

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16th February 2020



Follow Your Heart

It's a sad truth that those who walk free from court aren't necessarily innocent. Sometimes the man or woman who walks free from court simply has the better solicitor. Lawyers do a good and valuable job, but it has to be said that some lawyers take more pride in finding legal loopholes than the truth.

In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws. Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned? Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our heart tells us what to do. The written law should be no different.

Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts. What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions. As a newly qualified driver mentally rehearses his or her first solo drive, so we must follow where our hearts go first.



HOLIDAY CLUB: This coming Tuesday, 18 Feb., Caritas is again running a holiday club at Blessed Sacrament School from 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. for children 4 – 11yrs accompanied by a responsible adult. It includes fun activities and a hot nutritious meal. Free, but booking required. Text 0752 581 2513 or email cfc@rcdow.org.uk to book a place.

YEAR OF THE WORD:

Wednesday Word: We hope many of you made use of the "Wednesday Word" during the week to prepare for today's Mass and will continue to use it. We are happy to receive feedback from you about it.

Opportunities at Vaughan House: See posters and check web site: <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/>

Series on the Bible by Fr. Javier, whom you may remember, and one about the Nature and Mission of the Church in these times of Pope Francis.

CONFIRMATION 2020: the next session is on **Monday 24th February** in the Crypt at St John's in Duncan Terrace from 6.45pm – 8.00pm. Please make every effort to be there on time!

FIRST COMMUNION: Children's classes resume on Sunday 1st March following the Half-Term Holiday.

ALMOST LENT! With Lent starting just 10 days from now, we'll need to order "Real Easter Eggs" soon. Order forms are available at the front of church after Mass and must be completed and handed in by Sunday 1st March. Is there someone, please, from each Sunday Mass who is willing to take orders, etc. after the Masses? Please see Sister Miriam.

SICK, HOUSEBOUND AND RECENTLY DECEASED: If you are aware of people who want to be remembered in prayer in the newsletter, please jot down their names and give them to Sister Miriam. If there are any names listed among the sick below which need to be removed (because they're better!) please indicate this as well. Thank you.

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £374.45 Loose Cash: £ 229.59

Thank you for your generosity.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:

Please remember to pray for Mary Joyce and Elizabeth Norman 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, 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, Elise Koffi, Luke Walsh, Ted Sullivan and Billy.

MASSES THIS WEEK:

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 16 th February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.136)	8.30am	Private Intention
		11.00am	All our Parishioners
Monday 17 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 18 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 19 th February	feria	10.30am	NO MASS TODAY
Sat. 22 nd February	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 23 rd February	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.139)	8.30am	All our Parishioners
		11.00am	Tom Flynn 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