

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th February 2020

Salt of the Earth



Today Jesus gives his disciples a compliment. If we live by our faith, we his disciples will become the salt of the earth and the light of the world. But the compliment comes with a warning! If the salt loses its taste it is worthless, and if we hide the light underneath a bowl it fails to serve its purpose. Sounds silly doesn't it? Why on earth would we go round hiding lights underneath bowls, yet we do it all the time!

We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep our faith to ourselves. You often hear people claim that their faith is strictly a personal thing..... something just between themselves and God. But what use is a belief that doesn't impact on those around us? What good is a faith that does nothing to make the world a better place? We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep quiet instead of speaking out. It isn't fashionable to be a Christian nowadays. It's all too easy to keep quiet in the face of uncomfortable issues such as racism or poverty. It's far easier to side with the gossip and turn a blind eye to petty pilfering in the workplace. It's too easy for us to laugh at an unkind joke or let our children watch programmes that promote values contrary to our Christian belief.

Remember today somebody in your life who Jesus might have described as the 'salt of the earth'. Remember how that person inspired, motivated or impressed you. Remember how you admired that person for being true to themselves instead of bending to the fashionable point of view. Somebody once said that Christianity is infectious, when we see a shining example, we want to emulate it. Could we too become shining examples of Christianity? Could Jesus give us the same compliment as those original disciples? Light of the world. Salt of the earth.



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 10th 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.

HOLIDAY CLUB: On the Tuesday of Half-Term (18 Feb.) Caritas is again running a holiday club at Blessed Sacrament School from 11:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. for children 4 – 11 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. Volunteers needed from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Please sign the paper by the organ if you are interested or talk to Monica Wells or Sister Miriam. Thanks.

LAST WEEKEND'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Envelopes: £266.20 Loose Cash: £186.60

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 9 th February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.133)	8.30am 11.00am	All our Parishioners Private Intention
Monday 10 th February	St Scholastica	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday 11 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Weds. 12 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Saturday 15 th February	feria	10.30am	Private Intention
Sunday 16 th February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Parish Mass Book p.136)	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