

NEWSLETTER

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We have said: 'Hosanna in the highest,' meaning 'save, rescue, savior' there in one God and we say 'in the highest'. Which means a determination to distinguish the contrast of the Persons, so we could consider those things that are attributed to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It has been said, 'eternity is allocated to the Father's aspect or delight, to whom eternity is assigned from the beginning; to the Son, St Paul says, 'He is the image of the unseen God' (1Col:15), so the Son is the image of God and to the Holy Spirit, who is Gift, the blessing or use is assigned. Therefore our salvation is composed in the stability of eternity, in the vision of the light, and in the enjoyment of delight.

Like a ship that docks at a safe harbour; we are saved during our life here on earth for we are pilgrims journeying towards heaven but in our heavenly homeland. As Isaiah says, 'Israel will be saved by Yahweh, saved everlastingly' (Is 45:17). When you and I come to know the truth all errors will cease. Then again, we are saved for in Psalm 79 we are reminded, 'Do not count against us the guilt of former generations.., we, are your people, the flock that you pasture, will thank you forever, will recite your praises from age to age' (Psalm 79: 8, 13). We shall be saved in a perfect way, at the sight of your face in which every good finds its existence. As he said, to Moses, 'I shall make all my goodness pass before you I shall pronounce the name Yahweh; and I am gracious to those to whom I am gracious and I take pity on those on whom I take pity' (Ex 33: 18,19).

Thus in our enjoyment of the divine light, we might say, 'Then I shall delight in Yahweh, rejoice that he has saved me' (Ps 35: 9), with confidence, as the saints in our heavenly homeland would be. Since from your streams of delight, you give them abundance to drink. We together with Mary, may say with conviction, 'Yes, from now onwards all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me' (Luke 1: 48).

Fr. Christopher

MASS
INTENTIONS26th May

6pm—Ints of Stella
Oladinni

27th May

9am - People of the
Parish

11am— Ints of sick of our
Parish

**NO MASS ON MONDAY,
28th May.**

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.

A prayer

Dear Lord, you promised not to leave us orphaned but to stay with us always, in our confusions, disappointments when we don't know what to do. May you grant us the grace to hear your call to silence and prayer, to retreat to our 'upper room'? They're to meet you and pour upon us your Holy Spirit, to be your witnesses in our families, parishes and our place of work. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

CORPUS CHRISTI

3rd of June is the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body of Christ. After the final prayer. We will have the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and it will be followed by a procession out of the Church. We shall re-assemble in the carpark for Benediction and end with the Divine Praises. All are welcome. Thank you

Fr. Christopher

Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Deuteronomy 4: 32-34, 39-40
Psalm - 32: 4-6, 9, 18-20, 20 response v 12
2nd Reading - Romans 8: 14-17
Gospel - Mathew 28: 16-20

Exodus 24: 3-8,
Psalm - 115: 12-13, 15-18, 20 response v 13
2nd Reading - Hebrew 9: 11-15
Gospel - Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26



Rosary Group's May Devotions to Mary

After 11am Mass, Sunday 27th May
Meet by the statue of Mary

The theme of our prayers this month is:

Peace in Family Life

Beginners Welcome

Please bring your Rosary. Booklets Available

Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

HOLY LAND PARISH PILGRIMAGE MARCH 2019

Pilgrimage People who are organizing our pilgrimage to the Holy Land has requested those who have taken booking forms to send in their deposits. There are still places available! Remember, we would love you to join us.

For more information contact Parish Office.

Thank you, Fr Christopher

GARDEN TIDY UP next Saturday

2nd June 2018, 11am—2pm—we will work in our garden to tidy it up before the BBQ, all volunteers are welcome. Dymphna

JOHN HIGGINS

The news regarding John is not as hopeful as we first hoped. The Doctors have confirmed a diagnosis of Lymphoma, a cancer of the blood. They have also discovered that John has COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease), previously known as Emphysema. Regretfully, the extent of these conditions means that John will not survive much longer and people should prepare themselves for very bad news regarding John.

