

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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## God of the Living



Those of you who have tuned into political debate lately will have noticed that whilst some questions demand a genuine answer, others are simply posed to trip up the opponent and cause maximum embarrassment. Can we really hope to get answers if we are asking questions loaded with ridicule and cynicism?

Today, the Sadducees, who did not believe in resurrection, try to ridicule the belief in life after death by posing Jesus with an argument that verges on the ludicrous. Their only interest in quizzing Jesus was to confound him and to ridicule the whole notion of resurrection and of Heaven. The Sadducees flag a warning to us all. There is nothing wrong with having a lively theological debate, but when we start to raise questions, we have to be very honest about our motivation. Are we really seeking answers, or are we simply kicking an intellectual football? Are we, like the Sadducees, guilty of bringing our own convictions to an argument with an arrogant refusal to see a different point of view?

It is surprising that Jesus dignifies the Sadducees' question with an answer at all, but he does. The circumstances that surround us in our day-to-day living, Jesus explains, will not apply in Heaven, and therefore we need not trouble ourselves with worldly conventions. No longer able to die, let alone resume a marriage we forged in life, those who are deemed worthy will be like the angels - children of God. The Sadducees are thinking of an eternity as something linked to earthly life. How boring that would be!

All we can know about death and resurrection is that it is a journey that starts in the here and now. It is the 'now' that determines our eternity, and as Jesus said, 'God is not God of the dead, but of the living.' To God, we are all alive.



**SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS:** Next weekend is the annual collection for sick and retired priests in our Diocese of Westminster. There are currently more than 80 sick and retired priests who receive support after a lifetime of service to their parishes. Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve in our parishes, schools, and hospitals. After retiring they are dependent on the Diocese for their care - for essentials like housing, and health needs. By giving to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can ensure our priests are cared for. Please take a donation envelope as you leave Church today and bring it back next week with your donation. You can also Gift Aid your donation using this envelope or choose to make an ongoing contribution to this fund. Thank you

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND RAFFLE:** Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. Please bring in suitable raffle and tombola prizes (especially bottles) and good items for resale. Please keep selling raffle tickets and returning the money and counterfoils. If you will be helping on the day, please come to a brief meeting on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of November after the 11:00 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 available by the door, and need to be handed in by next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Miriam.

**REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD:** There will be an Evening Prayer Service on next Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 to remember, pray for and give thanks for those who have gone before us. Please invite friends, family members and neighbours who are grieving the death of loved ones to come along. All are welcome.

**VOTIVE CANDLES:** Some have been asking about the offering to make when lighting a votive candle. The suggested offering is 30 pence.

**ON-LINE SELLING:** Do you have experience selling things on eBay or something similar? If so, would you be willing to try to sell some items we have? If so, please have a word with Sister Miriam.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes £196.35 loose plate £253.14

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for those who have died recently and for 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, Pritti Depala.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.160)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners living and dead
		11.00am	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	St Martin of Tours	10.30am	Joseph O'Connor RIP
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	St Josaphat	10.30am	Holy Souls
Weds. 13 <sup>th</sup> November	feria	10.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	St Edmund of Abingdon	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.164)</i>	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners living and dead

**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*