

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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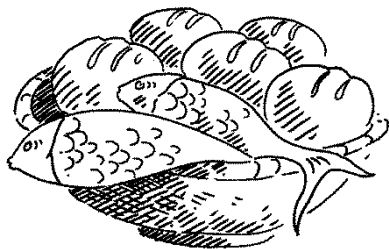
Parish Office opening times: Tuesday-Friday 10.00am -2.00pm



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29th July 2018

God Provides



As children we were fascinated by the miracle of the feeding of the five-thousand. Like a circus audience trying to spot the mechanics behind a woman seemingly being sawn in half, we tried to spot the mechanics of Jesus' miracles. As we grow in faith and maturity we realise that the mechanics of Jesus' miracles are not in question, more important is the lesson they aim to highlight.

The feeding of the five-thousand is a lesson in trust and faith. If we hunger for what is right, Jesus tells us that God will provide what we need. This perhaps is hard to believe, especially when we have prayed hard and not had our prayer granted. If God promises to provide, why does he leave many of our prayers unanswered? We are well used to the reply to this question of course. "If our prayers weren't answered," we are told, "then it means God knows a better way for us." Whilst this answer might feel a little frustrating, the truth remains that when we look back at life, we realise what a mercy it was that some of our prayers were not answered. We think we know what is best for us, but we can only make our prayers from our own insular and human agenda and not from God's universal perspective.

God can often provide little miracles in our day-to-day lives that we tend not to appreciate, because they are not necessarily what we have prayed for. Start to notice how God provides in ways we wouldn't expect. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3: 5-6).



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.

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 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 COLLECTION: Envelopes £188.91 Loose £209.71

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: | | | |
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| DATE | FEAST DAYS | TIME | 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 |
| Monday 30 th July | <i>feria</i> | 10.30am | Intentions of the Glead Family |
| Tuesday 31 st July | <i>St Ignatius Loyola</i> | 10.30am | Private Intention |
| Weds. 1 st August | <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i> | 10.30am | Private Intention |
| Saturday 4 th August | <i>St John Vianney</i> | 10.30am | Private Intention |
| Sunday 5 th August | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p 114)</i> | 8.30am | All our Parishioners |
| | | 11.00am | Intentions of Anna Nga Vo |

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