

# NEWSLETTER

6TH SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY  
TIME

## MASS INTENTIONS

10th February

6pm—Sylvester Madden  
RIP

11th February

9am - Ints of Woznicki  
Family

11am— People of  
the Parish

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**14th February**

9.15 am—Holy Souls

8pm - Ints of Silva  
Family

For a weekday mass intentions, please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

Confessions on  
Saturday at 5.15-5.45pm  
or by appointment

### The Plea of the Leper

Even if we make our plea to the Lord, and it seems we have not made any progress as we would like, we shouldn't be discouraged. It doesn't mean that God would deny our expectations, but it may be that he wishes to test our perseverance. We should continue courageously in our desire and good intentions and be leaving all else in God's hands. St Augustine said; 'God keeps for us what he does not wish to give us at once, so that we may learn greatly to desire great things.' Equally, St Bernard expresses a thought which is most consoling to souls who are keen on perfection; 'A diligent care and continual effort towards perfection are reputed as perfection.' and he continues, 'and if thus to aspire after perfection with great fervour is, in a sense, to be perfect, likewise, failing to advance is falling back.'

It is in order to stimulate our desire that God delays its accomplishment, and having obtained what we want, we may prize it far higher, and preserve it with solicitude and care. St Gregory tells us; 'Holy desires, are increased by this delay; and if on account of it they should become tepid, then they are not true desires.' It's maybe we would recognise our weaknesses so that, having attained some degree of perfection, we may know that it's by pure grace of God and not some industry on our part that it is due. St Chrysostom tells us, many a time God does not grant our prayer immediately, wishing to bring it about thereby we should approach him more often, pleading him with our prayers, and thereby we may enjoy his bounty more fully and unite ourselves to him more fully in love.

*Fr. Christopher*

### The Start of Lent

Here we are again, through the mercy of God the season of Lent is upon us. Let us all celebrate these days, with God's help for the healing of our souls. In observing Lent may it help us to progress and not to judgement. This season we make resolutions to fasting and prayer, reading of Scripture and should we fail, the remedies we seek would become wounds for us. In such a case we would face judgement, where we might have had a remedy. By out of love, let's devote ourselves to God in these days, so as to repair our souls whatever during the year that has been broken or destroyed, damaged, or ruined by many storms, through the waves of sin.

Since it's necessary for us to endure such storms of this world whilst we are still in this frail body, as so often the enemy [Devil] seeks to lead us astray through severe storms or to deceive us through carnal pleasures, with God's help may he find us prepared against the enemy.

*Fr. Christopher*

**Holy Hour**  
**Every**  
**Saturday,**  
**starts at 5pm**



### Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Reading - Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46  
Psalm - 31: 1-2, 5, 11 response v 7  
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 10: 31-11: 1  
Gospel - Mark 1; 40-45

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Psalm - 24: 4-9, response v 10  
2nd Reading - 1 Peter 3: 18-22  
Gospel - Mark 1; 12-13

**RCIA: Rite of Sending / Election**

This weekend, we celebrate the Rite of Signing and Sending Forth, formally affirming the readiness of our catechumens to be named by our Archbishop as members of the Elect—those chosen by God for baptism—and to pray for our candidates' continued growth in the Spirit. This afternoon (or next Saturday or...) we will journey to the Cathedral to celebrate the Rite of Election (of the catechumens – those preparing for baptism) and the Call to Continuing Conversion (of the candidates – those who are baptised but have not celebrated the sacraments of confirmation and eucharist) with Cardinal Vincent.

**WE WELCOME**

We welcome Fr. Paul Maddison from Pilgrimage People. He will speak to us about the Holy Land, **on Friday 16th at 8 pm** here at St Edmund. I would encourage you to attend and it would give you the opportunity to ask questions. Thank you.

Fr Christopher

**PLANNED GIVING DRIVE**

The Weekends of 24th & 25th February; 3rd & 4th March; 10th & 11th March. In conjunction with the Diocese, we have our Planned Giving Drive. Thanks

**DURING LENT**

During Lent, we will be saying the Apostles Creed and from Lent until Pentecost at the end of our Bidding Prayers we will be saying the Hail Holy Queen.

**St Edmund's Church FUN DAY****Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February****12:30 to 3:00 pm****St Edmunds School**

298 Westferry Road, Isle of Dogs, London E14 3NE

**Selection of food and drinks included**

(Food Turkish and Pizza for Children)

Please come along to meet everyone.



Painting, Popcorn and Candy Floss

**Tickets on Sale after each Mass.****Stations of The Cross**

During Lent, we shall be having the Stations of the Cross.

I shall lead on Friday 23rd February 18 at 7 pm and the following Fridays, 2nd of March; 9th of March; 16th of March; would volunteers who are interested in leading on these Friday's kindly give their names to Katherine at the office. I shall lead on 23rd March as well. Thank you.

Fr Christopher

**BAPTISM COURSE FOR PARENTS WHO WANT TO BAPTISE A CHILD**

The next Baptism course will take place in the churches' hall on Wednesdays 7th & 14th March 2018 at 7.30pm. Both parents have to attend both sessions. There is a £10 fee. Please, call the office to reserve a place. Katherine

**St Edmunds Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**

Since the 4th Century, Christians have been making pilgrimages to the Holy Land as a special way to come to know the sites connected to the life, birth and crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

St Edmunds Parish is organising an 6 day pilgrimage from 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018, and the information and itinerary from the company we shall be travelling with, The Pilgrimage People, is attached. For those parishioners who would to join me on this pilgrimage please contact Katherine in the church office by **25th February** as Pilgrimage People need to book flights etc; Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

## Pilgrimage Itinerary, 27<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018

### **Day one – Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> May**

We will depart from Luton airport on our flight to Tel Aviv, arriving early evening. After clearing immigration and customs we will meet our guide and bus and will be taken to our hotel in Galilee for our evening meal and overnight.

