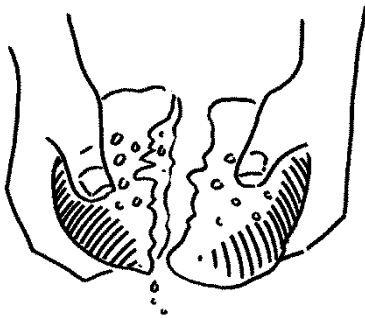
Parish Office opening times: Tuesday-Friday 10.00am -2.00pm



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12th August 2018

Feeding Faith



We are almost fifty years on from the first moon landing; yet as time goes by, the murmurings that it might never have happened gather momentum. "How could the flag be fluttering on an atmosphere free moon?" "How did the astronauts take such stunning photographs with apparent multiple light sources when their only light source was the sun?" It seems that when anyone makes an incredible claim, there will be those who seek to discredit it. It's far easier to pick holes in an amazing claim than to support it. It's good that we have questioning minds, but what if our questions lead us up a blind alley where we are suddenly

incapable of belief.

Put yourself In Jesus' shoes. You've worked inexplicable miracles, not least the feeding of five thousand with just five loaves and two fishes. Now you try to explain to the crowds that your miracle wasn't just about feeding a bunch of hungry people, your miracle was a sign of your divinity. "I am the living bread, that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The people have a hard time believing your claim. Even though they've witnessed your great miracle, they mutter to each other. "Who's he trying to kid ... we knew his parents and we know where he's from ... how can he have come down from heaven?" Maybe the crowds were looking for more signs ... more miracles! If we were in Jesus' shoes we might have obliged with a few more miracles, but Jesus knows that this is not the answer. Instead, he makes us a promise. "I am the bread of life, anyone who eats this bread will live forever." If we share in Christ's Eucharist, our faith will be nourished and we will inherit everlasting life.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 7th AUGUST & RE-OPEN 21st AUGUST.

FOOD BANK SPECIA DRIVE: The number of people using our food bank has continued to grow. We are needing to make more purchases than we anticipated as we try to garner further support for the project. We would like to have a special drive next Sunday for two specific items. **Please will everyone, who is able to, bring some toilet tissue and/or hand soap** to help us stock upon these items. **Thank you.**

Message from Sister Miriam: Thanks to all for your prayers and support as I continue to recover from a back injury due to a fall. Please continue to pray.

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: 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.

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

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: At the recent meeting 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.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:

Envelopes £290.46, loose plate £216.14

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 12 th August	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p 114)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Intentions of Fr David Lucuy
Monday 13 th August	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 14 th August	<i>St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 15 th August	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	10.30am 7:30pm	Intentions of Teresa Blathnaid Nevin
Saturday 18 th August	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 19 th August	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Intentions of Fr David Lucuy

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

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