

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd November 2019

Salvation for All



We are invited to church to worship God but there are huge numbers of people who have never set foot in a church and have no intention of finding God. These are the people that Jesus is determined to seek out and save. Jesus doesn't wait for people to seek him out, he seeks them out first. To Jesus it doesn't matter to what depths someone has sunk, salvation is still an option.

Zacchaeus is an example of the most despised of crooks. He is a chief tax collector who has made great wealth on the back of his oppressed fellow Jews. In Jesus' day, tax collectors were put in the same category as thieves and murderers. Because they were in the employment of the Romans, Jewish tax collectors were regarded as traitors by their own people. Although hugely wealthy, Zacchaeus must have felt lonely and isolated. He certainly makes a good subject for a parable that tells us how Jesus reaches out to the lowliest and most despicable.

On this particular day, Zacchaeus, curious to catch a glimpse of Jesus runs ahead, and being of small stature climbs up into a tree. But although it is Zacchaeus who wants to see Jesus, it is actually Jesus who spots Zacchaeus and tells him that he will be dining at his house that day.

It is disappointing that we don't get to hear what went on between Jesus and Zacchaeus at that meal, but we do know that Zacchaeus was suddenly a changed man. We don't know what was said, but we do know Jesus' intention. Jesus had come to save those who were lost. To be lost means to become disassociated with the person God wants us to be. Jesus has a talent for looking beyond sin to the people we can become. Somehow Jesus was about to show Zacchaeus who he could really be.

The parable of Zacchaeus is a great comfort to us, however low we have sunk, Jesus is determined to seek us out and show us a better way.



NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Sheets of paper are available at the back of church for you to write the names of those of your loved ones who have died. These will be placed in front of the altar and Mass will be celebrated for those named in the book twice a week during the month of November.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND RAFFLE: Saturday, 30th November, 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Please bring in suitable raffle and tombola prizes (especially bottles) and good items for resale. If you are willing to help on the day, please come to a meeting after the 11:00 Mass today. If you can help, but can't come to the meeting, please let us know. Please keep selling raffle tickets and returning the money and counterfoils.

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: Last orders today! See Felicia at the front of church after Mass.

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.

REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DEAD: There will be an Evening Prayer Service on Thursday, 14 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.

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes £166.54 loose plate £208.19
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, Pritti Depala.

MASSES THIS WEEK:			
DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 3 rd November	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.157)</i>	8.30am	Helen Edwards RIP
		11.00am	Intentions of Mary Padituy
Monday 4 th November	St Charles Borromeo	10.30am	Intentions of Pritti Depala
Tuesday 5 th November	feria	10.30am	Holy Souls
Weds. 6 th November	feria	10.30am	Holy Souls
Saturday 9 th Nov.	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	10.30am	Bridie Rynne RIP
Sunday 10 th Nov.	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.160)</i>	8.30am	All our Parishioners living and dead
		11.00am	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

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