

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Copenhagen Street N1 0SR

**Clergy:** Mgr. Séamus O'Boyle (Parish Priest) Fr Allan Alvarado Gil  
Fr Larry Milby (retired, in residence)

**Pastoral Assistant:** Sister Miriam Bruder SSND (home: 020 7837 8378)

**Parish Secretary:** Lisa Mulvaney **Parish Tel:** 020 7226 3277

**Postal Address:** 39 Duncan Terrace, Islington, London N1 8AL

**Email:** [copenhagenstreet@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:copenhagenstreet@rcdow.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/copenhagenstreet)

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



---

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

---

## Friend or Foe?



What strange advice! "If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also." "If anyone forces you to go one mile go also the second mile..." "If anyone sues you for your outer garment, give them your undergarment too." Jesus tells us not to resist evil. Does he mean us to roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us?

It's very easy for us to love our friends. Only loving those who are easy to love doesn't provide very much of a challenge, and consequently doesn't earn us much of a reward. The challenge Jesus poses today is to meet our enemies with love. Jesus' advice is to meet violence with non-violence and to meet force with acquiescence. If we only love those who love us back, we are not doing anything more than anyone else, but if we love our enemies, we show ourselves to be true disciples of Christ.

In our conflict-ridden world, today's gospel has never been more relevant. Never has there been a better time for Christians to get more involved in campaigning for non-violent strategies. Jesus isn't suggesting we roll over and allow our enemies to walk all over us, nor is he suggesting we turn a blind eye. What he is suggesting is that we always make a stand for justice in the spirit of love and not aggression. There are a million and one little things we can do each and every day to help tackle the causes of poverty, prejudice and oppression. The world has never been more ready.



The Holy Season of Lent begins on 26<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday. There will be Mass with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes at 10.30am (with the participation of the Parish School) and 7.30pm. Ash Wednesday is a special day of Fasting and Abstinence, when we are asked to have only one main meal and to refrain from eating meat. During Lent there will be Mass followed by Stations of the Cross each Friday evening at 7.30.

**RCIA:** Please pray for our catechumen and candidates Melissa, Daniel and Alisha as they start the final period leading up to their baptism/reception/confirmation at the Easter Vigil. This weekend they celebrate the Rite of Signing here at the 11.00am Mass. This is followed next Saturday by the Rite of Election before the Cardinal at Westminster Cathedral, together with all the other catechumens and candidates of the Diocese.

**REAL EASTER EGGS:** These eggs tell the real meaning of Easter with a story/activity book as well as a quality Fairtrade chocolate egg. (See poster by stairs) Please hand in order forms today or next Sunday at the front of church after Mass. Forms are on table by door and at the front of church.

**CONFIRMATION 2020:** the next session is tomorrow, **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March following the Half-Term at 9.45am

**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.

**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, Tim Healy and Billy.

**MASSES THIS WEEK:**

DATE	FEAST DAYS	TIME	INTENTION
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> (Parish Mass Book p.139)	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Tom Flynn RIP
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	feria	10.30am	Bill Tomlinson RIP
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	feria	10.30am	Genevieve McPhee RIP
Weds. 26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> (Parish Mass Book p.147)	10.30am 7.30pm	Intentions of Bl. Sacrament School All our Parishioners
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent feria	7.30pm	Private Intention
Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Lent feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> (Parish Mass Book p.151)	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Eugene Gleeson 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*