### **Day two – Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> May**

We will begin our first day of pilgrimage on the shore of the lake of Galilee where Jesus shared breakfast with his disciples after his resurrection. After spending some time here we then visit the site of the feeding of the five thousand and the Mount of Beatitudes. We will then visit the town of Capernaum, central to the ministry of Jesus in this area; after which we will enjoy a boat ride across the lake and then stop for lunch at a local Arab restaurant (included in cost). After lunch we will drive to Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle. We then return to our hotel for our evening meal and our overnight accommodation

### **Day three – Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May**

After breakfast we travel to Nazareth where we visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, built over the traditional site of the house of Mary. We will then tour Nazareth, visiting the site of Joseph's workshop and the synagogue where Jesus preached. We will call at Mary's well, now in a beautiful orthodox church, and then break for lunch. After lunch we will travel to Mount Tabor, the traditional site of the transfiguration; after a taxi ride to the top of the mountain we will visit the church and enjoy the spectacular views. We return to our hotel for our evening meal and overnight accommodation.

### **Day four – Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May**

After breakfast we will drive along the Jordan Valley towards Jericho, on route we will call at the Baptismal Site where tradition has it that Jesus was baptised by John. Here we can reach the water's edge and renew our own baptismal vows. We continue to the city of Jericho where we visit the church of the Good Shepherd and then have a tour of the city along with the opportunity to see the mountain where Jesus spent his fast of 40 days and nights. After our tour we will stop for lunch and shopping. After lunch we will leave for the Dead Sea where the brave can enjoy a swim and the faint-hearted can enjoy an ice cream! Then we will travel to our hotel in Bethlehem for our evening meal and overnight accommodation.

### **Day five – Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> May**

After breakfast the coach will take us for a full day walking tour of Jerusalem. We will visit the Mount of Olives, starting at the church of the Our Father and then re-tracing the steps of Jesus on the first Palm Sunday we will walk down to the church of Dominus Fleuit (the Lord wept) where we can enjoy the panoramic view over the Old City. Then we will walk to the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. After lunch we will visit the church of St Peter built over the site of Caiaphas' House, continue to Mount Zion, seeing the Upper Room, the tomb of King David and the site of the Dormition of Our Lady. We conclude our day by walking the way of the Cross to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We will tour the church and then walk through the souk to Jaffa gate. The coach will take us back to Bethlehem for packing and in the evening we will have a farewell meal in a local Bedouin restaurant.

### **Day six – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June**

After breakfast we visit the Church of the Nativity where we will have a guided tour of this, the oldest church in the world. We then visit the Shepherd's fields and here there will be the opportunity to visit a local co-operative souvenir shop; nearly 70 families make and sell their work here. We break for lunch after which we set off for the airport and our return flight to the UK.

**Price: £1,470 per person sharing a twin/double room on a half-board basis. Single rooms are available at a supplement of £180. Price includes return airfare including hold baggage, accommodation in 3\* hotels on a half-board basis, all transport whilst in the Holy Land, services of a professional guide all entrance fees and gratuities. Please note that this itinerary is not suitable for the less able traveller. Price does not include lunches, drinks or items of a personal nature.**

**Deposit of £400 and completed booking form required by 07.02.2018 with balance and any single supplement due by 18.03.2018. Booking Ref: MILL01**

**Please write this in the box at the top right hand corner of the booking form You must enclose a copy of the picture page of your passport. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the pilgrimage.**

**If you wish to be a part of this pilgrimage and fill out the form—please, come to the office or email [millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millwall@rcdow.org.uk) and I will post the registration form to you.**

**Katherine**

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*Parish Priest,*

**Mrs Katherine Woznicka**  
*Parish Secretary*

The office may be contacted by phone:  
**Monday to Friday 9am-2pm**  
**Closed on Bank Holidays**

**NEW PARISHIONERS** — Please fill in a “Registration Form” from the Church porch and hand it in to the Office or to the Parish Priest.

**BLESSING OF HOMES** — Contact the Parish Secretary to book a date and time.

**COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** — Contact the Parish Secretary to arrange for a visit from the Caring & Sharing Group.

**BAPTISMS** — Parents must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – dates and times will be announced in the Newsletter during the year.

**WEDDINGS** — Contact the Parish Priest by email or letter, **even if you wish to be married elsewhere**. Please give full names, contact details, religion of each party and whether or not either of you has been married before. The Church normally requires six months notice of weddings.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF I GO INTO HOSPITAL?** — If you are admitted as a patient, please ensure the Chaplains’ Office is informed you would like to be visited by a Catholic Minister. This has to be done by you or a relative.

**PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS** — The Parish is completely committed to the protection from abuse of all children and vulnerable adults in its care. The Parish Protection Officer is Mrs Diane Winship and she should be contacted directly on 07799-414-806 if you have cause for concern. The Diocesan Protection Officer may be contacted on 020-7798-9350/07803-634-236, by email to peterturner@rcdow.org.uk or at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.

**AN EMAIL NEWSLETTER** — The newsletter is available electronically, enabling you to remain in touch even when you are away on holiday or on business—as well as reducing our ecological footprint. Email the Parish Secretary to arrange to added to the distribution list.

**LOOP SYSTEM** —The Church is fitted with “Loop” sound systems – please switch to ‘T’.

**TEXT GIVING** — Simply type: Parish (then space) then MILLW. Send it to 70800. Click send. £5 will be added to your mobile phone bill, as a donation to the parish.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS:** loose: 377.43 envelopes: £729.70, **total: 1107.13**  
**Thank you for your Generosity** WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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