

# 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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EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019

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## Flawed Treasure

We all know those people who are so crippled inside that they seem incapable of bringing a fair or rational perspective to a situation. Perhaps we are one of those people ourselves but totally fail to see it? Perhaps we are all crippled inside to lesser or greater degrees but would strongly argue it, bringing to bear all those flawed arguments we have stored in our hearts for as long as we can remember.

Our hearts are where our treasure is stored. If we have good heart our words and actions will be good. It follows if our hearts are flawed our treasure will be flawed too, and our thoughts and actions will be misguided. So how should we care for our hearts? Just as in our physical diet, we get out what we put in. If we live on a diet of pulp fiction, pulp fiction is all we will know. If we listen only to those with selfish agendas, greedy and selfish motives are all we will know. If we do only what is comfortable and safe, 'comfortable and safe' is all we will ever know. It is more than easy to become egocentric without ever seeing it coming. To those closest to us, our faults will be screamingly obvious. Sadly, we will be the last to see what other people see. Today's gospel is an invitation to start challenging the views that blind us to the possibility of becoming better and more productive people. Do we complain or gossip too often? Do we fail to forgive and forget? Do we hold views about groups of people of whom we know nothing at all? Do we spend too much time working and too little time with those we love? Do we have very set or narrow views on religion, politics, money, or society as a whole?

It is hard to change our beliefs, especially if we don't even recognise them as 'planks'. A good starting point might be to open our eyes to someone we hugely admire and model our thinking on theirs. What starts off as an exercise could quickly become a life changing habit.

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**Ω ASH WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH:** The Holy Season of Lent begins next Wednesday. There will be Mass with the blessing and distribution of Ashes at 10.30am (with the participation of the Parish School) and 7.30pm. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence when we are invited to go without one meal and to refrain from eating meat. During Lent there will be an extra Mass on Friday evenings at 7.30 followed by Stations of the Cross.

**PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION:** The next class is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, in the Crypt at St John's from 6.45pm - 8.00pm. Please make every effort to be there on time!

**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Children's classes continue each Sunday at 9.45am

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

**REAL EASTER EGGS:** Please hand in order forms and money after Mass today. 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.

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND CRAFTS:** Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**MONEY COUNTERS:** Meeting with Oscar for all money counters next Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March after the 11am Mass in the sacristy. It will not be a long meeting!

**MINISTERS OF COMMUNION AND READERS:** This month there will be special meetings for you about your ministry in the Church. The people who lead this programme at Vaughan House are coming here to be with us. We are also inviting neighbouring parishes to join us. Communion Ministers meeting, Monday, 18 March, 7:00 for 7:30; Readers meeting, Tuesday, 19 March, 7:00 for 7:30. Details to follow. Please plan now to attend.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes: £162.83 loose cash: £163.00

**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.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.144)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Intentions of Linda & Joe Sciortino
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	feria	10.30am	Michael Cogley RIP
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Ω ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	10.30am	Intentions of Bl. Sac. School
		7.30pm	All our Parishioners
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten feria	<b>7.30pm</b>	Private Intention
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.153)</i>	8.30am	Baby Florence Lambert RIP
		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*