

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th September 2018

The Jealousy Club!

It's human instinct to form groups, organisations, sects, clubs, societies, associations, guilds, unions and fellowships. Being in a club is good. Clubs give us a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. In a club we can draw strength from other like-minded people; we benefit from mutual support, shared ideas and pooled resources. But being in a club is not without pitfalls. Within a club we can begin to behave in an odd way. We can become so loyal to our club that we instinctively set up barriers between ourselves and outsiders. We can become wary of newcomers to the point of discrimination. As part of a group we can become very competitive towards other groups, even groups that are trying to achieve exactly the same things as us. When we see an outsider on our patch we can feel threatened and indignant, but if that outsider is doing what we have been trying to do all along, and worse, doing it successfully, then we can become quite frankly green with jealousy.

Today Jesus' disciples have had their noses pushed well and truly out of joint. They have witnessed an exorcist unknown to them, working miracles in Jesus' name. Worse, he is doing it very successfully. Maybe the disciples are hoping that Jesus will order the newcomer off their patch, but he doesn't. "Whoever is not against us," he replies, "is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same club.

Over the centuries there have been many disputes between different religions. The disputes arise when the followers of a particular religion focus on differences between religions instead of similarities. That isn't to say we should write off our differences as unimportant, but what we should never forget is that God is bigger than any 'club', and by following Jesus' example we are working for each other and not against.



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: Next Friday, 5th October, is CAFOD Family Fast Day when we are invited to eat simply and give the money saved to help CAFOD to help people around the world who don't have enough to eat, who lack clean, safe water, who are suffering the effects of natural disasters or who are refugees from war and violence. Please take an envelope today and bring your donations next Sunday. Thank you.

PARISH BARBECUE: Thanks to all who helped in any way with the barbecue last Sunday and to everyone who came and participated. Delicious food, a warm hall and good company more than made up for the weather. Besides the good time, £278.00 was taken in for the parish funds. Thanks again!

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next classes for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will be on Wednesdays 3rd & 10th October at 7pm in St John the Evangelist Church, Duncan Terrace. You should attend both classes.

RCIA: The next course will start in a week's time on Monday 8th October. Please contact David Lester, the RCIA Co-ordinator, preferably by email at davidlester51@btinternet.com he will be happy to give you further information, as well as a copy of the Schedule.

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. Fr Allan or Sister Miriam know. Thanks.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £322.90 Loose plate £158.51
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Lauretta Canchon 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 30 th Sept.	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.138)	8.30am	Rose Anyqeqby RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 1 st October	<i>St Thérèse of Lisieux</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 2 nd October	<i>Holy Guardian Angels</i>	10.30am	Funeral of Lauretta Canchon RIP
Weds. 3 rd October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 6 th October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 7 th October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.140)	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Mary Cooke Ahern RIP

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