

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

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## God's Apprentice

Today's is a strange and difficult parable. A dishonest businessman is caught squandering and is faced with dismissal. The businessman sees a bleak future ahead of him and without a minute to waste sets about making some shrewd though dodgy deals to secure his future. We sit back waiting for his come-uppance, but it doesn't happen! In fact, the businessman is applauded for his shrewdness.

This rogue businessman shares much in common with our twenty first century businessmen and women. The rogue businessman is talented, skilled ambitious and plausible or he wouldn't have been taken on as a manager in the first place. The manager has the ability to look into the future, decide what he wants from life and make the necessary plans. More importantly he works as though his life depends upon it without a moment to waste. This man could've achieved great things but for one thing. Money! Money has the power to corrupt each and every one of us and the man in today's story was well and truly corrupt. Nevertheless, Jesus tells us that the 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. What if we could get up at six every morning, knock back a quick cup of coffee and set about God's work. What if we were to work tirelessly solving the world's problems barely stopping for lunch and getting home late every night. What if we were to use our skills and talents to persuade others to invest in our cause? What if we were to work with one eye on our ultimate destination keen to secure our place in heaven? The world would certainly be a very different place. To achieve it we would each need to make God our master and not money.

The real difficulty in this story is not in understanding Jesus' unexpected choice of subject, but in adhering to his mandate. "No slave can serve two masters..... You cannot serve God and wealth."

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**BAZAAR:** There will be a preliminary meeting shortly after the 11:00 Mass today about this year's pre-Christmas raffle and bazaar. Anyone willing to help with planning is welcome.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC:** The course (RCIA) for those interested in becoming a Catholic or preparing for Confirmation as an adult begins tomorrow, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, 7:30 p.m. at St. John's (39 Duncan Terrace) 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](mailto:davidlester51@btinternet.com) for a full schedule of dates.

**OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB:** Blessed Sacrament Primary School and the Caritas Food Collective are asking for volunteers to help with a new holiday club on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, to help children and families access nutritious, healthy food and enjoy fun activities during the holidays. There are many different roles available with something to suit everyone such as catering, running children's activities, sorting food and administration. A brief information meeting for volunteers will take place in Blessed Sacrament church Hall on Wednesday, 16 October at 7:00 p.m. 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.

**REQUEST:** Stafford Cunningham is asking if anyone has clothing in good condition for the elderly. He is happy to collect the. Contact him on 07507092138.

**COPENHAGEN STREET FOOD BANK:** The foodbank is in need of shower gel. If you are able to bring some to church next Sunday, that would be greatly appreciated. We continue to welcome new volunteers. If you can help on Thursdays or want information on how else to help, talk to Sister Miriam or Attracta Roden.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes £312.98 loose plate £303.12  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Anne Griffin, Nina Hillgarth and Eddie Doyle 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, 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, Eleanor Macauley, Peter McNally, Mary Morgan.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.140)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Mary Moosem Lan RIP
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	St Pius of Pietrelcina	10.30am	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham	10.30am	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Weds. 25 <sup>th</sup> September	feria	10.30am	<b>NO MASS TODAY</b>
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	feria	10.30am	Anne Griffin RIP
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.143)</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*