

# 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

27<sup>th</sup> January 2019

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## Passion and Purpose



What makes a great orator? What makes them more persuasive? How do they influence people to take action? Great orators have something in common. A great speaker is driven by his or her passion. Passion is infectious. Great speakers keep it simple. They use short sentences. They use everyday language to make complicated topics clear and understandable. A great speech is more than just a clever argument, a great speech comes from a person that throws their weight and their personality behind their beliefs.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue, he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners respond to his claim? What would our own response have been? Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' leadership? Could we begin to imagine the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later? Only very few of us have the charisma to communicate in the way Jesus obviously did, but there are other ways to communicate and other ways to evangelise. If we want to influence those around us, we need to take a leaf from Jesus's book and put some passion into our purpose.



**CONFIRMATION 2019:** There will be a meeting for parents on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in St John's Church in Duncan Terrace. If you still haven't returned your form, please return it as soon as possible to the parish office.

**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Children's classes continue next Sunday at 9:45 a.m.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** the next classes for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will be on Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00pm in St John's Church, Duncan Terrace, Angel. You should please attend both sessions.

**FOOD BANK:** The food bank is in need of carrier bags. If you have some extras you can bring to church next week that would be appreciated. We are grateful for your donations of food in the basket at the back of church. For the time being we have enough baked beans. Canned fruit, veg, meat, and fish are always in short supply. We are happy to welcome new volunteers. If you are interested, please talk to Sister Miriam

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** The Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Information and registration forms are on the notice board.

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND MINISTERS OF THE WORD:** Want to learn more about this lay ministry in the Church? There are excellent talks at Vaughan House, Westminster, in February. Communion Ministers, Monday 25 February, 7:00 – 9:00; Readers, Thursday 21 February, 7:00 – 9:00. Talk to Sister Miriam for more information.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes: £231.50 loose cash: £216.07

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for** Fr Séamus Noctor, Sr Margaret Volk SSND, Sr Mary Grace Diebolt SSND, Sr Evelyn Volk SSND & Sr Audrey Marie Mittelholtz SSND **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, Bridget Ryan.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.129)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Helen & Family RIP
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	St Thomas Aquinas	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 30 <sup>th</sup> January	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Presentation of the Lord	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.132)</i>	8.30am	Intentions of the Gleed Family
		11.00am	All our Parishioners

**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*