

# 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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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019

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## Over to Us



In these final chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus is trying to sum up what his life and mission is all about. He speaks at length of the bond between him and his Father and it is from this bond of love that he is 'sent'. Jesus tells us that we too are 'sent' to continue his mission. Friendship with Jesus is being with him, and being sent in his name. Our mission is to place his love and message at the centre of the world. In following him in mission and love, we too are 'being sent'.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their sense of mission.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible.

Today's gospel reminds us that Jesus' love for his disciples does not fade. It endures eternally. He asks the Father to protect and guide. He entrusts us, his friends and companions, to the loving care of his Father. If we are really to believe this, we should leave the house every morning with a lot more on our minds than simply catching the early bus or answering our emails on the tube. Today is an invitation not to think of ourselves on the outside looking in, but to be as much a part as we can in impacting the world as much as those early disciples did.



**NEXT SUNDAY'S INTERNATIONAL PENTECOST CELEBRATION:** As we celebrate the Holy Spirit who unites us, we hope you will join in prayer and celebration at the 11:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday. Here are the details of preparation and participation:

*Preparing the Hall:* Saturday, 8 June at 11:00 a.m. (following 10:30 Mass)

*Offertory Procession:* We encourage as many as possible to join in the Offertory Procession bring forward gifts that can be used by the parish in the hall or for the food bank; for example, paper products like towels, serviettes, toilet rolls, cling film, foil wrap, bin bags, cleaning materials. Join in this to share what is a usual part of special liturgies in some cultures.

*Bidding Prayers:* The intercessions will be read in various languages.

*Dress:* You are encouraged to wear your national costume if you have one.

*Food for Shared Table:* Please bring food to the hall by 10:50 so everyone can be in church by 11:00. If you wish to label your dish cards and stands will be provided.

*Dance and Song:* You are invited to share a song or dance from your cultural tradition. You can bring music along to be played.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** the next classes for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will take place on Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> June in St John's Church, Duncan Terrace, at 7pm. You should please attend both sessions.

**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.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes: £174.46 Loose plate: £200.60

**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

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.281)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Private Intention
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	St Charles Lwanga & companions	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Easter feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	St Boniface	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Easter feria	10.30am	Josephine Nolan RIP (Anniv.)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>PENTECOST</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.294)</i>	8.30am	Patrick Leamy 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*