

# 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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CHRIST THE KING

25<sup>th</sup> November 2018

## Making a Stand on Fake News



We tune in to the news to elicit some kind of truth, but we suspect what we are viewing is 'fake news'. A television interviewer tries to elicit the truth from a politician. We recognise of old the politician's strategies for avoiding the interviewer's questions. We are called to do jury service and determine to get to the bottom of the case, but suddenly everyone's version of the same truth is slightly different. We pick up on a charged atmosphere at home, but when we quiz our children or spouse, we are met with evasion and equivocation.

The opposite of truth is not always a lie. Truth can be avoided, twisted, disguised, or simply not recognised. One thing is for sure though; we all have some kind of sixth sense for knowing when we are not getting the truth. That's why it's so refreshing and so powerful when somebody gets up and speaks a simple truth from the heart. The truth makes us sit up and listen. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Standing in front of Pilate, Jesus doesn't back down or compromise the truth because the truth is too important. The trouble with earthly kingdoms is that the truth is not always of paramount importance. In earthly kingdoms the truth gets in the way of our personal agendas. In our quest for territory, power, resources and a comfortable life style, the truth takes second place we might think that we are truthful people and that we never tell lies, but it is all too easy to live a lie without admitting it even to ourselves. Pilate was not able to understand the kingdom Jesus alluded to, and he was not able to see Jesus as King. Pilate failed to recognise the truth. Today's challenge is to recognise truth in all of life's circumstances, to stand up for the truth in all of life's difficulties, and to live by the truth to the best of our ability.



**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND RAFFLE:** Thanks to all who helped to prepare for and work at the bazaar, all who contributed prizes and sale items and all who participated. Details next week. Raffle winners are on a list by the church entrance. Please claim your prizes in the sacristy.

**REAL ADVENT CALENDARS:** If you ordered one, please pick it up after Mass today.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Your First Communion registration packs can be picked up from the sacristy. If there isn't one with your child's name, please talk to Sister Miriam. Please return in the envelope provided the completed forms and other item requested **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, 16 DECEMBER**. Thank you!

**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 27<sup>th</sup> November, and her Funeral Mass will be at 10.00am on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November followed by burial at the City of London Cemetery.

**SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Maria Fidelis School is holding a Christmas Dinner and Dance for local Seniors on 6<sup>th</sup> December, from 6 – 9 p.m. at the school on Drummond Crescent NW1 1LY. RSVP Tel: 020 7387 3856 or Email: [amoney4.202@lgflmail.org](mailto:amoney4.202@lgflmail.org) See notice board for details.

**ANNIVERSARY CONCERT:** To celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Olallo House, the charity that uses our parish house, is holding a concert tomorrow, 25 November at 6:00 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church, Phoenix Rd., Somers Town. See notice board for details.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes: £406.58 loose cash: £372.44  
Sick & Retired Priests' Fund: £250.07 **Thank you for your generosity.**

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Dora Best, Lady Elizabeth Uzoma Nzekwe (Valentines' mother) & Clarence Clarke 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.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.160)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners living and dead Martin Walsh RIP
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Holy Souls
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Holy Souls
Weds. 28 <sup>th</sup> November	<i>feria</i>	<b><u>10.00am</u></b>	Funeral of Dora Best RIP
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<i>feria</i>	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Mario Carrano RIP (Anniv.)

**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*