

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13th October 2019

Living in Wholeness



You must have met people who blame God when bad things happen. Do those same people give credit to God when good things happen? Today's gospel reading is a lesson on living in gratitude and wholeness.

Jesus cures ten lepers and nine of them hurry off without a word of thanks. Presumably they can't wait to get back to their families and loved ones. They can't wait to get back to where they left off. They can't wait to get back to 'normality'. To the nine lepers Jesus must have seemed nothing more than a biblical paramedic. How often do we fall into the same trap? We pray to God to help us through some crisis, but when the crisis blows over, do we remember to thank God. or do we heave a sigh of relief and carry on as 'normal'? The one leper who returned to thank Jesus recognised that his life would never be 'normal' again. Something extraordinary had happened; his life had been touched by God. The nine lepers who returned to normality knew they had been made well, but the one who returned to thank Jesus recognised that not only had he been made well he had been made whole. The leper who returned was not about to forget what God had done for him. The leper who returned was bubbling over with gratitude.

We all have reasons to bubble over with gratitude to God. The key to living in wholeness is to appreciate when God lifts us from 'normality' and 'ordinariness'.

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CANONISATION OF ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: this morning in Rome Pope Francis will make five new Saints of the Church including the English Cardinal, John Henry Newman. For information about more local events: please take a look at the dedicated website: www.newmancanonisation.com

ROSARY MONTH: In this month dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary, we will have an evening of prayer on Thursday, 17th October from 7:30 – 8:30. This month, the Holy Father reminds us that we are all called to be "missionary disciples", who, like Mary, bring Christ to others in our daily lives. So, let us join in prayer on Thursday evening to honour her, to ask for her help in our call to discipleship and to ask her intercession for our many needs, those of our families, parish, country and world.

BAZAAR: Our annual Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday 30th November. Attached to this newsletter is information about the many ways you can help now to prepare for the bazaar. If you are able to help on the day itself, please let us know by signing at the back of church. From next Sunday, raffle tickets will be available to take and sell. If you are willing to help with the distribution of the tickets, please tell Nerie (11:00 Mass) or Sister Miriam (8:30 Mass).

FIRST COMMUNION: For parishioners who wish to prepare their children (School Year Three and older) for First Communion in May 2020, registration forms are now available and need to be handed in by 17th November 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Miriam.

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB: on Wednesday 16th October at 7:00 p.m. there is a brief meeting in the church hall for those who volunteered to help at the holiday club on Tuesday, 22nd October.

REAL ADVENT CALENDAR: The calendar comes with a 24-page Christmas story-activity book. Behind each of the 25 windows is part of the Christmas story and a delicious festive shaped Fairtrade milk chocolate. It's a great way for parents, grandparents and Godparents to share the Christmas story. (See poster by church entrance). If you wish to order one, please hand in the order form with £4.00 no later than 3rd November. Will someone from each Mass please volunteer to receive order forms and distribute the calendars? Thank you.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £150.50 loose plate £408.33
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for those who have died recently Eleanor Macauley (Funeral Mass here on Thursday 31st October) **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, Jocelyn Hillgarth, Filomena Barbo, Colin Harris, Maria Carrano, May Cullen., Gordana Tancevska, Irene Bryan, Phuong Quach, Albert Boateng, 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, Mary Morgan.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 13 th October	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.149)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Thomas & Bridie Fallon RIP, Tommy & Noel
Monday 14 th October	feria	10.30am	Peter McNally RIP
Tuesday 15 th October	St Teresa of Avila	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 16 th October	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 19 th Oct.	feria	10.30am	Peter Banham RIP (Anniv.)
Sunday 20 th Oct.	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.152)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Frank O'Donnell RIP (Anniv.)

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