

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th May 2019

New Lease of Life

Ever been entrusted with a big job and completely messed up? If you've made big mistakes in the work place, the chances are that you won't be entrusted with that job again. If you make a mistake in family circles, the people who love you most probably will give you a second chance, but they might be keeping a watchful eye on you just the same.

In the days after Jesus' death and resurrection Peter must have been suffering huge guilt. He had been one of Jesus' most ardent followers and yet it was Peter who had denied Jesus three times during his arrest and trial. When we have had a difficult or traumatic time it is human nature to retreat into our comfort zones. This is exactly what Peter is doing in today's story. Jesus might have hoped that his disciples would be out and about spreading the good news, but Peter is back on the lake doing what he knows best.... fishing!

When we hit difficult times in our lives and all we are able to do is hide from the world, what we need most is for someone to give us a helping hand. What we might need is for someone to let us know that we are still valued. When we give someone who has lost their self-esteem a special job, we can give them a new lease of life.

In today's gospel Jesus appears to Peter and the disciples from the shore whilst they are out fishing. Peter, as impetuous as ever, jumps into the water and swims to meet him. The others follow in the boat. On the shore Jesus takes some bread, and some fish that his disciples have just caught, and they share a simple meal. Then Jesus turns to Peter and asks, "Do you love me?" Three times he asks the same question, and three times Peter replies that he does. It's as though Jesus is giving him the opportunity to make amends for his three denials. Jesus is offering more than forgiveness. He's offering healing and recovery. Then he says to Peter "Feed my lambs," and "tend my sheep." Jesus gives Peter an important job, the job he has been training him for all along – to give the growing community of disciples his support, guidance and leadership. It isn't hard to imagine how delighted Peter must have felt on this day. Perhaps he hadn't let Jesus down after all. Jesus still loved him and valued him. This was Peter's big second chance and new lease of life.

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FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Children's class Sunday 9:45. The children will be receiving their First Communion the weekend of 18th/19th May: some on Saturday 18th, and some on Sunday 19th. The First Communion Masses are at 1:30 p.m. Parishioners are welcome to come and support the children.

CONFIRMATION: the next session will be on Monday 13th May at 6.45pm in the Crypt and Church at St John's, Duncan Terrace and will be a Reconciliation Service.

ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS: tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday, 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 8th June, at 3pm in Westminster Cathedral. Couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries are invited to register with Fr Séamus as soon as possible if they wish to attend this Mass.

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 foodbank. Thank you.

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.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 5 th May	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>(Parish Mass Book p.265)</i>	8.30am	Bridie Rynne RIP
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 6 th May	Easter feria	10.30am	NO MASS TODAY
Tuesday 7 th May	Easter feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 8 th May	Easter feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 11 th May	Easter feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 12 th May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>(Parish Mass Book p.268)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Delia Maguire 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