

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

19th May 2019

Love as I have loved



We can recognise Rembrandt in his apprentices' work. We can recognise Mozart in the work of his students. We recognise the influence of early films in today's cinema and the devices of great classic literature in today's novels. So too people will recognise us as Christians if we love as Jesus loved. We might think we know how to be good people, but how closely have we studied Jesus' example? How we behave as Christians is Jesus' unique signature in the world, so it's important to get it right. In turn this will become our ultimate reason for being.

Our own human idea of love is self-centred. We enjoy a long relationship with a partner, parent, or offspring, but what we're really expecting is for them to give us something in return. We're not great at unconditional love. Copying Jesus' example to the letter really would change the world. So, what made Jesus' love so special? Firstly, Jesus made his love feel very specific. Jesus made every person he met feel special. His love was also universal. He was prepared to love people before he had even met them. His love was non-judgemental. It doesn't seem to matter to Jesus that the people he meets are sinners or outcasts, he gives everybody the second chance they need. Nor does Jesus metre out his love from some lofty moral high ground, instead he relates to others with humility and genuine empathy. "Love as I have loved," Jesus' recipe for a better world.



CELEBRATION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to all the children making their First Holy Communion this weekend. Let us continue to support them and their families with our prayers.

TRAINING OUR FUTURE PRIESTS: The annual Priest Training Fund collection will be taken up this weekend. This Fund supports our seminarians during the six years of their training, and also the ongoing formation of ordained priests. Thank you for your generosity.

CONFIRMATION: the next session will be on Monday 20th May at 6.45pm in the Crypt at St John's, Duncan Terrace and will be a Reconciliation Service.

GLOBAL HEALING: This coming Wednesday, 22nd May, at 7:00 p.m. we will continue exploring how our faith can help us care for our common home. Come along to hear and share ideas of what we can do individually and as a parish to respond to the "cry of the earth". This is a good week to do it as Friday is the 4th anniversary of the Holy Father's letter "*Laudato Si*"

INTERNATIONAL FEAST: would anyone willing to plan a Pentecost (9th June) International Mass and Feast please meet with Sr Miriam on Sunday 26 May at 1:00 p.m. Thanks.

HELP, PLEASE: Can anyone help during the week, either Wednesday or Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to sort out what was left from the bazaar? Please tell Sr Miriam if you can.

HOLY WATER: If you would like to take home some Holy Water blessed at Easter, you can find it in a big container at the front right-hand side of the church under the large picture.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £191.60 Loose plate £250.76

Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Thomas Griffin 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 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, Eleanor Macauley

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 19 th May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>(Parish Mass Book p.271)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	John Lambert RIP
Monday 20 th May	Easter feria	10.30am	Tom Griffin RIP
Tuesday 21 st May	Easter feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 22 nd May	Easter feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 25 th May	St Bede the Venerable	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 26 th May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>(Parish Mass Book p.274)</i>	8.30am	Private Intention
		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