

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th October 2019

Having Faith in Faith



In the face of the seemingly impossible demands of discipleship, it is easy for our faith to falter. This is probably how the apostles felt when they approached Jesus and made the plea, "Increase our faith!" Now if we were hearing this story for the first time, how would we expect Jesus to respond? We'd expect Jesus to work a miracle of course. A miracle would certainly have increased the faith of those who could have witnessed it first-hand, but would it have had the same impact for the rest of us? Jesus refrains from working a miracle to increase the faith of his apostles, instead he gives a piece of wisdom which is as inspirational and as motivational for us today as it must have been all those years ago.

Jesus tells us that if we only have faith the size of a tiny mustard seed we have enough. In other words, faith is so powerful that we don't need very much of it to do great things. This is good news for all of us who have long felt our faith is flagging. Suddenly the challenge is not to strengthen or develop our faith, but to have faith in the little faith we've already got.

So how can we use our mustard seed of faith to do great things? Jesus tells us that all we have to do is take our mustard seed of faith and act. We should stop worrying about how little or how much faith we have and get on with God's work. Like the tireless servant who comes in from the field and prepares his masters' evening meal before his own, so we must live our lives faithful to Jesus' teachings. When we live our lives faithful to God how can we fail to see results, and once we begin to see results how can our seeds of faith fail to grow?



CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY: There will be a retiring collection today for the CAFOD Harvest Appeal. If you wish to bring your envelope later that's fine. Thank you for your support.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER: if you intend applying for a Catholic Secondary School for your child for September 2020, you will need to have a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by one of the priests. Fr Séamus will be available here in the Church to do this on **Saturday 12th October from 11.00am – 12noon**

BAZAAR: Our annual Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday, 30th November. As you know, the Parish Community is called on to help prepare in many ways. There is a list of the usual activities and stalls at the back of church. If you have ideas for others, please jot them down there. If you are able to help on the day itself, you can sign up there as well. Raffle tickets will be available from the 20th of October. 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 2020: For parishioners who wish to prepare their children (School Year Three and older) for First Communion, registration forms will be available next Sunday, 13 October and need to be handed in by 17 November please.

OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB: The Caritas half-term Holiday Club at Blessed Sacrament School is on Tuesday, 22nd October, 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. It is for children age 4 – 11 accompanied by a responsible adult. For more information contact cfc@rcdow.org.uk or phone 020 7931 6077 or see Sister Miriam about a link to registration form. If anyone else

can volunteer, please sign in the sacristy. A brief meeting for volunteers is Wed., 16 October, 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

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 attached to the newsletter 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 £192.50 loose plate £163.16
Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for those who have died recently Eleanor Macauley & Peter McNally (Funeral Tuesday October 8th, 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Highgate), **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 6 th October	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.146)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Mary Moosem Lan RIP
Monday 7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 8 th October	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 9 th October	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 12 th Oct.	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 13 th Oct.	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

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