

NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

Why these Questions?

After the Easter Vigil, It was good for me to re-read the Gospel account of the empty tomb. Mary of Magdala tells, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' I suppose we could say with her we don't know where they have put him, in times of our own doubts and questions. We might ask, How do we know what we believe? And the answer lies in the poor around us. If we but look closely enough we see him in them. We could start by loving them and love them for themselves, they are unique and special!

In the Gospel, our Lord says, 'why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?' It seems they think they have seen a ghost but the Lord says to them, 'Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed.' but its when he says to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' they offer him a grilled fish which he takes and eats before them, their eyes are opened.

I need to sit down (perhaps you too) and think of these things and remind myself of the poor who are going through their long and agonizing crucifixion. But I have to confess though how easily I get irritated, be it watching television or reading the papers and the numerous begging letters asking for help or donations. I justify myself, by saying, I help such and such charity and I am doing my bit or if I should see them on the roadside I walk on the other side.

Yes, when I look around me what do I see, wars, human slavery, abuse of one form or the other, corruption, hunger and pain etc; and the sun rises every morning and at spring we see the resurrection. God's eternal promise he is with us always. So what then of the poor, they are our Lord and what I do for them I do for him. This the way we have of knowing and believing in my love and yours. it's by sharing in the mystery of poverty, making myself poor in giving my time to others, I increase my knowledge and belief in love.

Fr. Christopher

MASS INTENTIONS

14th April

6pm—Mattie Walsh RIP

15th April

9am - People

of the Parish

11am— Fr Digby Samuels
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.

Priest Training Fund Collection (WEEF)

Next weekend is GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY when we pray for our priests and those undergoing formation to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priests Training Fund will take place next weekend. Your generous contributions go towards paying for young men information to the priesthood. Currently, there are 45 men studying at Allen Hall Seminary, 28 of whom are for our Diocese. The fund also supports the ongoing formation of ordained priests. Donation leaflets are available as you leave the church. Please, could I ask you to take a leaflet home with you, read the information, bring it back next weekend with your donation? Do continue to pray for your priests and for vocations. I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued generosity and may God bless you all. *Fr. Christopher*

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

NEXT SUNDAY—22nd April
is

Marathon Sunday.

Due to the road closure, there
will be **no mass** at St Edmund's
at 11 am.

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

DVD on a pilgrimage to Holy Land organised by Pilgrimage people will be shown in our hall 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 .

Q U O T A T I O N

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)

Appeal for volunteers

On Saturday, 21st April ,from 11-2pm Dymphna will be working in the churches' garden and is looking for help. If you can pop in for an hour or so, your help will be much appreciated.

Katherine

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

BAPTISMAL COURSE FOR PARENTS

The next baptismal course for parents will be on 9th and 16th May 2018 at 7.30 pm.

The course consists of two sessions and both parents have to attend both. Please, call the office to register.

Katherine

LET'S PRAY FOR:

1. Fr Vladimir Felzmann who is sick.
2. For James, Udo, Daniel, Ellie, Justin, our young parishioners who are going to be confirmed on Sunday afternoon at St Anne's RC Church.

*Fr Christopher***Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 14th May 2018.**

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 14th May 2018. £599 per person sharing. Price includes flights with 10kg hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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Invitation for

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN IRELAND, 21-26 AUGUST 2018

For information and registration for the World Meeting of Families and for details how to join our diocesan group, please email family@rcdow.org.uk or call 0207 931 6064.

Www.worldmeeting2018.ie

BAPTISMS

Baptisms that take place here in the parish of St Edmunds will be during Parish Masses, at Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am, 11am.

We recognize, that families need to plan ahead, when they have friends and family attending the baptism, we are through Catherine at the office book the time and date of the baptism. We do emphasize it's conditional to the completion of the baptism course, provision of godparent references being completed before the actual baptism.

The date and which Mass can be booked with Catherine (Parish Office) but must be confirmed in writing.

Cannon Law (Church Law) requires that each child must have godparent; should there be a second godparent, one has to be male and the other female.

A godparent is defined as a confirmed, practicing Catholic. Should the godparent not be a member of this parish (St Edmund) we require a reference from his / her parish that they meet the requirement- that he/she is attending Mass regularly.

Although the maximum number of godparents is set at two, families could have additional people whose standing is that of 'witness to the baptism.' During the baptism, we don't distinguish between godparents and witnesses, but only the names of the godparents will be inserted in the baptismal register and in the baptism certificate.

Equally, baptised Christians from other denominations may participate as witnesses to the baptism, but they cannot participate as godparents. Members of other faiths (or none) cannot serve as either godparents or as witnesses to the baptism.

Both parents and godparents, as part of the baptism, must make a declaration of faith. Prior to the baptism could we ask that you go through beforehand and ascertain you both can honestly make it? In all probability, if anyone one has a problem with any part of it, the problem lies in understanding what is meant rather than with the article of faith itself- do please, contact me to discuss it well before the baptism. The unpleasant thing you could do is start your child's relationships with God by affirming in His presence to something you don't believe.

Since all baptisms are during Mass, the choice you are faced with is whether to clothe your child with a white garment: whatever your child is wearing at the time of the actual baptism, this is something additional (and white) that is added a minute or so later. Traditionally, the garment would be a white shawl, but it could be as simple as a length of white ribbon going around the neck. It recalls the practice in the early Church of baptism by total immersion; as the newly baptised person came out of the water he/she would be dried and clothed in new white garments. You need to let Catherine know well in advance of your decision prior to your child's baptism.

We don't charge for baptism but we ask for families to make a contribution to defray the cost by given a donation in the range of £50-100, with others giving more. It doesn't mean you have to subject yourselves to unnecessary financial stress, but give what you think you can afford.

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: 425.70 envelopes: £689.5, **total: 1115.20**

Thank you for your Generosity WRC DT Charity No: 233699

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Readings for this and next Sunday

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

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Psalm - 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29 response v 22
2nd Reading - 1 John 3: 1-2
Gospel - John 10: 11-18