

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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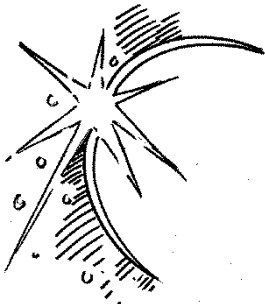
Parish Office opening times: Tuesday-Friday 10.00am -2.00pm



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18th November 2018

Hedging Our Bets



Is it human nature only to do our best when the chips are down? We work our hardest when there's an exam or an inspection on the horizon. We struggle to finish our accounts when the tax department deadline is looming. We rush round putting the house in order when visitors are announced, and sadly, many of us leave it until we are elderly or ill before we patch up relationships. In a way we live our lives like a game of roulette, not living the way we ought all of the time, but only when we get some kind of wakeup call and the chips are down.

Today's gospel warns us to be alert to the signs of the end of the world and the coming of judgement day, but not in a 'hedging our bets' kind of way! It would be immature discipleship to prepare for judgement day only when we suspected that we were close to the end of life. In any case we are warned that we do not know the hour nor the day of the world's end, and therefore we must live every day as though it were our last. We do not aim to live in a state of permanent readiness for fear of being caught out, but because we know that abiding by Jesus' teaching is the only way to live.

Everything in the heavens and earth will pass away. Everything that we consider important will end, but Christ's teaching will endure forever. Are we living our best in the here and now, or are we gambling on some 'comfortably far off date' on which to hedge our bets?



PARISH BAZAAR: It's finally here – next Saturday, 24th November, from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m.

The final planning meeting is today after the 11:00 Mass.

It's not too late to bring items for the day – especially more bottles for the Tombola!

If you can't bring them when the Church is open, please contact Sister Miriam for a time.

Bringing baked goods? Please come Friday, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. or Saturday from 10:00 a.m.

Finally, please pray for blessing, come and enjoy the bazaar and bring your friends!

Can you help during the week please?

Folding raffle tickets, - **Tues. 20th Nov. after the 10:30 Mass**

Helping move tables and chairs – **Weds, 21st Nov. 6:30 p.m.**

Sort, label items; fold tombola tickets, etc. - **Fri. 23rd Nov. 6:00 p.m.**

Stall helpers' final set up – **from 10:00 a.m. Sat. 24th Nov. for prompt 2:00 p.m. start**

- **Posters:** If you can take a poster(s) to local stores, etc. and ask them to display it, you'll find posters on the organ at the back of church. There are some places listed on the side wall. Please put a tick beside ones you will ask and write down any others you plan to ask.
- **Nail Artist?** Can you decorate children's nails at the bazaar?? Let Sister Miriam know.
- **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** It is important that all books of tickets that have been signed out are accounted for. Please return counterfoils and money or unsold books by Wednesday 21st. If you can't come when the church is open (Mon. – Weds. 10:15 – 11:15), please ring Sister Miriam to arrange a time to bring them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Your packs can be picked up from the sacristy. If there isn't one with your child's name, please talk to Sister Miriam.

REAL ADVENT CALENDARS: If you ordered and paid for calendars, they can be picked up today after Mass.

DORA BEST RIP: please pray for the repose of the soul of Dora and for her family and friends. Dora's body will be received into the Church at 5.00pm on Tuesday 27th November, and her Funeral Mass will be at 10.00am on Wednesday 28th November followed by burial at the City of London Cemetery.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £189.75 loose cash £207.35
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Dora Best 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, Kieran Vos.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 18 th November	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.157)	8.30am	Bridie Rynne RIP
		11.00am	Victims of the Kings Cross Fire
Monday 19 th Nov.	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 20 th Nov.	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Holy Souls
Weds. 21 st November	<i>Presentation of the B.V.M.</i>	10.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 24 th Nov.	<i>St Andrew Dũng-Lạc & Companions</i>	10.30am	Holy Souls
Sunday 25 th November	CHRIST THE KING (Parish Mass Book p.160)	8.30am	All our Parishioners living and dead
		11.00am	Martin Walsh 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