

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



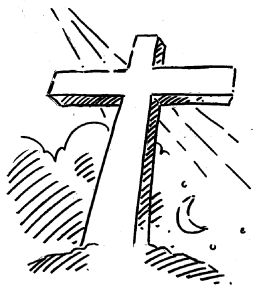
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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## Weeding Life's Garden



St. Francis of Assisi was asked one day as he was weeding in the garden, "What would you do if you knew the world was about to end?" St. Francis replied, "Continue weeding my garden of course." The implication was that Francis didn't have to rush around like a headless chicken putting his house in order. Francis was already living his life in a state of readiness, and he had no need to worry himself about the end of the world.

Today we are told what it might be like at the end of time. There might be wars, earthquakes famines plagues and Christian persecution. In fact, it doesn't sound too dissimilar to the state of affairs on our daily news programmes. Should we be concerned?

Jesus points to the end of history and declares that the future holds a time of reckoning. Like the disciples in today's reading, we are tempted to ask when that time might be, only to be told that it's something that shouldn't concern us. We mustn't listen to those who claim, "The end is nigh..." instead we must always focus on what there is left to do. The basic premise is that we should keep on doing right, regardless of the circumstances.

Like the people in today's gospel who were so pleased with their temple, we are often pleased with what we build up here on earth. Jesus takes the opportunity to point out that everything man made will come to an end. We would be much better off focusing not on a material agenda but in developing a faith that will endure great adversity.

If we are ready for God's final judgment, then we shouldn't be afraid of anything that is ahead of us. Global disaster, wars and earthquakes should hold no terror if we trust completely in God. Our lives are like a garden filled with good things we must nurture, and bad things we must weed out. When the end of time comes, we must face our mortality as Francis suggests, weeding life's garden and living in readiness.



**SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS:** the retiring collection today will be in support of the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. By donating to this Fund, you will help ensure all our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available at the back of the church. Don't forget to complete the Gift Aid form if you are a UK taxpayer. Thank you for your generosity.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND RAFFLE:** Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Please see attachment for what help is needed. 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> 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, available by the door, need to be handed in today. If you have missed the deadline, please contact Sister Miriam.

**ADVENT CALENDARS:** These are here to be picked up.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE:** special additional meeting on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7:00 p.m.

**REQUEST:** If anyone has a coffee bean grinder, please have a word with Sister Miriam

**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.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Doreen Hoyte (Hazel's mother) who 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 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
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	feria	10.30am	Those who died in the King' Cross Fire (Anniversary)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	feria	10.30am	Holy Souls
Weds. 20 <sup>th</sup> November	feria	10.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	feria	10.30am	Bridget Devitt RIP
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.167)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners living and dead
		11.00am	Martin Walsh RIP (Anniv.)

**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*