

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14th October 2018



The Midas touch

Remember the story of King Midas? He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases, and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.

In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas. How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand new car? How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now? How many of us cannot get up and get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first? We are just the same as Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important.

The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder, that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way, his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go.

Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?'



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: This year our bazaar will be a week earlier than usual, Saturday, 24 November. Today we will begin to circulate the "Pre-Christmas" raffle tickets for you to purchase or sign out to take and sell to others. The tickets cost £1.00 each and are staples in books of five. A book is £5.00 if you want to purchase and pay for tickets today, you can do so at the front of Church after Mass. If you are taking tickets away to sell or to pay for later, please sign them out at the back of church. Attached to the newsletter is other "bazaar" information.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST: It's not too late to hand in your donation for CAFOD. Please use one of the envelopes provided.

CANONISATIONS: Today Pope Francis will be canonising six new saints, among them Pope Paul VI and Archbishop Oscar Romero. The latter, when he was an Archbishop in El Salvador was shot during Mass on 24 March, 1980. An outspoken critic of violence and injustice being committed at the time, he was declared a martyr who was killed in hatred of the faith for his defence of human rights. If anyone would like to see a movie about his life, please see Sr Miriam so a time can be arranged.

RCIA: do you want to become a Catholic or do you know anyone who does? 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 new course has already started but there is still time to join.** Please contact David Lester, the RCIA Co-ordinator, preferably by email at davidlester51@btinternet.com or on 07914 055438. 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,

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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: 30th September: Envelopes £271.55, loose cash £187.11
7th October: Envelopes £273.27, loose cash £284.90 **Thank you for your generosity.**

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Sister Cecilia Reitzel SSND, Sr Rita Kittel SSND and Baudouin' father, Christian **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 14 th October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.143)	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Thomas & Bridie Fallon RIP (Anniv) Tommy & Noel
Monday 15 th October	<i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	10.30am	Romeo Autria RIP
Tuesday 16 th October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 17 th October	<i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 20 th October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Peter Banham RIP (Anniv.)
Sunday 21 st October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.146)	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Frank O'Donnell 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

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