

NEWSLETTER

10TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

'Who are my Mother'

In our Gospel, we are reminded of our Lord's mother and brothers have arrived. On hearing this the Lord asks, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' He then turns to his disciples and says, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

These words of our Lord emphasizes the relationship we are meant to have with our Lord is a spiritual one, not conditional on family ties. What is important for us is to do the Father's will. Mary understood this truth and our Lord's words confirms her resolve to give of herself to accomplish the Father's will even if it means having to make sacrifices. The Blessed Mother teaches us that true love for God and our Lord always be composed in perfect acquiescence to the divine will.

It was at the Annunciation we see Mary's preparedness to give of herself to the Lord finds its fullest expression when she responded to the angel's message when she declares convincingly, 'I am the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to your will.'

We could say most assuredly it was through her total giving at the Annunciation that Mary becomes our model, our guide, and our Mother. Holy Mother the Church teaches us, 'By her obedience, faith and burning charity in the work of the Savior in giving back supernatural life to souls' Mary has become 'our mother in the order of grace' Nor did she lay aside this salvific duty after Christ's work was completed and she herself was assumed into heaven, 'but by her constant intercession continues to bring us the gifts of eternal salvation'

The Lord's love is very much real for us, this love is unconditional, and it is clearly seen in the various ways he has blessed us.

Fr. Christopher

We welcome The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver . Sr Assunta will be speaking at all Masses. She will tell us about their missionary Work and will be grateful for your financial support. There will be a second collection for The Missionary Sisters after each Mass. Thank you.

Fr Christopher

Dear Friends,

As I approach the anniversary of my Ordination 14th June, to the Priesthood. It has been a time of profound joy for me and for all those who would be celebrating their anniversaries as well. Almighty God has given me the grace and the privilege to continue to celebrate the ministry as a priest. It's, therefore, a cause of deep gratitude to the Lord and I can only give praise and thanks. Looking back on these years, I have been encouraged, helped, supported by parishioners, family, and friends since my Ordination and I am humbled by the generosity of so many and I thank God for His immense kindness to me.

Please pray for my brother priests and me as we continue to work in the vineyard of the Lord. May God bless you all.

Fr. Christopher

MASS INTENTIONS

9th June

6pm—Joseph Collins
(Anniv)

10th June

9am - People of the
Parish

11am— Sick of the Parish

NO morning MASS ON;

Friday, 15th June &
Monday 18th June

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.

**Next baptismal
course will be on**
Mon 18Jun & Mon
25Jun 2018 -
7.00pm.

Both parents have to
attend both sessions.
Each session is one hour
long.

There is a £10 fee for the
whole course.

Please, call the office
to reserve your space.

Readings for this and next Sunday

Genesis 3: 9-15,
Psalm - 129: response v 7
2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1
Gospel - Mark 3: 20-35

Ezekiel 17: 22-24,
Psalm - 91: 2-3, 13-16 response v 2
2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10
Gospel - John 15: 15

WANT TO HELP OTHERS? Become a Foodbank Volunteer

Are you a friendly conversationalist who can work with fellow Christians from other denominations?

Every Tuesday, 10am to 1.30pm

Help open/close the foodbank, work hard, make tea and coffee, serve guests, and stock-take.

*Training Given. Good Work Experience.
Text contact details to 07968-971-874.*

HOLY LAND PARISH PILGRIMAGE MARCH 2019

Pilgrimage People have contacted us only five have signed up. The required number for the Pilgrimage is 12 and if don't get that number, they would have to cancel the trip as it won't be viable. Could we ask those who have taken the booking forms to submit their deposits to Pilgrimage People as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

Fr Christopher

Dear Friends,

- **Have you an hour or two to spare to help with our gardens tidy up each Saturday until our BBQ ?**
 - **You don't need to have your own garden or to have encyclopedic knowledge of horticulture!**
 - **Wear some comfortable clothing and footwear and come and have some fun**
 - **Meet new parishioners**
 - **All garden tools etc., are provided (though bring your own if you prefer)**
1. **Saturday 9th June from 10.30-12.30pm**
 2. **Saturday 16th June from 2-4pm**

Saturday 23rd June - times to be confirmed,

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ALPHA INTRODUCTION DAYS – JULY 2018

The **Agency for Evangelisation** in partnership with Alpha UK has arranged for two 'Introduction Days' for those who may be interested in running an Alpha Course in their own parish. The days are:

Saturday 7th July 10am – 4pm at St Joan of Arc Catholic School, High St, Rickmansworth WD3 1HG

Saturday 14th July 10am-4pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN

The Alpha Introduction Day is an opportunity to learn how Alpha can be a tool for evangelisation in your parish. Through hospitality, sharing and open conversation Alpha introduces people to the initial proclamation of the 'Good News'.

During the Introduction Day participants will learn how to effectively run in their parish the series of sessions that make up Alpha. Alpha is widely used in Catholic parishes across the world.

To register for one of the Alpha Introduction Days, and for more information please e-mail Warren Brown at catad-min@rcdow.org.uk. Telephone contact is 0207 798 9152

For more information on Alpha, please visit the website <https://alpha.org/catholic-context/home>

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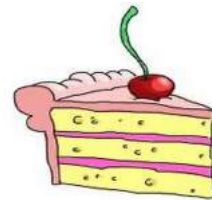
St Edmund's Church BBQ

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.

Volunteers needed to help to set up for BBQ on the day, after 9 am Mass.

Your help is much appreciated.



CORPUS CRISTI procession last Sunday

Diocese of Westminster
Roman Catholic Parish of St Edmund of Abingdon, Millwall
297 Westferry Road, Millwall. E14 3RS
Telephone: 020-7987-4114; Email: millwall@rcdow.org.uk



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) – 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: 321.06 envelopes: £778.42, **total: 1099.48**

Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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