

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## The Jealousy Club!

It's human instinct to form groups, organisations, sects, clubs, societies, associations, guilds, unions and fellowships. Being in a club is good. Clubs give us a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. In a club we can draw strength from other like-minded people; we benefit from mutual support, shared ideas and pooled resources. But being in a club is not without pitfalls. Within a club we can begin to behave in an odd way. We can become so loyal to our club that we instinctively set up barriers between ourselves and outsiders. We can become wary of newcomers to the point of discrimination. As part of a group we can become very competitive towards other groups, even groups that are trying to achieve exactly the same things as us. When we see an outsider on our patch we can feel threatened and indignant, but if that outsider is doing what we have been trying to do all along, and worse, doing it successfully, then we can become quite frankly green with jealousy.

Today Jesus' disciples have had their noses pushed well and truly out of joint. They have witnessed an exorcist unknown to them, working miracles in Jesus' name. Worse, he is doing it very successfully. Maybe the disciples are hoping that Jesus will order the newcomer off their patch, but he doesn't. "Whoever is not against us," he replies, "is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same club.

Over the centuries there have been many disputes between different religions. The disputes arise when the followers of a particular religion focus on differences between religions instead of similarities. That isn't to say we should write off our differences as unimportant, but what we should never forget is that God is bigger than any 'club', and by following Jesus' example we are working for each other and not against.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019:** if your child is in Year 3 or above and you wish them to be prepared for their First Holy Communion, registration forms are now available in the Vestibule of the Church. Please return the completed form to the parish office by no later **than Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you.

**THE CENACLE GROUP:** The next meeting will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October in the Crypt from 7pm until 9pm.

**RCIA:** The next course will start in a week's time on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Please contact David Lester, the RCIA Co-ordinator, preferably by email at [davidlester51@btinternet.com](mailto:davidlester51@btinternet.com) he will be happy to give you further information, as well as a copy of the Schedule.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER 2019:** if you are applying to a Catholic Secondary School for your Year 6 child, you will need a Certificate of Catholic Practice to go with the Application form. Fr Séamus & Fr Allan will be available in the Presbytery at the following times to sign and stamp these Certificates:

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 3.30 – 5.00pm**  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 11.30am – 12.30pm**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:** Next Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, is CAFOD Family Fast Day when we are invited to eat simply and give the money saved to help CAFOD to help people around the world who don't have enough to eat, who lack clean, safe water, who are suffering the effects of natural disasters or who are refugees from war and

violence. Please take an envelope today and bring your donations next Sunday. Thank you.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next classes for parents wishing to have their infants baptised will be on Wednesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in St John the Evangelist Church, Duncan Terrace. You should attend both classes.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OFFERTORY COLLECTION:**

Envelopes £430.47 Loose plate £768.98

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:**

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for those who have died recently: Noel McKeown, Jesus Mari and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Anthony 'Tony' Cerasoli, Matthew Dunne, Carole May Hughes, Levi David Cronin, Bernadette Bywater, Anna Jadwiga Ropek, Maria Powell, Tara Bradshaw, Renee Peett, Joe Duffy, Sandro Enepi, Ina Veronica Flanagan, John Joseph Cassidy, Terence William Dillon, Benedict Mgbadiefe, Brendan Shine, Charles McGuire, John

Irvine 'Tommy', Andrew Joseph McGowan, Margaret Allen, Derrick Wood, John Donald, Christine Rowley, John William Clare, Denis Lane.

**HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially :** Lisa Ip, Sr Beatrice Immediata, Frances Jennings, Bro. J Lavelle (Marist Brother), Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Christiana Visentin & Family, Monika Szulc, Gerado, Mary Dunn, Tom Cuniffe, Joe McGovern, Roy Allen, Mary Wallace, Clodhna McCorley, Alistair Goodman, Josie Harvey, Suzanne Greaves, Anita Hrebeniak, John and Elena Doherty, Alvito Noronha, Julie & Mike, Audrey Hamilton, Amalia Mastrobono, Margaret Crossworth, William Godber, Antonia Smith, Mary Gathney, Mary Harrington, Georgina George, Michael Treacy, Robert Callahan, Cath Walker, Stephen Henry, Sophia O'Donnell, Fr David Wilson, Carmel Hawkes, Louisa Charlton, Gwendoline Groves, Margaret Rittner, Mary Pospiech, Pat Murphy, Diane Austin, Kerry Doran (Sr Kathleen's niece).



THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	6pm	Nellie Fletcher RIP	Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September TWENTY-SIXTH IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	All our Parishioners	
	10.30am	Lourdes Parreu RIP	
	12noon	Mary Teresa McCartney RIP	
	6pm	Intentions of Eva Ciecholewska	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> October St Thérèse of the Child Jesus	10am	Thomas & Ada Guselli RIP (Birthday)	Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October The Holy Guardian Angels	10am	Intentions of Laurence Hessa	Matthew 18:1-5. 10
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October Feria	10am	Intentions of Anita Hrebeniak	Luke 9:57-62
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October St Francis of Assisi	10am	Intentions of Kathy Donald	Luke 10:1-12
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> October Feria	10am	Intentions of Kathy Donald	Luke 10:13-16
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> October feria	10am	Intentions of Kathy Donald	Luke 10:17-24
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Intentions of Mai Buckley & Paddy Buckley RIP	Mark 10:2-16
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October TWENTY-SEVENTH IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Intentions of Inez & Family	
	10.30am	All our Parishioners	
	12noon	Thomas Keegan RIP (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv)	
	6pm	Intentions of Marie Whelan	