

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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## Opening New Possibilities



It seems the older we get, the more we learn to keep our mouths shut! Over the years we have learned that speaking from the heart can get us into trouble. Perhaps saying what is on our minds might not earn us the reputation we would like. It might not fit in with our sophisticated image to admit that we are afraid, or neurotic, or in need of help. We tend to avoid issues that we've learned to keep private... money, relationships, and religion are possibly the top three subjects we have learned to keep to ourselves.

Today's gospel reading gives us at first impression a straightforward account of the healing of a deaf man. After a few more readings however, we realise that the point of the miracle is a sign that Jesus was the Messiah. It was a sign that the Jews of that time would have expected of a Messiah. It had long been prophesied that the ears of the deaf would be unsealed, and that the tongues of the dumb would sing for joy. More than this, by choosing a Gentile as the subject of his miracle, Jesus is telling us that there is no discrimination when it comes to Gods' salvation.

When it comes to matters of faith, many of us have a bit of a speech impediment. Sadly, in this day and age, people who talk openly about their religious beliefs can be viewed as odd, and so we keep our mouths shut. Today's gospel points out the wrong in keeping our beliefs private. Time and time again, Jesus shows us that God's love is available to everyone without prejudice. Time and time again Jesus shows us that love and acceptance can open up whole new possibilities in broken lives. Our faith cannot be limited to one hour on a Sunday morning. We are invited to 'open up' and share the possibilities God offers with everyone we meet.

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**WELCOME - BIENVENIDO:** to Fr Allan Alvarado Gils, our new priest, who has now arrived in Islington. Please make him feel at home!

**"ANNUAL" PARISH BARBECUE:** Our autumn barbecue will take place on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September from noon. After the 11:00 Mass today there will be a meeting to plan the event. If you are willing to help in any way or have ideas to share, please come along. If you can't come to the meeting, but are willing to help, please let us know.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:davidlester51@btinternet.com) or on 07914 055438.

**KNITTING, CROCHET, CRAFT:** We have been asked to hold a Knitting, Crocheting and Craft group in the hall on Tuesdays from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. This could be a good way to socialise, learn new skills or practise familiar ones. If you have any interest in taking part, please tell Father or Sister after Mass to help us gauge the interest.

**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 £181.62 Loose plate £177.75

**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, 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 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.129)</b>	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>TWENTY - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.132)</b>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Private Intention

**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*