

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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## Righteous or Self-Righteous?



Can you remember the thrill of a good exam result? The trouble with exam results is, that despite the knowledge that exams are about measuring our own potential, we still like to compare our marks against those of our classmates. Our success is made all the more meaningful by the fact that others have done less well. If this mentality stopped at exams this wouldn't be so bad, but what happens when the same attitude spills over into the rest of our lives? Do we feel superior to others because they have more menial jobs, because they're on benefits, because they don't go to church or haven't given as much to charity as we have? Do we look down on those who have made mistakes in life, who drink too much, take drugs or end up in prison? When this mentality afflicts us, we are in danger of becoming smug, unfeeling and self-righteous.

There's a big difference between being righteous and self-righteous. The Pharisee in today's parable is a good man, but his mistake is in thinking that he is a better person than the sinner who prays next to him. The Pharisee fails to see the sinner's worth and he completely fails to see his own shortcomings. It comes as no surprise that it's the sinner's humble prayer that God hears and not the Pharisee's proud boasts. Is God going to love us more because we are getting things right? Is God going to love the vagrant or the criminal less because they have made mistakes or enjoyed fewer privileges?

As we forge our individual relationships with God, we are asked to do it not by comparing our progress with those around us, but by keeping a careful eye on our own failings.



**ALL SAINTS DAY:** Next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, is the Feast of All Saints which is a Holyday of Obligation when we as Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. There will be Mass here at 10.30am (with the participation of the Parish School) and 7.30pm.

**RAFFLE:** After Mass today and on coming Sundays pre-Christmas, raffle tickets are available. Tickets are £1.00 each and are arranged in books of 5 tickets. You are encouraged to sign out books of tickets to sell before the bazaar. The first and second prizes (£50.00 and a hamper) have already been donated! If you can request other prizes from stores and businesses, please take a letter from the back table with you.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** is on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Please start bringing suitable raffle and tombola prizes (especially bottles) and good items for resale. If you missed getting a flier with bazaar details last week, please pick one up today. If you are willing to help on the day or have ideas to share, please sign at the back of church. On Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> November after the 11:00 Mass there is a meeting for all those willing to help on the day.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** For parishioners who wish to prepare their children (School Year Three and older) for First Communion in May 2020, registration forms are now available and need to be handed in by 17 November 2019. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Miriam.

**REAL ADVENT CALENDAR:** Orders for these special Advent Calendars need to be in by next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 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, you can do so at the front of church after Mass

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** Envelopes £172.60 loose plate £282.69 CAFOD £596.37

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for those who have died recently Eleanor Macauley and for Mary Mackessy whose anniversary is 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.

<b>MASSES THIS WEEK:</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>FEAST DAYS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>INTENTION</b>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.155)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Intentions of P.J. Morgan
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	SS Simon & Jude	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Bl. Martyrs of Douai College	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 30 <sup>th</sup> October	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Thurs. 31 <sup>st</sup> October	feria	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Funeral of Eleanor Macauley RIP</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>ALL SAINTS</b> <b><i>Holyday of Obligation</i></b>	10.30am	Intentions of Bl. Sacrament School
		7.30pm	All our Parishioners
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov.	ALL SOULS	10.30am	All our Parishioners living and dead
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	<b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.157)</i>	8.30am	Helen Edwards RIP
		11.00am	Intentions of Mary Padituy

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**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*

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