

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st September 2019

God's Round Table



It's hard to admit to, but most of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and it's not a good place to be. Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. We assume superiority over all sorts of other people. We decide we are superior to those with less money or lesser jobs. We decide we are superior to those who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or whose values don't match ours. We decide we are better than those who have fallen foul of the law or who have succumbed to an addiction. Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why are we all so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted." Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, that's because we associate being humble with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility however, is very different.

Humility does not mean trading feelings of superiority for feelings of inferiority. Being humble doesn't mean being timid or falsely modest. Humility means that understanding that everything you have is a gift from God, and that everything you have is for the service of others.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION: Pope Francis has established 1st September as "The annual World Day of prayer for the Care of Creation offers to all believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation, raising to God our thanks for the marvellous works that He has entrusted to our care, invoking his help for the protection of creation and his mercy for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Do you want to become a Catholic or do you know anyone who wants to? We have a course, held at St. John's, called the RCIA for those who are 18 or older. The next course will start on Monday 23rd September: classes will take place every Monday at 7.30 pm for 60-90 minutes. For more information, talk to one of the priests or Sister Miriam or contact David Lester, the RCIA Co-ordinator, by email on davidlester51@btinternet.com for a full Schedule of dates.

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB: on **Tuesday 22nd October** Blessed Sacrament Primary School and the Caritas Food Collective will be helping children and families to access nutritious food and enjoy fun activities. We will need lots of volunteers for the many activities. Volunteer training will be provided. Please, sign-up at the church or contact Anna Gavurin annagavurin@rcdow.org.uk / 020 7931 6077. Many thanks

EVERY PENNY HELPS: We're off to a good start with "Church Care Coins" Till now we've banked £132.20! Please continue using the jar you'll see near the middle aisle.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS: Envelopes £126.20, loose plate £137.46
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Samuel Hagan, father of Emelia Yawson 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 1 st September	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.130)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Lauretta Canchon RIP
Monday 2 nd September	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 3 rd September	St Gregory the Great	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 4 th September	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 7 th September	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 8 th September	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.133)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Mary Moosem Lan RIP

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