

## NEWSLETTER

SEVENTH SUN-  
DAY OF EASTER

## 'Consecrate them in the truth'

Without a yearning for the truth cultivated and deeply embedded in our character, we can easily be swept up in current intellectual fashions. Novelty and innovation exercise a powerful appeal. The rupture with old ways and old thinking, the replacement of them with the new, is not just an intellectual act. A subtle inclination of rebellion is often taking place. The desire to be independent in one's thinking and in one's decisions has a seductive quality, especially for the young. But often what parades outwardly as independence in thought is simply an unreflective need to embrace the ruling opinions of others.

When no critical faculty is exercised from a source deeper in the soul, it is easy to fall under the sway of views disdainful of older traditions. In the religious realm, this is often disastrous. The incapacity to perceive sacred questions in the truths of religion leads sometimes to a permanent loss of interest in religious faith. At some point, a soul must have, on the contrary, a profound experience of the sacred, which by its nature is always an incomplete taste, provoking a desire to know more. This need is fundamental for religious faith.

The contemplative life in one sense is an ongoing intensification of this initial encounter with sacredness. The indestructible drawing power of the sacred, rooted in changeless truth, carries the contemplative life forward. Intellectual fashion will seem quite unsubstantial and flimsy against this far deeper attraction for the soul.

*Fr. Donald Haggerty*

**The final call!! Please, join ... and do not forget to pay your deposit ...**

MASS  
INTENTIONS

12th May

6pm—Ints of Deep

13th May

9am - People

of the Parish

11am— Ints of Karen

Villacarlos

19th May

FIRST COMMUNION  
MASS

**10.30am—Ints of First  
Communion Children and  
their Families**

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 LAND PARISH PILGRIMAGE MARCH 2019

Please, look at a new quotation from Pilgrimage People.

## QUOTATION

Group name: **St Edmund's Parish, Millwall,**

Destination: **Holy Land**

Dates of Travel: **18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## DURING EASTER &amp;

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

**Holy Hour**  
**Every Saturday,**  
**At 5pm.**

## Irish Referendum on the Eighth Amendment, 25 May 2018

In their Spring Statement, the Irish Bishops wrote,

"Article 40.3.3 is a declaration of equality and respect for human life. It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future. We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will "choose life" and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country."

For more information visit <http://www.chooselife2018.ie>

**Prayer:** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the people of Ireland with wisdom and courage in the forthcoming referendum. In all circumstances may they show love and care for children and their mothers.

**The Sistine Chapel Choir**, Holy Father's personal choir, performs a sacred choral music concert from the repertoire they sing in the Vatican on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral. The concert will last an hour, and is free of charge (no tickets required). Come and experience this world-famous choir singing in the beautiful setting of Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome.

**Sharon Pinto**, Communications Assistant, 020 7798 9178, Archbishop's House, Ambrosden Avenue, London, SW1P 1QJ

## Adoremus – National Eucharistic Congress

The largest gathering of Catholics in England since the 2010 papal visit takes place in Liverpool this September. We unite in worship of Our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, with the aim of promoting Eucharistic Adoration, where so many people have experienced the love and presence of Jesus.

You are invited to Liverpool on **Saturday, 8** and/or **Sunday, 9 September**. Saturday, in the Echo Arena, is the highlight of the Congress. Bishop Robert Barron, known to millions on social Media, will address the Congress; Cardinal Nichols will give a reflection and lead us in Adoration and Benediction. (There is a fee of £40 for the Saturday to cover the costs of the Congress.) On the Sunday there are Masses in the Metropolitan Cathedral and a large outdoor Blessed Sacrament procession. Many other events and a Youth Congress will supplement the official programme.

You may wish to stay in Liverpool overnight. Although it will be a long day, the Saturday programme is planned to permit people to travel for the day. While coaches are cheaper, trains are much quicker – cheaper train tickets (subject to availability) go on sale 12 weeks before travel. For a booking form, please contact [adoremus@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adoremus@rcdow.org.uk) or 07738 183829. Tickets are available through the Diocese until 31 May.

## COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP EVENING

Caritas Westminster and Sponsor Refugees would like to invite you to an event on Community Sponsorship.

The aim of the evening will be to:

- Bring different practitioners together to share their experiences
  - Hear from community sponsors and sponsored families
- Learn how to build teams and work towards welcoming new families
  - Connect with others who are committed to the same cause

Thursday, 31st May 2018

Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P QN

6.30pm—8.30 pm (refreshment will be available)

Please, RSVP by calling 020 7931 6077, emailing [caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:caritaswestminster@rcdow.org.uk) or by searching for 'Caritas Westminster' on Eventbrite

## 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 your name/surname or the address, please, let me know by email on [millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto: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 from the office.

Katherine

### An Invitation to Young Adults from the Cardinal

The Cardinal invites young adults, aged 18 to 30, to join him at Archbishop's House for three meetings (15th May, 29th May, 19th June, all at 6.30pm) to explore the theme of vocation, with an opportunity for prayer, input, discussion and question and answer. The first meeting is this coming Tuesday but all are welcome to attend whichever meetings they are able. More details can be found on the youth section of the diocesan website ([www.dowym.com](http://www.dowym.com)). If you would like to come along, please let us know by sending a quick email to [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk).

### YOU HEARD HOW IT WAS SAID... REFLECTING ON THE BIBLE IN CONTEXT

(FOR YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18-35)

Wednesdays, May 16th-30th, 7-8.30pm Brian Purfield and Sr Anouska Robinson-Biggin fcl

Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH [pathwaystogod.org](http://pathwaystogod.org) 0207-495-1673

The Bible is not always easy reading! Sometimes we find "difficult" passages that seem to present an unloving, frightening or narrow image of God. Is there a way of reading these passages in a life-giving way? This short course aims to offer young adults keys to unlocking the Bible that can open the way to a closer relationship to God, oneself, others and the world around us.

### Preparing to Respond to the Holy Spirit

Saturday 19th May, 11am-4pm Fr Michael Smith SJ

Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH [pathwaystogod.org](http://pathwaystogod.org) 0207-495-1673

This is a day of preparation to respond to the presence of that Holy Spirit whose coming we celebrate especially the next day at Pentecost. As well as learning about the Spirit, and what the Spirit brings to our lives, there will be times for reflection, for prayer, and for opening our hearts to the joyous coming of the Spirit.

### '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

### 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 [fami-ly@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:fami-ly@rcdow.org.uk) or call 0207 931 6064. [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)



### Rosary Group's May Devotions to Mary

After 11am Mass, Sunday 13th May  
Meet by the statue of Mary

The theme of our prayers this month is:

### The Pope's call for Peace

Beginners Welcome

Please bring your Rosary. Booklets Available

Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

### 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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**Fr Christopher Silva**  
*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. 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](mailto: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: 429.30 envelopes: £594.11, **total: 1023.41**

***Thank you for your Generosity*** WRC DT Charity No: 233699

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Readings for this and next Sunday	
1st Reading - Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26, Psalm - 102: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20 response v 19 2nd Reading - 1 John 4: 11-16 Gospel - John 17: 11-19	1st Reading - Acts 2: 1-11, Psalm - 103: 1, 24, 29-31, response v 30 2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 Gospel - John 20: 19-23