

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4<sup>th</sup> August 2019

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## A Fool and His Money



There's an old saying that goes, "A fool and his money are soon parted." If Jesus were to re-write the saying it might read, "A fool and his money are never parted."

In today's gospel, a rich landowner pulls down his barns and builds bigger barns in which to store wealth for his future. "You fool!" God says, "this very night your life is being demanded of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" Yes, it's another of those lessons that target the rich. That's all right then because none of us are particularly rich and so surely this lesson doesn't apply to us. Or does it?

We've all worried about money at some time or another. We worry about university fees, the cost of getting married and the cost of keeping a roof over our heads. We worry about paying our bills and providing for our children. We worry about providing for our old age and the cost of keeping Great Aunt Ethel in a nursing home. We even worry about the cost of dying. Today Jesus warns us that in worrying about money we allow money and material wealth to exert some kind of hold over us. Everything we own possesses a little part of us. If we have a house, we are slave to a mortgage. If we own a car, we are slaves to maintaining it. Once we have finally struggled our way towards a healthy bank balance, we suddenly become afraid to spend it, let alone share it with the needy. Without knowing it, we can become penny pinching and greedy. We don't need to be particularly rich to become as foolish as the landowner in today's parable.

Today's gospel isn't a good excuse to rush out and blow the children's school uniform budget on a palette of beer in a 'let's live for today for tomorrow we die' mentality, but it is a good excuse for liberating ourselves from life's financial burdens and living for a better reason.



**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*

**OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB:** Blessed Sacrament Primary School and the Caritas Food Collective will be running a new holiday club, to help children and families access nutritious, healthy food and enjoy fun activities during the holidays. The first pilot day will be on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** in the school and we will need lots of volunteers to help make it happen. There are many different roles available with something to suit everyone such as catering, running children's activities, sorting food and administration. Volunteer training will be provided. Please register your interest on the sign-up sheet at the church or contact Anna Gavurin [annagavurin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:annagavurin@rcdow.org.uk) / 020 7931 6077. Many thanks.

**EVERY PENNY HELPS:** We're off to a good start with "Church Care Coins". Please continue using the jar you'll see near the middle aisle.

**COPENHAGEN STREET FOODBANK:** Our foodbank now has containers at Iceland and the Co-op on the Cally to receive food donations from customers. Could anyone volunteer please to be on a rota for picking up the donated items from the stores? Please let Sr Miriam or Attracta know.

**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: £209.65 Loose plate: £196.56  
Thank you for your generosity.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for** Cecelia Obiogbolu (Rosemary Emencheta's sister) & Margaret 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.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.117)</i>	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	feria	10.30am	<b><u>NO MASS TODAY</u></b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Transfiguration of the Lord	10.30am	<b><u>NO MASS TODAY</u></b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	feria	10.30am	<b><u>NO MASS TODAY</u></b>
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	St Lawrence	10.30am	Private Intention
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)

**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*