

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th January 2020

What Are You Doing With Your One And Only Life?



What if Jesus had asked Peter, Andrew, James and John, "How do you see yourself in five years from now?" Do you think they might have replied, "Still fishing for a living, in the same old fishing boats on the same old lake!" Not likely! The early disciples knew exactly where their priorities lay, and they understood the urgency of Jesus' ministry. There was a whole world that needed to hear what Jesus had to say and not much time to complete the job.

What if Jesus levelled the same question at us? "Where do you see yourself in five years-time?" Do you see yourself doing the same thing you do right now? Do you see yourself doing the same things day in and day out for the rest of your one and only life? Jesus has a better idea. Jesus asks each of us to be fishers of men. Do we jump to it with the same immediacy as the early disciples or do we hunt for an excuse?

Many of us feel uncomfortable about evangelising. We associate evangelisation with the eccentric or the holier than thou. We associate evangelisation with the man laden with billboards in the city precinct or the woman handing out leaflets through the crack in the front door. We have a 'live and let live' ethos today that doesn't sit comfortably with trying to persuade others to adopt our own beliefs. Funnily, this wasn't really Jesus' style either.

Being a fisher of men doesn't have to be about notching up conversions. Being a 'fisher of men' is more about making a real difference in the lives of others. Being a disciple of Jesus means attracting others to our lifestyle by our shining example. Being a disciple is most certainly not about being overly holy or wearing sackcloth. Discipleship could be about writing a song or a book, it might be about bringing our children up with a conscience or giving an elderly relative somewhere to live. Discipleship might be about starting a meaningful conversation in the local pub, or just being a good friend to someone lonely.

Whatever mode of discipleship we choose, we only have one life left to do it.



DAY / YEAR OF THE WORD: Here are some of the ways we will be marking the Year of the Word in the Parish:

- Highlighting the Gospel as central to the Liturgy of the Word by placing the Book of the Gospels in the Centre and carrying it in procession to the lectern
- Commissioning today those who proclaim the Word at Mass on Sundays
- Attaching to the newsletter Wednesday Word which can assist you in preparing to hear and receive the Word at next Sunday's Mass
- Posting and highlighting activities / talks taking place in the Diocese in which you might wish to participate. A schedule is on display by the notice board.
- Possibly having some opportunities here in the parish for prayer / reflection / learning re the Bible. (There was very little response to the questionnaire about this that was available earlier.

YEAR OF THE WORD "SCRIPTURE ROAD SHOW": There is now more detail about this opportunity at the Cathedral January 30 - 1 February to explore the Year of the Word in "Tents of Meeting" with specially commissioned artwork, "The God Who Speaks". Please see the posters and take a flyer with you if you are interested.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS: The children will be making their First Confession next Saturday, 1st February. Meet in Hall at 11:05. Children's class as usual, Sunday 9:45 and 11:00 Mass.

BISHOP NICHOLAS HUDSON: next weekend we will welcome our Area Bishop to the Parish on Visitation. He will be saying both the Masses and meeting with parishioners afterwards. He is also visiting Blessed Sacraments School.

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY: Envelopes £150.20 Loose Cash £310.16 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 26 th January	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.127)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Jean Daws RIP All our Parishioners
Monday 27 th January	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 28 th January	St Thomas Aquinas	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 29 th January	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 1 st February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 2 nd February	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD <i>(Parish Mass Book p.297)</i>	8.30am 11.00am	Private Intention 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