

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th August 2018

Wisdom's Banquet



Wisdom and Folly are personified in the book of Proverbs. Each lays on a banquet and we are invited to choose which to attend. Those who share the bread and wine offered at Wisdom's banquet will learn from the Lord and gain wisdom and life. Those who choose Folly's banquet will learn nothing more than to live by one's own thoughts and desires. The drama provides a backdrop for today's gospel reading.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Jesus is describing a spiritual diet in which we can achieve a union with him. We are what we consume. If we consume a diet of pulp fiction, junk television, consumer catalogues and gossip, our heads will end up full of trivia and poor priorities. If we consume a diet of thoughtful conversation, prayer selective reading and action based on faith we will be worthier people as a result. So too when we celebrate the Eucharist, we become what we consume. We become God's people.

The invitation to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood was too much for some of Jesus' earliest disciples. They turned their backs and walked away. Today we are given the same choice. The banquet is set and the guests are invited. We can choose between Wisdom and Folly. We can accept the invitation to spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist, or we can find our sustenance elsewhere.



Father David: The last Sunday Mass that Father David will celebrate with us will be at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, the 2nd of September. Following the Mass we will have a reception in the hall to say thanks and wish him well. Please plan to come along and bring some food for a shared table if you can. Bring the food to the hall well before Mass begins, please.

FOOD BANK SPECIAL DRIVE: If you missed hearing the request to bring toilet tissue and/or hand soap for the food bank today, it will be gratefully received next week. 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. Helping us stock up on these two items will be a saving of shopping time and expense. Thank you.

ANNUAL BLESSED TANSI PILGRIMAGE: A blessed pilgrimage to all who will travel to St. Bernard's Abbey on Saturday. Please do pray for the parish. If you have any last minute questions, 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 Cup. Depending on numbers at Mass, fewer ministers may be required. Please check with the priest.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT? The next RCIA Course will start at the end of September. 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.

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

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £354.51, Loose plate £215.13
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 Liam Buckley, 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 19 th August	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am	Emilio Tirado RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 20 th August	<i>St Bernard</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 21 st August	<i>St Pius X</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 22 nd August	<i>The Queenship of the Virgin Mary</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 25 th August	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 26 th August	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am	John Mulligan RIP
		11.00am	Intentions for Sr Miriam

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