

NEWSLETTER

FOUR SUNDAY
OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

21st April

6pm—Fr Vlad Felzman

15th April

9am - People

of the Parish

11am— No Mass due to
Marathon

For a weekday mass in-
tentions, 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 GOOD SHEPHERD

When I think of the Good Shepherd, I easily conjure up an image of the shepherd pasturing his sheep from one mountainside to the next. On the other hand, if we were to look closely at our own lives we might say the Good Shepherd has carried us during the storms and tribulations that we have encountered.

In my own life, when I reflect the Good Shepherd has carried me or at certain times gone in search of me, one might say he has kept me in view, 'I myself shall take care of my flock and look after it. As a shepherd looks after his flock when he is with his scattered sheep, so I shall look after my sheep' (Ezekiel 34: 11).

This image is prevalent in our age despite its many advances, it's ever new never old. Also, had our Lord not been ready to be our Good Shepherd, he would not be worthy of the name. I would be ever lost.

In the context of Holy Week, our Lord died on the cross and he gave his life for all mankind. He and he alone bore the weight and the guilt of the world and the burden of mankind's sin and debt, past, present and to come; our sufferings (mine so many) which you and I couldn't even try to repay he took it all upon himself; 'He was bearing our sins in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our sins and live for uprightness; through his bruises you have been healed' (1Peter 24: 24-25).

By given his life for all of us and for me; past, present and those to come, he most certainly can be called with confidence the one true Good Shepherd.

By his sacrifice; we became his fold-because he guaranteed to us the supernatural and divine life which, we lost because of Original Sin, and our Lord alone was able to restore it back to us.

Fr. Christopher

Holy Hour
Every Saturday,
At 5pm.

Priest Training Fund Collection (WEEF)

This weekend is Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. Our Second Collection will go towards supporting the Priest Training Fund, which benefits the parishes and the Diocese by providing new priests.

Since this weekend is also the London Marathon and many wouldn't be able to come here to St Edmund's the Second Collection will be held again on 28th & 29th of April.

Those information is our priority-it's our future, and last year (2017) the Diocese celebrated the ordination of eight men to the priesthood, and we look forward to this June when additional priests are been ordained. On average it costs about £25,000 per man, per year of formation which works out to about £150,000 to train and educate a new priest, who will make a lifetime commitment to Christ and the Church.

The Priest Training Fund also pays for the ongoing formation and education of our priests post-ordination. Could I ask you to be generous in your support and please continue to pray for our priests and me? Pray too for vocations.

I take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity and your continued support for the fund. Thanks 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

Your Prayers are asked for
Fr. Bonnie Fernandopulle
who is seriously ill in Inten-
sive care in Colombo, Sri
Lanka. He is a well known
educator and I can count
him as a dear friend. Do
remember him and his
immediate family in your
prayers. Fr Christopher

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

NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL WELCOME ...

We will welcome two speakers from Bishops Conference and Caritas, who will be speaking at all Masses on the weekend of 28th & 29th April 2018.

Fr Christopher

NEW SETS OF DONATION ENVELOPES

are now ready for collection in our Sacristy. 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

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)

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

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. Please, call the office to register.

Katherine

'GAUDETE ET EXSULTATE'

I encourage you to read the Holy Father's Exhortation. I am currently reading it and my reaction to it is similar to that of Cardinal Vincent.

If you want to know more about living a Christian life, read, 'Gaudete et Exsultate'

If you want to know more about finding peace and joy in your life, read, 'Gaudete et Exsultate'

If you want to understand Pope Francis, then read 'Gaudete et Exsultate'

If you need a copy of 'Gaudete et Exsultate' could I ask you to give Catherine your contact details and I shall order the copies for you to collect from the office? Thank you

Fr. Christopher

The bishops of England and Wales are holding**a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool in 7-9 September 2018**

The Echo Arena in Liverpool - which can accommodate 10,00 pilgrims—will be the home to a six-hour programme on the 8th September and will include a Congress Mass, keynote speakers **Bishops Robert Barron and Cardinal Vincent Nicholas**, and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will conclude with **Adoration**. For more information and to enquire about tickets to events, please contact adoremus@rcdow.org.uk or call 0773 818 3829

**CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS**

✱ Cities of London and Westminster ✱

For King and Country Wednesday 9th May, 6.30pm (with a Royal theme);

Sunday 3rd June, 3pm. Catholics and politics: St Thomas More, Guy Fawkes, Pugin, Parliament and the Abbey. Meet on the steps of Westminster Cathedral.

Nearest Tube: Victoria. **Sunday 10th June, 3pm**

- Queen's Birthday Weekend Special.

Lift up your heads, O Gates! Monday 23rd April (St George's Day SPECIAL); Monday 14th May; Tuesday 5th June, all 6pm. The Historic City of London and splendid pre-Reformation Churches. Meet outside the Church of the Precious Blood, The Borough. Nearest Tube: London Bridge.

**The King's Good Servant**

Tuesday 1st May, 6pm; Monday

21st May, 6pm. The story of the heroic St Thomas More. Meet at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer, Chelsea. Nearest Tube: Sloane Square or South Kensington.



The West End Saturday 19th May, 3pm. London's

fashionable side - but also where the Church served some of the poorest Londoners. Meet at St Patrick's Soho. Nearest Tube: Tottenham Court Road.

Contact: chwalkslondon@gmail.com or tweet @CHwalks or see catholichistorywalks.com
Cost: £5, concessions available. Please wear suitable footwear and plan for the weather. Walks may take up to 2 hours.

**A message from our Parishioner**

As a Lenten project I decided to rescue more of Fr. J's work and prepared a vol 2 of our wee booklet.

The draft attached for your information –it has more works and a better index and different pictures.

We can share an electronic copy with anyone who wants one –but we may do another small run of printed books and

they will be at cost which would be about £20.

They make a lovely gift.

Victoria

Anyone who is interested in having an electronic copy or a hard copy, please, drop an email to the parish office and we will reply to your request.

Kathrine

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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: 291.37 envelopes: £598.6, **total: 889.97**

Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Reading - Acts 4: 8-12,
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

1st Reading - Acts 9: 26-31,
Psalm - 21: 26-28, 30-32, response v 26
2nd Reading - 1 John 3: 18-24
Gospel - John 15: 1-8