

# 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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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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## God's Campaign Trail!



How can we promote Jesus' message in a society that tries to confine Christianity to a Sunday afternoon TV Slot? How do we promote Jesus' teachings of unity and sharing in a world of division and materialism? How do we campaign for peace and love in a world hampered by indifference and injustice?

We might feel small in face of impacting our beliefs on an unbelieving world. That we feel small perhaps helps us to understand the task the early disciples faced in Luke's Gospel. The scene set in today's gospel must have looked something like a biblical 'campaign trail'. Jesus sent seventy-two disciples ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit to prepare the way. Jesus knew that they were up against the odds. He describes them as lambs among wolves. "The harvest is abundant," he says, "but the labourers are few." More credit then, to those early disciples that the Christian message has survived for over two thousand years. What can we learn from their obvious success?

Jesus gave his early disciples some important practical advice. His first words of advice were for us to travel light. How can we concentrate on impacting Jesus' will if we are burdened with other concerns? Having a clear and focussed mind is crucial to any kind of success. Next Jesus advocates relying on hospitality and walking away from opposition. Perhaps today we would call it 'knowing one's audience'. In a nutshell, Jesus is asking us to focus on the job in hand, avoid distraction, and not to be deterred by opposition or setbacks.

God's message needs 'selling' just as much now as it did two thousand years ago. Two thousand years later, our world still needs a lot of 'fixing'. The job to be done might seem impossible, but we take encouragement from those few early disciples and the scale of their obvious success. To give up on the job would be to negate the work of those who have gone before us. If we care at all about the work our predecessors have put in, it's our turn to take to God's campaign trail.



**EVERY PENNY HELPS:** We're off to a good start with "Church Care Coins" We've already banked £11.00 worth of copper! Please continue using the jar you'll see near the middle aisle in church for deposits.

**ANNUAL BARBECUE:** Next Sunday, is our parish barbecue from noon till 5:30 Raffle will be drawn at 3:00 and last orders for cooked food at 4:30. Burgers, sausages, hot dogs and chicken wings as well as cake slices will all be available at good prices. We welcome any cakes you can bring along. Come and enjoy the food and fun.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** This coming Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7:00 p.m. in the sacristy.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL FAIR:** Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 3:30 – 6:00. Raffle tickets (£1.00) available after Mass today.

**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: £177.57 Loose plate: £318.33

**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](mailto:oscarignatius@rcdow.org.uk) Thank you

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Nora Moran 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

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.105)</i>	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	feria	10.30am	<b><u>NO MASS TODAY</u></b>
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.108)</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*