

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd September 2018

Aspiring To Come Last



Who do we most admire? Who would we most like to be? Do we admire famous actors, talented singers, glamorous models or courageous athletes? Or do we admire people closer to home... parents, the nurse who cared for us the last time we were in hospital, or the neighbour who is always willing to mind the children in the school holidays.

Today the disciples are having a 'who's the greatest' conversation. When Jesus asks them what they are talking about, they fall silent. Instinctively they know Jesus will not approve of their appetite for greatness and of course, he doesn't. "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then Jesus places a small child in their midst and says "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes not me, but the one who sent me."

We are being given another tough lesson in discipleship. We spend most of our lives scrabbling our way to the top of life's heap. In whatever walk of life we are working, we strive to be looked up to and respected. We are addicted to greatness and we pass on our addiction to our children. We tell our children that to be high up on life's social ladder is to be applauded. The trouble is our ideas of greatness and God's ideas of greatness aren't the same thing. God doesn't measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. God measures success in getting the job done by example and servitude. That doesn't mean that we shouldn't aspire to positions of leadership or responsibility, but it does mean that we should use our position for the common good and not to lord it over others. If we want to be part of God's Kingdom we must have the humble and unassuming character of a small child.



PARISH BARBECUE: Do join in the Parish BBQ today from 12:00 - 5:30, with last orders and raffle draw at 4:30. If you are at 8:30 Mass come back any time in the afternoon with your family and friends. If you are at the 11:00 Mass, you can go downstairs after Mass or come back later. For very reasonable prices you can have homemade burgers, hot dogs, sausages, chicken wings and cakes. Do come and bring family and friends and get to meet some other parishioners.

FOOD BANK: Your donations are always welcome. There is a container at the back of 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.

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.

SR CHRISTINE MARY SHCJ: the sad news came last week of the recent death of Sr. Christine Mary who taught the Infants in Blessed Sacrament School for many years. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? or do you know someone who would? We have a course for those over 18 years of age who have not been baptised or have been baptised but not in a Roman Catholic Church, or who were baptised in a Roman Catholic Church but not confirmed. 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. The next course will start on October 8th this year, leading to baptism or full communion with the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil next year. **The full Schedule for the course is now available:** please contact David Lester, the RCIA Co-ordinator, preferably by email at davidlester51@btinternet.com or on 07914 055438.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £161.56 Loose plate £357.67

Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Laretta Canchon who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries are about this time, especially: Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. **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 23 rd Sept.	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.135)	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Private Intention
Monday 24 th Sept.	<i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 25 th Sept.	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 26 th Sept.	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 29 th Sept.	<i>SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 30 th Sept.	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.138)	8.30am	Rose Anyqeqby RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners

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