

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Parish Office opening times:** Tuesday-Friday 10.00am -2.00pm



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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## The Everlasting Purse



There are no two ways about it; we human beings can be very materialistic by nature. Even as very small children we have to be taught to share our toys and it doesn't come easily to us. Our possessions become a part of us. Anyone who has tried to declutter the attic only to find possessions they can't possibly be parted from will be only too aware of this. Worse than that, our possessions start to possess us. We think twice about visiting a friend who lives in the rough part of town. Will our car still be there when it's time to go home? We are trapped in jobs we hate simply because we are committed to buying that dream house. Suddenly our possessions are dictating how we live our lives. Then when we die, somebody

will come along and give everything we owned to a charity shop, because at the end of the day, our possessions mean very little.

Today we are told, "Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Salvation doesn't just depend on which church we go to, or how many prayers we say. Salvation is determined by what we do with what we have, and how much love we have in our hearts for others.

How much we help others of course depends very much on what we have in the first place. "To whom much is given much is required." Jesus tells us. If we have talents, a well-paid job and the good fortune to be born into an affluent society, we are expected to help those who have never had the opportunity to develop their talents or who own very little. Oh yes.... and there's a time limit! "But know this," says Jesus, "if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into." The Son of Man will return at an unexpected hour.

When we buy our possessions, we think about how we would like to be defined. Do we want the brand trainers or the non-brand trainers, a top of the range car or a mid-range car? But at the end of life how would we like to be remembered? Do we want to be remembered as someone with a house full of possessions, or as someone who left a lasting mark on the world... an everlasting purse?



## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Next Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019

is a Holyday of Obligation

There will be one Mass here at 7.30pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

**SISTER MIRIAM** will be unable to respond to telephone calls and emails for the next few weeks, as she is back home in Canada on a very well-deserved break. Have a good rest Sister! *Fr Séamus*

**BLESSED TANSI PILGRIMAGE:** The annual pilgrimage to Mount St. Bernard Abbey in honour of Blessed Tansi is on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> August. Coaches leave London at 7:00 a.m. Contact Antoinette Kamara (07930184347) or Josephine Onwuka (07853862672) for details and booking.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes: £186.50 Loose plate: £216.80  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Carmen Veronica Davis 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.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.121)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Intentions of Julia Ellis (Sick)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	feria	10.30am	<b><u>NO MASS TODAY</u></b>
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	feria	10.30am	<b><u>NO MASS TODAY</u></b>
Weds. 14 <sup>th</sup> August	St Maximilian Kolbe	10.30am	<b><u>NO MASS TODAY</u></b>
Thurs. 15 <sup>th</sup> August <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	<b>The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	<b><u>7.30pm</u></b>	All our Parishioners
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.124)</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*