

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th August 2018

The Jury's out



The barristers have presented their case. All the facts are on the table and every bit of evidence has been examined and re-examined. The jury is sent out to make a decision, and if the decision is a difficult one, the jury can be out for some considerable time. Difficult decisions have something in common; there will always be a sticking point that will keep us dithering. Even if we know deep down what our answer should be, there is something stopping us from reaching it. Counsellors have a well-worn phrase that helps clients make decisions. "What," they ask "would make our decision easier to make?"

In today's gospel Jesus' followers find themselves with decisions to make and sticking points to overcome. Jesus has presented all the evidence. He has healed the sick and worked many miracles. He has taught many lessons and promised everlasting life for those who choose the bread that endures. Now it's decision time, but there's a sticking point. The crowd find it difficult to believe that Jesus has come down from heaven. How will they deal with the sticking point? For some the sticking point is too great and they turn their backs on Jesus' teaching and walk away. Others doubtless would have liked more convincing, but Jesus doesn't seem to offer any. We too might have our sticking points. We too might look for extra evidence, but all the evidence is on the table. Peter employs his own inimitable way of surmounting the difficulty. "Master," he says, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." In Peter's mind the decision as whether to follow Jesus or not is a bit of a 'no-brainer' because for him there is no alternative. What would it take to make your decision easier to make?



FATHER DAVID: Next Sunday, 2nd September, is Father David's last day with us. He will be celebrating the 11.00am Mass. 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. Thank you!

FOOD BANK SPECIAL DRIVE: Thanks to everyone who contributed to our recent drive. Your donations are always welcome. There is a container at the back of the Church. Please note, however, that we are not able to use perishable or fresh food or bread. These tinned items are much needed: soup, beans, meat/fish, vegetables and fruit. Cereal, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, tea, coffee and cleaning products are much needed items as well. Thank you for your continuing support.

COMMUNION MINISTERS: There is no formal rota until later in 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.

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.

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.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £173.87 Loose plate £306.38
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for all who have 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 26 th August	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am	John Mulligan RIP
		11.00am	Intentions of Sr Miriam
Monday 27 th August	<i>St Monica</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 28 th August	<i>St Augustine</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 29 th August	<i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 1 st Sept.	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 2 nd September	TWENTY - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Intentions of Fr David

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