

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th September 2019

Calculating the Cost



We hear a lot about calculating the cost of discipleship, but how many people sit down and do exactly that.... calculate the cost.

We certainly do our calculations if we're paying a visit to the bank manager for a loan. We certainly start calculating if we're down to small change and there are two long weeks left to pay day. Today Jesus tells us that calculating the cost of discipleship should be no different. "For which of you intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?"

Discipleship means different things to do different people at different stages in their lives. Discipleship might mean deciding how best to use our gifts to help people at home and in the workplace. Discipleship might mean coming up with a plan to transform a local community or some kind of global project. Whatever our vision we will need to sit down and plan it. Inevitably this will involve personal cost and if we don't calculate that cost, we are setting ourselves up to fail before we have begun. Will we be able to accomplish our plans alone or will we need help? How will we make time to achieve our goals and will this involve an element of sacrifice? Do we have enough money to realise our ideas or will we need to fundraise? Do we have the necessary skills, or will we have to step out of our comfort zones in order to learn something new?

In today's gospel Jesus says, "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Discipleship is demanding. Jesus is looking for a full-time commitment. Discipleship is not something that can be slotted easily and comfortably into our existing lifestyles. Discipleship involves cost, and today's invitation is to sit down and calculate whether that cost is within our means

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BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Do you want to become a Catholic or do you know anyone who wants to? We have a course called the RCIA for those who are 18 or older and have either not been baptised at all, or who have been baptised in a Catholic church but never confirmed, or who have been baptised in a non-Catholic church and who wish to become Catholics. The next course will start on Monday 23rd September: classes will take place every Monday from 7.30 pm for 60-90 minutes leading to baptism/reception/confirmation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday 11th April 2020. 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: 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 22nd 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 / 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 found near the middle aisle.

COPENHAGEN STREET FOOD BANK: The foodbank organisers are grateful for your continuing support. We are open fortnightly on Thursdays and welcome about 50 visitors each time. We also extend our thanks to Iceland and the Co -op for allowing us to receive food from their customers. Our greatest need is for volunteers. If you are able to help in some way on Thursdays, please talk to Attracta (8:30 Mass) or Sister Miriam about what's needed.

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

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £288.06, loose plate £178.13

Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Anne Griffin and Nina Hillgarth 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.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	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
Monday 9 th Sept.	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 10 th Sept	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 11 th September	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 14 th Sept.	Exaltation of the Cross	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 15 th Sept.	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.136)</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