

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

24th February 2019

LOVE RULES



Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you? Surely that's a recipe for becoming a doormat, yet this is what Jesus is asking us to do in today's gospel.

The six o'clock news fuels our anger. We want to hit back at the terrorists who hurt us. We want to see consequences for those who kill or maim or take away from us. Jesus' advice doesn't make any sense. How can we love those we don't even like! How can we forgive when punishment feels more human, but in the words of Martin Luther King Jr "When you live by the rule 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, you end up with a nation of blind and toothless people'". These are tremendous words, because they tell us that when we respond to those who hate us with love instead of recrimination, we defeat evil. So how do we make it work? Firstly, we have to know that love isn't a warm fuzzy emotion that leaps out of a Valentine's card. Love is a decision. Love is not a feeling it's a choice. We have to make the decision to do good and then do it. We know we are loved by the way we are treated, and in the same way we have to show others that we love them by the way we treat them. Next come the rules. Do not judge and you will not be judged do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Give and it will be given to you. In short, we have to treat everyone the way we would like to be treated ourselves whether we like them or not. If everyone could live their lives by Jesus' teaching conflict and war would be confined to dusty history books.



REAL EASTER EGGS: Please hand in order forms and money after Mass today or next Sunday. There are order forms by the door and at the front of Church. Besides a Fairtrade 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!

HALL COMMITTEE: there will be a meeting this coming Wednesday, 27th February at 7:30 p.m.

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 next 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.

FIRST SOCIAL JUSTICE AND PEACE FORUM: The meeting is entitled "Energising Young People for working with Justice and Peace". It's on Saturday, 16 March, 10:30 – 1:30 at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington. The bishops are looking for advice on how to engage young people in justice and peace issues. Young people and those who care for young people are welcome. Interested in attending? Talk to Sister Miriam or contact justice@rcdow.org.uk

Dates for Your Diaries:

CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CRAFTS: Saturday 9th March, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

MONEY COUNTERS: Meeting with Oscar for all money counters on Sunday 10th March at noon in the sacristy.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION: Special Meeting, Monday 18th March, 7:00 for 7:30.

READERS: Special Meeting, Tuesday 19th March, 7:00 for 7:30.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £234.00 loose cash: £351.27

Thank you for your generosity

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for all who have 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 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.)
Monday 25 th February	feria	10.30am	Mary Patterson RIP
Tuesday 26 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 27 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 2 nd March	feria	10.30am	Intentions of Bridget Ryan
Sunday 3 rd March	EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR <i>(Parish Mass Book p.144)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Intentions of Linda & Joe Sciortino

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