

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14th July 2019

Who Is NOT My Neighbour?



Today a law student asks Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" he might just as well have asked, "Who is NOT my neighbour." The law student was a Jew, and as such would only have considered fellow Jews as worthy of his neighbourly love. His loyalty to his own community would in itself have excluded those outside it. By asking Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" the lawyer is looking for excuses to withhold his love.

Are we sometimes guilty of the same transgression? We all agree in principle to Jesus' commandment to love our neighbours, but then we rule all sorts of people out. How can we love and respect those who don't show us any love or respect in return? How can we have sympathy for the benefit fraud, the drunk or the drug addict? How can we find any common ground with the refugee or the teenager upstairs who plays his music too loudly and at all times of the day? Jesus responds to the law student by telling the story of the 'Good Samaritan'. That he chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of the story is no coincidence, since Jews had ongoing grievances against the Samaritans and their hostilities had long set them apart. The parable condemns non-involvement. How often do we refuse to be a 'Good Samaritan' because we fear for our own safety, or we are loath to spend money or time?

Regardless of who we perceive as our neighbours, and regardless of any excuses, today we are asked, "Can we truly keep the commandment that leads to eternal life?"

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BARBECUE: Thanks to all who have prepared for today's Barbecue. Do join in between noon and 5:30. Last orders for hot food at 4:30 and raffle drawn at 3:00. Enjoy that day. For those who can, please stay next Sunday for a short review of the BBQ to record what to remember for next time.

FR LARRY: as some of you will have witnessed here at morning Mass last Wednesday, Fr Larry is a bit unwell at present. He is recovering but a little weak. Since Fr Allan is away on leave, I am the only priest available to celebrate the weekday Masses both in St John's and here at Blessed Sacrament. So, this coming week there will not be 10.30am Mass here on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. There will be Mass at 10.00am in St. John's. Sorry about this, but I am sure you understand. I will be saying the Blessed Sacrament School Leavers' Mass on Thursday at 2pm here in the church. *Fr Séamus*

EVERY PENNY HELPS: We're off to a good start with "Church Care Coins" Up to now we've banked almost £37.00. Please continue using the jar you'll see near the middle aisle.

COPENHAGEN STREET FOODBANK: In order to reach more people, both those in need and those who can help with the foodbank, we now have a flyer with details. If you know someone in need or someone who is interested in supporting the foodbank, or, if you want more details, please take flyers from the table by the church door. Thanks!

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £153.38 Loose plate: £201.41

Thank you for your generosity.

GIFT AID: We will shortly be submitting our Gift Aid claim to HMRC for the tax year 2018/19. If you are currently in the Gift Aid Scheme and have ceased paying tax for 2018/19 on any of your income, please advise Oscar Ignatius the parish bookkeeper via email oscarignatius@rcdow.org.uk Thank you

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Cecelia Obiogbolu (Rosemary Emencheta's sister) & Margaret Mary Rees **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, 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, Peter McNally.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 14 th July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.108)</i>	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 15 th July	St Bonaventure	10.30am	<u>NO MASS TODAY</u>
Tuesday 16 th July	feria	10.30am	<u>NO MASS TODAY</u>
Wednesday 17 th July	feria	10.30am	<u>NO MASS TODAY</u>
Saturday 20 th July	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 21 st July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.111)</i>	8.30am	John Gilmartin 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