

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

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## Cast in Stone



Our identity is shaped by the people we live and work with. Our identity is shaped by how we deal with family and workplace relationships over a space of many years. As a child, loved and cherished, we become strong confident and assertive. As a child who is not loved, we become insecure, secretive and even delinquent. As a spouse or parent, we can become caring supportive and strong, or we can become embittered, devious, angry or fearful. As an employer or an employee, we can become cooperative or competitive, kind or ruthless, sharing or greedy. Before we know it, our identity is cast in stone, and others routinely refer to us as a nag, a bully, bossy, henpecked, stubborn or spineless. If we are very lucky people might label us as 'the salt of the earth' or 'a rock'.

Today Jesus looks at Peter and says, "You will be called Cephas". Jesus sees him as a 'rock'. How his friends must have rolled round laughing. Peter? A rock? Peter was impetuous, naïve and not always the most trusting of Jesus' disciples. If Peter was a rock, he was a very crumbly one! Interestingly, slowly but surely, Peter grows into the rock Jesus believes him to be. We are being taught something very important. Peter's identity is very much rooted in his relationship with Jesus.

We might look at our own identity and not like what we have become. We might wish we could be different but feel trapped by circumstance, or expectation. The good news is that by working on our relationship with God, we can become the people we always knew we could be.



**DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE:** Our country's bishops invite us to keep this Sunday as a day of prayer for world peace and to reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis for the annual World Peace Day: *Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion*.

**PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7:00 p.m. in the sacristy.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD:** The Holy Father has designated next Sunday as the first 'Sunday of the Word'. In this "Year of the Word" we will mark the day by commissioning our readers during the Mass and introducing some other initiatives for the year. Will the readers please stay today for a few minutes immediately after Mass to meet with Sister Miriam about the commissioning. Thank you.

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS:** Children's class, Sunday 9:45 and then 11:00 Mass.

**YEAR OF THE WORD "SCRIPTURE ROAD SHOW":** In his recent letter, Cardinal Vincent mentioned this. On January 30<sup>th</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup> at Westminster Cathedral there is an opportunity to explore the Year of the Word in "Tents of Meeting" with specially commissioned artwork, "The God Who Speaks". It includes information, resources, activities and presentations to suit all ages. *If some parishioners would like to attend as a group, that can be arranged. Please sign by the organ, if you are interested in either forming or joining a group.*

**LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY:** Envelopes £169.66 Loose Cash £317.51 Thank you for your generosity.

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS:**

**Please remember to pray for Mary Cerasoli 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, 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.

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.125)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Evelyn Smyth RIP All our Parishioners
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	St Agnes	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	The Conversion of St Paul	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <i>(Parish Mass Book p.127)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Jean Daws RIP All our Parishioners

**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*