

# 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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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

21<sup>st</sup> April 2019

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## A Stronger Hope



Belief in the Resurrection is central and imperative to our faith, and because it is central and imperative it really ought to be rock solid. For many, this truth is distinctly uncomfortable. The account of Jesus' Resurrection is lacking in detail, and it can leave us with more questions than answers. For many, belief is far from rock-solid. A rock-solid belief that Jesus died and rose again to give us a clean slate would surely mean us living our lives very differently, but more often than not, this is not the case.

Traditionally at this time of year thousands of Christians are baptised all over the world. One such candidate was asked whether he felt any different now that he was baptised. The candidate replied, "Yes, I went from believing nothing, to believing everything sort of vaguely. I hope that God will make things clearer to me as I continue on this journey." The Resurrection is a little like this. In all honesty, the story of the Empty Tomb doesn't have us leaping up and down in the church pews. In truth, the Resurrection doesn't make everything great. We still have fear and doubt and pain, but whereas before we had nothing, now we have a hope. For some of us it might be a vague kind of hope, but we trust that God will make it a stronger hope as we continue our journey of faith and understanding.



Alleluia! Christ our Hope is Risen Alleluia!

A blessed & happy Easter to you all!

Sincere thanks to all who helped our Holy Week Services  
to be such prayerful celebrations of our faith

Sr Miriam, Mgr Séamus, Fr Allan & Fr Larry

**FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** Next Children's class, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 9:45; next Parent's Meeting, Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 7:00 p.m.

**CONFIRMATION:** the next session will be on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6.45pm in the Crypt at St John's, Duncan Terrace.

**ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS:** Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May is the annual international Mass, celebrating the diversity in the Catholic Church in London. This year it is at Westminster Cathedral. Procession at 10:00 Mass beginning at 10:30.

**THE ANNUAL MASS IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:** will be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, at 3pm in Westminster Cathedral. Couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries (5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> & every year over 60!) are invited to register with Fr Séamus as soon as possible if they wish to attend this Mass.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** please collect your new box of envelopes from the back of the Church and begin using them. If you Gift Aid your donation, would you please complete one of the forms to help update our records. Please do not use any of the pink envelopes from last year. Many thanks.

**THE FOODBANK:** is always grateful for your help. Please consider volunteering some time to help on Thursdays. There is a box at the back of church for items you can donate. Most needed: Long Life Semi-Skimmed Milk, Cereal, Sugar, Tea, Tinned Meat and Fish, Tinned Fruit. If you wish to donate on line, please go to the parish website and click on foodbank. Thank you.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY:** Envelopes £250.50 Loose cash £335.61 Thank you for your generosity.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for those 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, Hazel Hoyte, Angela Neary, Irene Cullen, Gerry Twomey, Barbara Johnson, Josephine Onwuka, Pauline Timlin, Kevin Corcoran, Patrick McShane, Margaret Walsh, 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 21 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.258)</i>	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Monday within Easter Octave	10.30am	<b>**NO MASS TODAY**</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Tuesday within Easter Octave	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday within Easter Octave	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Saturday within Easter Octave	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.262)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Michael Sullivan RIP

**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*