

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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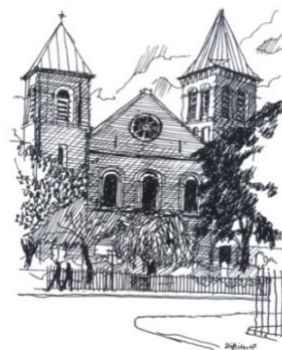
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th September 2019

Why Should God Care For Me?

It's easy to hear the story of the 'Prodigal Son' from afar. It's easy to disassociate ourselves from the feelings of the younger son and make the same judgments that the older brother reached. The story takes on a totally fresh significance when you imagine yourself in the prodigal son's shoes.

When we are young everything is clear cut. The difference between right and wrong is obvious and the path through life is uncomplicated. Then life begins to test our principles. Poverty encourages us to make poor choices. Fear of failure encourages us to cheat or lie. Depression causes us to eat and drink too much. Desperation leads us to gamble or steal. Pride prevents us from seeking help. Every poor choice takes us further and further away from God. Like the young man in the story we begin to feel as though we are not worthwhile. The young man does not consider that his father will welcome him back as his son. We must have felt the same way at some time or another. We must all have started to pray and then thought, "Why on earth should God listen, why on earth should he care?"

Imagine the joy of learning that God has never given up on us? Imagine the young man's rush of relief and joy at finding that his father had never given up waiting for him to come home. For God, forgiveness is just a part of a love that never gives up.

The 'Lost Sheep', 'the Lost Coin', 'the Lost Son'. Three stories that remind us that no one is worthless or insignificant in God's eyes. God is continually looking to bring us back to him. Today's parables are about wholeness and inclusion in a society seemingly intent on division and exclusion. Today's parables speak to us about the need to be found and carried. Today's parables are about transcending the human instinct to sit in judgement over others and to feel the joy of God the Father's reconciling love.



RCIA: Do you want to become a Catholic or do you know anyone who wants to? The RCIA course is for those who are 18 or older and have either not been baptised, or who have been baptised in a Catholic church, but never confirmed, or who have been baptised in a non-Catholic church and who wish to become Catholics. The next course will start on **Monday 23rd September:** classes will take place every Monday from 7.30pm. For more information email davidlester51@btinternet.com or 07914 055 438.

ORGAN RECTIAL: Andrew Caskie plays the final recital for 2019 on Saturday 21st September at 7.30pm. Music by Leighton, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, Balcom, Finzi and Ritter. Admission is free with a collection to the music and Church funds. All welcome.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER:
if you intend applying for a place for your child in a Catholic Secondary School for September 2020 you will need to have a Certificate of Catholic Practice signed by a priest. Fr Séamus and Fr Allan will be available at the Presbytery (39 Duncan Terrace) to sign these Certificates on the following days and times:
Monday 23rd September 3.30 – 4.30pm
Tuesday 24th September 3.30 – 4.30pm
Saturday 28th September 11.30am – 12.30pm

LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Envelopes £304.00 Loose £796.83

Thank you for your generosity.**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:**

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died recently: Lenny Cole, Monika Szulc, Mary Halligan, Anne-Marie Beatty and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: May Sexton, Anna Jadwiga Ropek, Patricia Craig, Rose Anne Barrett, James Joseph Lyons, Maurice Gerald Barrett, Hilda Flatley, Terence Dermot Hughes, Michael John Beglane, Mary Therese Ackerman, Daniel Wilson, Rose Jay, Margaret Wittich, Bridie McGovern, Rosa Esposito, Frederick William Parrin, Margaret Colvin, John Folan, Alice Miller, Martha John-Jules.

HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Frances Jennings, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Christiana

Visentin & Family, Gerado, Mary Dunn, Tom Cunniffe, Roy Allen, Mary Wallace, Cliodhna McCorley, Alistair Goodman, Josie Harvey, Suzanne Greaves, Anita Hrebeniak, John and Elena Doherty, Albito Noronha, Julie & Mike, Audrey Hamilton, Amalia Mastrobono, Margaret Crossworth, William Godber, Antonia Smith, Mary Gathney, Mary Harrington, Georgina George, Robert Callahan, Cath Walker, Stephen Henry, Sophia O'Donnell, Carmel Hawkes, Louisa Charlton, Margaret Rittner, Mary Pospiech, Pat Murphy, Diane Austin, Vicky Munday, Angela Tynan, Paul Jackson, Vanessa Anne, Lucas James, Sheila Dunne, Michael Bryant, Carmen Vargas, Mary Cerasoli.



THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Saturday 14th September	6pm	Ellen Winford RIP	Luke 15:1-32
Sunday 15th September TWENTY-FOURTH IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.136)</i>	9am	Teresa De La Cruz RIP	
	10.30am	Intentions of John Hall	
	12noon	All our Parishioners	
	6pm	John Coin RIP	
Monday 16th September Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	10am	John Boyce RIP	Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday 17th September feria	10am	Sr Imelda RIP	Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday 18th September feria	10am	Mr Mockler RIP	Luke 7:31-35
Thursday 19th September feria	10am	Sr Colette Cronin RIP (Birthday)	Luke :36-50
Friday 20th September Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn & Companions <i>Friday Abstinence</i>	10am	Levi Cronin RIP (Anniv.)	Luke 8:1-3
Saturday 21st September St Matthew	10am	Private Intention	Matthew 9:9-13
	10.30-11.30am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction</i>	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	
	6pm	Eileen Hanifin RIP	Luke 16:1-13
Sunday 22nd September TWENTY-FIFTH IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Parish Mass Book p.140)</i>	9am	May Moles RIP (Birthday)	
	10.30am	Intentions of Henryk (Birthday)	
	12noon	All our Parishioners	
	6pm	John McConnell RIP	