John famously fell off the roof at The Space/Hubbub some years ago. He would often watch the London Marathon from the rooftop and had been working up there on that occasion without permission. He blamed the pain he increasingly felt in his body on this fall. The reality is that the Lymphoma had been causing glands all over his body to swell and cause him significant pain. They had also been preventing him from swallowing and digesting liquids or food. This is the reason why John was admitted to hospital after he passed-out from dehydration after complaining about the pain he was suffering from after his fall.

The previously unknown COPD has increasingly restricted his breathing. This has made walking and any kind of labour, such as sweeping leaves and gathering things, much harder to perform. We all know how active John has always been doing these things, but the COPD is the most likely reason why much of this activity has declined to almost nothing and we have barely seen John in Church or around the Isle of Dogs for about a year.

The Doctors have had several long conversations with the Parish. Despite everything they have tried to do for him, John has declined significantly in the last week. He cannot eat or drink without choking. He spends almost all day unable to wake up. He is unable to talk and is very weak. The doctors have had to remove his saline drip, as it was doing no good, but are giving him oxygen and continuing to medicate him. The Hospital is doing its best to ensure his dignity is preserved and that he is as comfortable as they can make him.

The Parish phones the Hospital every day and is visiting him once every two days. Father Rory of the hospital Chaplaincy has visited him, prayed for him, and Anointed him. Father Tom from Christ Church, a long-standing personal friend, has blessed him. Father Christopher has given John his radio to bring some life to John's room. John continues to keep the rosary blessed by Father Christopher, by his side. John has visitors every day.

The Doctors confirmed on Monday the 21st that John had only several days left to live. It is very likely that John will have passed away peacefully by the time you read this on Sunday the 27th. Although many of us will be understandably upset and dismayed, John prepared himself for his death years ago. He always treated his mortality with a dismissive sense of humour. He was always more concerned with what happened afterwards.

Please continue to pray for John and his immortal soul, as he prepares to meet his maker, or light a candle for him after Mass. We will continue to keep everyone informed of events.

St Edmund's Church BBQ

Sunday 24th June 2018 12:00 to 2:30 pm

£8.00 Adults

Children under 16 free

Selection of food and drinks included

Please come along to meet everyone.



Tickets on Sale after each Mass.

As we approach the Feast of Pentecost, it is worth remembering that the Jewish community also celebrates Pentecost (Feast of Weeks / Shavuot) this weekend. It is a two day festival, which commemorates the revelation of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. Do keep them in your prayers and wish them: "Happy Shavuot" or in Hebrew: **"Chag Sameach!"**

Muslims throughout the world entered the holy month of Ramadan on Wednesday, which they devote to fasting, prayer and almsgiving. I was at a Mosque yesterday at lunch time. There was a constant flow of happy Muslims making their way to midday prayer.

Cardinal Tauran from the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue has written a message to Muslims for Ramadan and 'Id al-Fitr, inviting Christians and Muslims to move from competition to collaboration in order to counter the image of religions as a source of tension and violence but rather foster the view that religions are a source of peace and harmony.

If you have Muslim friends or get a chance to visit a Mosque or Islamic community centre during this period of Ramadan, please greet them with **Ramadan Mubarak** (Blessed Ramadan) or **Ramadan Kareem** (Have a Generous Ramadan) and give them a copy of the Vatican message (attached). Your physical presence and greetings will be greatly appreciated.

May the Holy Spirit fill you with Love. Have a joyful and fruitful Pentecost!

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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

Catholics who participate in the World Meeting of Families in Dublin in August or pray with their families during the Aug. 21-26 event can receive a plenary indulgence, the Vatican has announced.

An indulgence is a remission of the temporal punishment a person is due for sins that have been forgiven. The theme of the Dublin meeting, which The Holy Father plans to attend, is 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World' 'So that the faithful prepare spiritually to participate in the event in the best way, His Holiness Pope Francis willingly concedes the gift of indulgences.' The decree released May 22 by the Vatican Dicastery for laity, the Family and life.

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) – Next baptismal course will be on **Mon 18Jun & Mon 25Jun 2018 - 7.00pm.** Please, call the office to reserve your space. 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’.

SETS OF DONATION ENVELOPES for present financial year

are now ready for collection in our 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

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS: loose: 624.29 envelopes: £765.47, **total: 1389.76**

Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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