

NEWSLETTER

2ND SUNDAY
OF LENT

Jesus the Beautiful One

I believe that what you desire will be given to me by him who promised he would not delude the wish of whoever desires what is good. My right hand is not able to describe in figures the One who represents all form. Take away everything from before you, that he who is hidden within everything might be found alone in your vision. Blessed is the one from before whose view earth, has been taken away, and in the Father of his soul for its duality, there will be a journey in simplicity.

O mystery, wonder makes marvellers of those who walk in the light of the Lord in a clear and beautiful place! Where has everything gone from before me so that only the Lord of all is visible? Where I am I do not know, because my heart is ravished by the beauty of the Beautiful One.

Blessed is the one who embraces you and even when asleep inhales your sweet fragrance. Blessed is the one who sits and watches your splendours united to him like the sun's rays to its sphere. Blessed is the one who sees his food changed into your likeness, who tastes it with his palate and it is changed into the delight of your sweetness. Blessed is the one who sees you mingled with his drink and he drinks and his heart exults in your favour. Blessed is the one who enters within himself and sees you in a wonderful vision and he marvels at the beauty of your wondrous mysteries which spring up from within him.

John of Dalyatha

DAZZLING WHITE

In the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, we are reminded that our Lord's face and his clothing was transfigured. However, in Mark's Gospel, the concentration is on the clothing 'his clothing became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.' If we take a moment and compare the case with Moses, Mark's focal point becomes clear.

On Mount Sinai, Moses' face was bathed in light, but no mention of his clothes. Indeed, he covers his countenance with a veil. A piece of fabric which is strong enough to subtle the passing, the reflected glory which the people couldn't bear. In contrast, the Body of Christ, not only his face shines- shines with such power that even the veil is imbued with light. One might ask what is happening?

Many a commentator has said, 'this is the image of the *totus Christus*, the full Christ, head, and members, which is to say, the Church divinized in glory, enveloped in light. On Mount Tabor, we see a glimpse not only of our Lord' glory but ours too. No one could fabricate such a white. 'He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless' (Eph 5: 26-27), this is the New Jerusalem, ' I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband' (Rev 21: 2). In Jeremiah, we read, ' Should you launder yourself with potash and put in quantities of lye, I should still detect the stain of your guilt-it is the Lord who speaks' (Jer 2:22).

Today you and I behold the divine detergent, who could wash us skilfully of our sins.

Fr. Christopher

MASS

INTENTIONS

24th February

6pm—Holy Souls

18th February

9am - People

of the Parish

11am— Mr Anthony

Harrison RIP

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

***PENITENTIAL
SERVICE,
TUESDAY,
6TH MARCH
AT 8PM***

Holy Hour

Every

Saturday,

starts at 5pm

MEMORIAL MASS

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE
SOUL OF BILLY PHILLIPS,

SATURDAY,

3RD MARCH, 12 NOON

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Reading - Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18
Psalm - 115: 10, 15-19, response Psalm 114:9
2nd Reading - Romans 8: 31-34
Gospel - Mark 9, 2-10

1st Reading - Exodus 20: 1-17,
Psalm - 18: 8-11, response Psalm 6:68
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25
Gospel - John 2, 13-25

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE

You will be given a newsletter titled 'Our Call to Stewardship'- please could I ask you to read this carefully.

Next week members of our Parish Finance Committee will speak to you in more detail about our parish finances in the context of our parish vision and if you wish to be involved, to tell you how best to do this.

Finally, in two weeks time, we will ask you all to renew your financial and volunteering commitment to the parish. This pledge will not bind you, but it allows the parish to plan ahead for the future in confidence.

Volunteers and members of the Parish Finance Committee are available at the back of the Church, after Mass to answer any questions you might have.

Once again I take this opportunity to thank all of you for all that you do here in the parish. it's very much appreciated. May God bless you all.

Fr. Christopher

LENTEN ALMS

In light of Cardinal's Lenten Appeal to help prisoners and to help them with training opportunities and employment and to support those who are marginalised. To help expand the Catholic marriage counselling programmes, therefore, the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal will be our Lenten project. You would have noticed a box in front of the altar where you could place your generous contribution or alternatively collect an envelope on your way out and place your contribution and return it back into the box, and the monies raised will go directly to the Appeal. Once again I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and all that you do here. May God bless you all and may you have a prayerful Lent.

Fr Christopher

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.

Stations of The Cross

During Lent, we shall be having the Stations of the Cross
every Friday at 7pm.

We are still looking for a volunteer who is interested in leading Stations of the Cross on Friday, 9th of March. If you are this person, call the office and give your name to Katherine. Thank you.

Fr Christopher

HOLY LAND PARISH PILGRIMAGE MARCH 2019

Please, look at a new quotation from Pilgrimage People. We would love you to join us .

QUOTATION

Group name: St Edmund's Parish, Millwall ,	Destination: Holy Land
Dates of Travel: 18th – 25th March 2019,	Price per person: £1,380
Single supplement: £190,	Deposit amount: £400
Required by: 18.5.18	Balance due date: 18.11.18

This quote includes return airfare from Luton Airport; accommodation for the duration of the pilgrimage in 3* or equivalent; meals on a half-board basis (breakfast and dinner); transportation at your destination by luxury coach, services of a professional English speaking guide, all entrance fees, taxes, gratuities and surcharges.

This quotation does not include transportation to and from your UK departure airport, lunches whilst on the pilgrimage, drinks, items of a personal nature during your stay (laundry etc).

Unless specified otherwise, a booking can only be accepted by payment of the deposit accompanied by a completed and signed booking form along with a copy of the picture page of the passport. Passports should be valid for six months from date of return. Insurance details must be supplied before or with the balance payment.

Specific elements of the pilgrimage included in this price: (particular hotels, meals, visits etc)

If you wish to be a part of this pilgrimage , please, email your contact detail to the office. Katherine



A photo from the Rite Of Election that was held last Saturday at Westminster Cathedral

RITE OF ELECTION AND FIRST SCRUTINY

On Sunday the Diocese celebrated the Rite of Election, our catechumens were named by our Cardinal as members of the Elect—those chosen by God for baptism—and we pray for our candidates' continued growth in the Spirit. We journeyed 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.

Following on from the Rite of Election, the community will celebrate the Scrutinies on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent with those who will be baptised at Easter. These take place during the 11am Sunday Mass. They are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. In the rite of exorcism, the elect are freed from the effects of sin and from the influence of the devil. They receive new strength in the midst of their spiritual journey and they open their hearts to receive the gifts of the Saviour. During the second and third scrutinies respectively, the catechumens will be presented with the Lord's Prayer and the Creed. Let us pray for the elect in our parish and with them as they journey towards Easter.

Julia Voigt



Rosary Group's March Prayers

**After 11am Mass, Sunday 04th March
Meet by the statue of Mary**

The theme of our prayers this month is:
Being Forgiven

Men and Beginners Welcome
Please bring your Rosary. Booklets Available
Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

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

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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: 326.27 envelopes: £627.74, **total: 954.01**
Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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