# NEWSLETTER

#### **GRACE**

Recently, Dymphna and her happy band of volunteers were planting seeds into the pots with such care. The graces we receive is somewhat like that; the Lord plants the seeds of Grace in our hearts which has to be nourished and it does not appear to the others outside. The graces are small, but from it comes yours and my perfection and our salvation.

The light which is inside of us reveals the truth to us, we have to care for it so it does not leave us through our own fault-in all the actions we have to ensure its there with us, to lead us. The light helps us and carries us to acts of virtue, and you and I must be faithful to such movements, why? because it's key to our happiness. In times of our awkwardness, God motivates us to carry out in some circumstances, should we listen to his voice, which would produce immense fruits of holiness in you and in me. On the other hand, should we show contempt to such graces then we would face fatal denouement, as has happened when beloveds have fallen into disgrace for failing to comply with small things?

How I have suffered such small mortification when I never expected it, did it concern me? yes, because I had little love for the cross. The many different desires I had in me on various occasions to which I suffered humiliation and pain were only noticeable, I thought were different from God and the cross of our Lord. Nevertheless, our Lord never failed to continue in his mercy to take charge of my many transgressions and ingratitude to give fresh graces, so the light in me is re-kindled in the wake of my confusion which leads us to understand that the love of the cross is the step we all have to take to please our Lord.

Fr. Christopher

We welcome **Fr Francis Wahle** this weekend. He says all three Masses while Fr Christopher is away.

Please, pray for Fr Christopher on his anniversary of Ordination.

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Those of our young people who have made their First Holy Communion, and would be interested in becoming an Altar Server. Could you please submit your details to Catherine at the office and we shall provide the necessary training. Thank you.

Fr Christopher

# **11**TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS INTENTIONS

16th June

6pm—David Drew RIP

17th June

9am - People of the Parish

11am– Fr John Elliott RIP

NO morning MASS on;

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 £10fee for the whole course.

Please, call the office to reserve your space.

#### Readings for this and next Sunday

Ezekiel 17: 22-24,

Psalm - 91: 2-3, 13-16 response v 2 2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

Gospel - John 15: 15

Job 38: 1, 8-11,

Psalm - 106: 23-26, 28-31 response v 1 2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

Gospel - Mark 4: 35-41

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## 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 ass possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

Fr Christopher



# 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.

#### 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)

Saturday 23rd June - 1.30—3.30 pm Dymphna 07539 078 072

#### **Westminster Youth Ministry Events**

#### The Pursuit

What does it mean to find happiness in today's world? Is anything true, good or beautiful? A day for Year 11, 12 and 13 school leavers about life and faith and the search for more. Saturday  $23^{rd}$  June 10am-9pm | £20 Lunch and Dinner inc. | Centre for Youth Ministry, 125 Waxwell Lane, Pinner, HA5 3EP. Registration required: dowym.com/events/the-pursuit |  $\underline{\text{youth@rcdow.org.uk}}$ 

#### Resonate

"The most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real meaning to our lives." JP2. Resonate is the Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry's primary event for Young Adults. There is a shared meal, an opportunity build community and a chance to explore our faith. The next Resonate is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June | 18-35 years old |7-9pm | Free | Centre for Youth Ministry, 125 Waxwell Lane, Pinner, HA5 3EP.

#### World Youth Day

World Youth Day is an international event with the Pope, and Catholics from across the world. The next WYD will be in Panama, Central America, in January 2019. The Diocese of Westminster Youth Ministry are organising a pilgrimage for young adults to attend this life changing event. Scholarships for 50% are also available to support young adults wishing to go. More information: dowym.com/events/wyd-panama-2019 or email: youth@rcdow.org.uk

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# St Edmund's Church BBQ next Sunday

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **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 a 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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## 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: 360.98 envelopes: £660.64, total: 1021.62

The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver - £744.86

Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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