

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5<sup>th</sup> August 2018

## Enough Is Never Enough



It's tempting for us to think of God as some kind of sugar daddy who might grant us all our materialistic wishes if we just ask nicely enough. Too often we are in danger of praying for a long list of things that we are convinced will make us happy. That money doesn't bring happiness is just a tired old cliché, we remain firmly convinced that a bigger house, a better car and a foreign holiday will make us content. Yet even if God could be persuaded to answer this sort of prayer we would probably still ask for more. It seems a sad truth that we are always striving for something beyond our reach. Enough it seems is never enough. We only have to look at the lives of the rich and famous, in some cases very tragic lives, to know that material pursuits don't bring happiness. However hard we strive, if material pursuits are our only goal, there will always be a void in our lives. Jesus tells us that only God can fill this void. "Do not work for food that perishes," he tells the

Galileans, "but for the food that endures for eternal life."

In today's gospel reading we hear how the crowd followed Jesus because they were impressed that he had fed five thousand with only five loaves and two fishes. They followed him because they wanted more. But Jesus knew that they had missed the point. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs," he says, "but because you ate the loaves and were filled." The true bread, he tells them, is the bread of God, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Then Jesus takes the crowd one step further, he tells them that to share in the bread of eternal life they must believe in the one that God sent.

This must have been hard for the Galileans to take in, but in retrospect easier for us. We look around at those who live by Jesus' teaching, and observe that these people seem content with their lives. ...happy even. In what ways are the rest of us working for the food that endures for eternal life?



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

**ANNUAL BLESSED TANSI PILGRIMAGE:** This pilgrimage to Mt. St. Bernard Abbey in honour of Blessed Cyprian Tansi will take place on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and to make an early start on selling raffle tickets. Watch for details in September.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes £133.51 Loose £164.64  
**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

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p 114)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Intentions of Anna Nga Vo
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</i>	10.30am	NO MASS
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>Feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 8 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>St Dominic</i>	10.30am	Laurence Fallon RIP (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	<i>St Clare</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p )</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	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*

*Confessions at St John's on Saturday 10.30-11.15am and 5.15-5.45pm*