

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21st October 2018

Are You Being Served?



It's good to open the door in the morning and find the milk on the doorstep, or to be able to put out the rubbish and know that it's going to be taken away. It's good to nip out late at night knowing that somewhere there'll still be a corner shop open or a 'Drive-Thru'. We appreciate the people that man these services, but how many of us planned to be those people as we grew up? "If you don't work hard," our teachers warn us at school, "you'll end up stacking shelves in the supermarket." It seems that we all want to be

served, but not many of us want to do the serving.

Today's gospel is a lesson in leadership. Jesus sees leadership as one thing and his disciples see it as something very different. "Grant that in your glory," request James and John, "that we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." They equate leadership with authority, power, glory and status. This is not of course how Jesus ever sought to lead. Jesus never sought power or glory; he only ever sought humility and servitude. "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be slave of all," Jesus tells them. He meant that we should lead by example, by rolling up our sleeves and getting stuck in as equals.

Nowadays, we are very career orientated. We are brought up to equate position and status with success. It is easy for a politician, a doctor or a teacher to think that he or she is more important than the person who sweeps the streets. Jesus warns that the cup he chose to drink is a difficult one. What we should take away today is that no one must use their position to lord it over others; rather we should use our God given skills to serve one another.



MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY: On Tuesday, 23rd October, 7:00 – 8:00pm we will have a prayer hour with the Rosary, quiet personal prayer, intercession for the many needs of our world and for a fruitful outcome of the Synod on Youth taking place in Rome this month. Since the 24th October is the 185th Anniversary of the founding of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sisters Paulette and Miriam also invite you to pray with them in thanksgiving and for blessing on their religious congregation. Light refreshments will be served following prayer.

PRE-CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Raffle tickets for the prize draw at our 24th November Bazaar are available after Mass. We encourage you to sign out books of tickets and sell them to you neighbours, friends and family. £1.00 tickets are stapled in groups of five for £5.00. If you wish to purchase tickets today, you can do so as well (at front of church). The first prize is £50.00 and the second is a Christmas hamper. If you are able to request prizes from shops or businesses, please take a letter from Fr. Séamus with you. (on the table by the organ)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: is on Saturday, 24th November. Please start bringing suitable raffle and tombola prizes (especially bottles) and food items for resale. If you missed getting a flier with bazaar details last week, please pick one up today. If you are willing to help on the day or have ideas to share, please sign the sheet on the wall. On Sun. 4th November after the 11:00 Mass there is a meeting for all stall holders and those willing to help on the day.

REAL ADVENT CALENDARS: The calendar comes with a 24 page Christmas story-activity book. There is a page for every day of Advent and some fun Advent challenges along the way. Behind each of the 25 windows is part of the Christmas story and a delicious festive shaped Fairtrade milk chocolate. It's a great way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. (See poster by church entrance). If you wish to order one for £4.00 please hand in the order form attached to the newsletter with £4.00 no later than 4th November. Thanks.

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REMEMBER – CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR ON NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT/SUNDAY MORNING 28th OCTOBER!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £160.75 loose cash £73.38 CAFOD £ 497.65 **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 21 st October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.146)	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Frank O'Donnell RIP
Monday 22 nd October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 23 rd October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 24 th October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Intentions of SSND
Friday 26 th October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Michael Moran RIP (1 st Anniv.)
Saturday 27 th October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 28 th October	THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.149)	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Cherry Xu & Caterina Han Int.

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