

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28th October 2018

Cry for Help



We all understand Bartimaeus' cry for help, after all, most of us have felt like that at some stage in our lives. How many of us have felt trapped in jobs we hate, in bodies that are weak or in relationships that are failing? Yet how many of us feel that we should accept our gloomy lot in life and suffer in silence? Praying to God for help doesn't seem much of an option in a world governed by science. We have lost our sense of wonderment. We have lost our belief in what we cannot see.

Today Bartimaeus, the blind man, teaches us a lesson in prayer. He certainly wasn't ready to suffer in silence. He cried out and many rebuked him telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more. The lesson is that the blind man's persistence and faith were rewarded.

In our modern-day scientific world, faith is a stumbling point because it suggests believing in things of which there can be no proof - things we can't see. Of course this is true, but faith also means believing in things that are all around us. Sometimes we suffer in silence when we are surrounded by people who could help us given half the chance. Today we exercise our faith and ask for help. We remember that we have friends, neighbours, professional counsellors and medics who we can call upon. We remember to put our problems before God and ask for help.



ALL SAINTS DAY: Next Thursday, 1st November, is the Feast of All Saints which is a Holyday of Obligation, when we as Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. There will be Mass here at **10.30am** (with the participation of the Parish School) and **7.30pm**.

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Sheets of paper are available at the back of church for you to write the names of those of your loved ones who have died. These will be placed in the Book of Remembrance placed in front of the altar and Mass will be celebrated for those named in the book twice a week during the month of November.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: On Tuesday 13th November at 7:00 p.m. there will be an important meeting in the church hall for any parents who wish to prepare their children (Year 3 or above), for First Confession and First Communion. At the meeting the programme will be explained, and you will be invited to pre-register your children.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: is on Saturday, 24th November. Please start bringing suitable raffle and tombola prizes (especially bottles) and food items for resale. If you are willing to help on the day or have ideas to share, please sign the sheet on the wall. **Next Sunday, 4th November after the 11:00 Mass there is a meeting for all stall holders and those willing to help on the day.**

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)

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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 next Sunday, 4th November. Thanks.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £223.95 loose cash £293.88 **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, Dora Best.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	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.
Monday 29 th October	<i>Blessed Martyrs of Douai College</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 30 th October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 31 st October	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Thurs. 1 st November	ALL SAINTS Holyday of Obligation (Parish Mass Book p.186)	10.30am	Intentions of Bl. Sacrament School
		7.30pm	All our Parishioners
Saturday 3 rd Nov.	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 4 th November	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.152)	8.30am	All our Parishioners living and dead
		11.00am	Intentions of Mary Todd (Birthday)

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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