

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

17th February 2019

The 'I'm All Right Jack' Mentality

"Woe to those who are rich." "Woe to those with plenty to eat." "Woe to those who laugh." "Woe to those who are honoured." Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well-earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face?

Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that when we are finally making ends meet we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

"Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep." Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but is that a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus' favour? Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean?

In God's kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our "I'm all right Jack" mentality and do something about the "woes" in other people's lives.



REAL EASTER EGGS: There is an order form attached to the newsletter this week for "Real Easter Eggs". Please return the form with payment as soon as possible, but no later than Sunday, the 3rd March. Besides a Fair Trade quality chocolate egg, there is a 24 page Easter story -activity book. See display at church entrance.

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION: The next class is on **Monday 25th February** in the Crypt at St John's from 6.45pm - 8.00pm. Please make every effort to be there on time!

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: The third part of First Communion Preparation begins on Thursday 28th February with a Meeting for Parents at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall. The next children's class is on Sunday 3rd March at 9:45am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: the next classes for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will take place on Tuesdays 5th & 12th March at 7pm in St John's Church, Duncan Terrace, Angel. You should please attend both classes.

MONEY COUNTERS: There will be a meeting with Oscar for all money counters on Sunday, 10th March at noon in the sacristy

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: The Westminster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 20th - 26th July 2019. Information and registration forms are on the notice board.

CAN YOU HELP? ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JUSTICE AND PEACE? What is Justice and Peace? It's about wanting to make a difference, witnessing to gospel values in society, not only by helping those close at hand, or sending gifts overseas, but asking why problems are arising, and whether we can speak up for change. The commission is currently working on such things as climate protection, Fairtrade, the refugee situation, and peace in the Middle East. Please consider being the parish representative for the Diocesan J & P Commission. Justice and Peace reps can maintain a parish notice board or raise awareness in the parish. Let sister Miriam know if you are interested.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £293.95 loose cash: £209.24

Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Sr Helen Zettel 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, Barbara Baggs.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 17 th February	SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR <i>(Parish Mass Book p.139)</i>	8.30am	Anne & Jack Talty RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 18 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 19 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 20 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sat. 23 rd February	St Polycarp	10.30am	All our Parishioners
Sunday 24 th February	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR <i>(Parish Mass Book p.142)</i>	8.30am	Kitty Ryan RIP
		11.00am	Michael Taylor 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