

# 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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PENTECOST

9<sup>th</sup> June 2019

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## Unlocking Your Talent



The disciples have locked themselves in an upper room for fear of the Jews. We know exactly where they're at. We too are good at making prisons for ourselves. We make prisons where feelings of inadequacy, apathy, guilt, pride or confusion rule our lives. We lock ourselves into debilitating patterns of behaviour where fear and other self-defeating traits become habit.

The disciples are behaving very much how we behave when we are facing difficulties. Then everything changes. Jesus comes amongst them and breathes the Holy Spirit into them. Suddenly a group of frightened and inactive disciples begin to do amazing things. Suddenly they can reach out around the world regardless of language culture or race.

This isn't just a story about something that happened a long time ago, it's a promise. We each have a component that fits into God's greater picture. We each have a talent that lends itself to God's purpose. Unlocking that talent is a daily challenge. How do we use our skills to best advantage? How do we knock down the barriers that prevent us reaching our true potential? Where do we look for direction, focus and discernment? How do we find courage, faith, energy and foresight? The answer to all these questions is the 'Holy Spirit'. The same Holy Spirit that enables the early disciples liberates and empowers us. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in our lives whenever we ask.

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**PENTECOST CELEBRATION:** As we celebrate the Holy Spirit who unites us, we join in prayer and celebration of our unity in diversity. Please do join your fellow parishioners in the hall after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

**WEEKDAY MASS:** apologies, but there will be no morning Mass here on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Saturday of this coming week. Fr Séamus and Fr Larry are both away from the parish and Fr Allan cannot be in two places at once! There will be morning Mass at 10 o'clock in St John's, Duncan Terrace.

**PARISH FEAST DAY:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June is our parish patronal feast, Corpus Christi, The Body and Blood of Christ. Between the two Masses there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with Benediction at 10:50.

**CALLY FESTIVAL:** The annual Cally Festival is also on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> June. If you are interested in volunteering to be a steward, please fill in the form at the following link by tomorrow: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuoSzeLrjfo-aloOOgAhwWkhWP1\\_9-3QK6OQyv3pZwraK-w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuoSzeLrjfo-aloOOgAhwWkhWP1_9-3QK6OQyv3pZwraK-w/viewform)) There is a meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**ANNUAL PARISH BARBECUE:** This year our barbecue will be before the summer holidays instead of in September. Please put this date in your diary: Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July after the 11:00 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.

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

**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 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
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Mary, Mother of the Church	10.30am	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	St Barnabas	10.30am	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	feria	10.30am	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	feria	10.30am	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.81)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Private Intention

**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*