

NEWSLETTER

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Divine Mercy Sunday

O greatly merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to your mercy, to your compassion, O God; and it is with a mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, goodness beyond our understanding, who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to you, we implore you: fill us with your grace and keep on increasing your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do your holy will all through our lives and at the hour of death. Let the omnipotence of your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as your children, await your final coming...

O Lord, I want to be completely transformed into your mercy and to be your living reflection. May the greatest of all divine attributes, that of your unfathomable mercy, pass through my heart and soul to my neighbour.

Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful, so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbours' souls and come to their rescue.

Help me, O Lord, that my ears may be merciful, so that I may give heed to my neighbours' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbour, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbours and take upon myself the most difficult and toilsome tasks.

Help me, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful, so that I may hurry to assist my neighbour, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness...

Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful, so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbour....

May your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me.

O Jesus, I want to live in the present moment, to live as if this were the last day of my life. I want to use every moment scrupulously for the greater glory of God, to use every circumstance for the benefit of my soul. I want to look upon everything from the point of view that nothing happens without the will of God. God of unfathomable mercy, embrace the whole world and pour yourself out upon us through the merciful Heart of Jesus.

St. Faustina Kowalska

MASS

INTENTIONS

7th April

6pm—Nancy Boland RIP

8th April

9am - People

of the Parish

11am— Patrick O'Dea 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

Holy Hour

Every Saturday,

At 5pm.

DURING EASTER

During Easter, until Pentecost, at the end of our Bidding Prayers we will be saying the Hail Holy Queen.

A date for your diary

22nd April will be Marathon Sunday.

Due to the road closure, there will be no mass at St Edmund's on 22nd April at 11 am.

ADOREMUS

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament,

have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray,

so to adore the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood,

that we may always

experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

Who live and reign with God the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen



Rosary Group's April Prayers Postponed

Because of Easter Sunday, the next Rosary Group will take place on:

6th May

Beginners Welcome

Please bring your Rosary. Booklets Available

Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

THE LORD HAS RISEN INDEED!

We rejoice, the Lord has Risen indeed! We see, the women reporting, 'they have taken, the Lord and we don't know where they have put him' Peter and John when they get to the Tomb its Peter who goes straight in both he and John believe and understand.

I believe and I say and so do all of us, the Lord has Risen! If he has Risen, we might ask, Why is there so much corruption, illness and suffering around us and the rich getting richer while round the corner there is such abject poverty, human trafficking, slavery and so much hatred.

Recently when I was at the supermarket I was approached by a gentleman who told what was happening to his son and asked me why has the God of love done this to us? I replied there is no easy answer but when you are in your private room take the cross and speak to the Lord as though he was your best friend and tell him how you feel. For the cross goes before us and faith came down from it. And we together with the entire Church say, 'the Lord has Risen indeed.' Even though the resurrection is beautiful decking our Churches with flowers it's more than this. The answer lies in the mystery of the stone rolled away which is the foundation of our existence. The Lord has Risen. This then is what it means.

We are so used to throw away once used or we try to keep up with the Joneses and we buy only never to use them and eventually discard them and we waste so much, the Stone-Lord the source of life is rolled away. You and I, faith in the Risen Lord we look ahead to see there are no barriers, no walls and to see the horizon, there is life, there is joy, there is the cross. How easy it is for you and me to close within ourselves when we encounter difficulties and insurmountable problems we cannot see the wood for the trees and we blame everyone, including God. We require meaning and we find it in that stone rolled away for sin couldn't keep the

tomb closed and the rolled away stone is not discarded it carries with it a meaning which is simply this: 'The Lord has Risen indeed'.

You and I need to think for a moment. Let's examine our problems, the suffering of a loved one or the illness we have been through; look around us to see wars, human tragedies, the abuses, crimes with all of this and more, with a simplicity of heart let us say, 'Lord I don't know how this works, but I know that and I am certain the 'lord has Risen indeed' So, dear friends let us daily repeat in our hearts, the 'Lord has Risen indeed'

Fr. Christopher

DVD on a pilgrimage to Holy Land organised by Pilgrimage people will be shown in our hall on Saturday, 7th April after 6pm mass and on Sunday, 15th April after 11 am mass. All are welcome.

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)

NEW SETS OF DONATION ENVELOPES

are now ready for collection in the churches porch. Please note, that the boxes are organised in the alphabetical order. Your number is different from last year's. If you notice any misspelling in you name/surname or the address, please, let me know by email on millwall@rcdow.org.uk. Also, if you want to donate by envelopes, you can let me know via email and I will prepare a box for you.

During the week the boxes are available form the office.

Katherine



Congratulations to the newly baptised and received into our Church.

Many thanks to all catechists for their hard work and dedication during last months and to Fr Chris for his advice, support and that he made it happen.

Is this for you OR for someone you know? St Scholastica's Retreat – Open Day – Saturday, 14th April, 2018 The Retreat offers sheltered housing to practising Catholics aged 60 or over in 36 self-contained flats at £459pcm – more information on the poster and from The Warden: Rev Seán Duffy – Princes Risborough (01844) 344437. Email: info@stscholasticas.co.uk www.stscholasticas.co.uk

JOHN HIGGINS

John Higgins, one of our long term parishioners, well known to many of you, has become isolated and recently found sleeping on the floor outside his home. Paul Marlow together with Adult Services, Southern Housing Group (LandLord), and Christ Church arranged a visit to his home. They attended Court to ensure John would receive the support and help he needs. We are grateful to the neighbour who helped him and taking him to keep his Surgery Appointments. At the time of writing, Adult Services and the Landlord are trying to find him temporary housing within E14 area, to facilitate the cleaning of his flat.

If you wish to help him, could you please leave new or cleaned medium-sized jogging bottoms, T-shirts, fleece jumpers, socks, boxer shorts, or single blankets, by the table with the Foodbanks boxes. Paul Marlow and a team of volunteers would ensure he receives them. Thank you for your Support.

Fr. Christopher

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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. Please, note that all baptism will be during Mass.

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 note 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

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS: loose: 333.70 envelopes: £669.35, **total: 1033.05**

Thank you for your Generosity WRC DT Charity No: 233699

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Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Reading - Acts 4: 32-35,
Psalm - 117: 2-4, 15-18, 22-24 response v 7
2nd Reading - 1 John 5: 1-6
Gospel - John 20: 19-31

1st Reading - Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19,
Psalm - 4: 2, 4, 7, 9 response v 7
2nd Reading - 1 John 2: 1-5
Gospel - Luke 24: 35-48