

NEWSLETTER

17TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Fed by Our Lord

For me, the Eucharist communicates my redemption and yours. On the altar, our saving Lord continues his saving work and that you and I would avail of ourselves the fruits of his saving Passion. Such continuous redemption upon the altar's of the world signifies redemption from my own evil. Each time I come to the altar I need to see my evil through the eyes of faith, and that God is responding to my faith and my remorse. He uses my evil so his mercy could flow right through me.

I mustn't feel alone with my fear, despair, crisis or disappointments with authority. Such trials are a trial of faith, I might feel helpless and alone. The truth is very different, in such moments, God is very close to me.

In my moments of extreme sexual temptations, our Lord said to St Catherine of Siena: 'I have never been close to you as in this moment.' In such times, God is waiting for me to appreciate the true treasure of the Eucharist. In all my temptations, fear, crisis, and despair, he wishes nothing more than to embrace me and to transform me by this saving sacrament.

Fr. Christopher

While Fr Christopher is on his holidays, we will host Fr Stanislas Thiaw. He will arrive next week and Fr Chris will introduce him during all masses next weekend.

Fr Stanislas will do one morning mass during the week - on every
Wednesday morning at 9.15 am.

On Wednesday, 15th August, is the Solemnity of
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
We will have masses on that day at 9.15 am and 8pm.



**Rosary Group's August Prayer Meetings
05th and 12th August**

Meet by the statue of Mary, after 11am Mass, on each Sunday

The theme of our prayers this month is:

05th: Transfiguration of Jesus

12th: Celebration of Mary

Beginners Welcome

Please bring your Rosary. Booklets Available
Prayer Meetings held every 1st Sunday of month
Pray With Us Pray The Rosary

**MASS
INTENTIONS**

28th July

6pm—Ints of Madden & Mulrooney Families

29th July

9am - People of the Parish

11am— Joseph Francis Silva RIP

For 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

**No Holy Hour
from 4th August
until 8th September**

THE NEXT BAPTISM COURSE WILL BE ON MONDAY, 30TH JULY WITH A SECONT SESSION ON MONDAY, 6TH AUGUST. BOTH PARENTS HAVE TO ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS. THERE IS A £10 FEE. THE COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR HALL AT 7.30 PM. PLEASE, TURN UP ON THE DAY, NO NEED TO REGISTER.

Readings for this and next Sunday

2 King 4: 42-44,
Psalm - 144, 10-11, 15-18, response v 16
2nd Reading - Ephesian 4: 1-6
Gospel - John 6: 1-15

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15
Psalm - 77, 3-4, 23-25, response v 24
2nd Reading - Ephesian 4: 17, 20-24
Gospel - John 6: 24-35

LOVE IN ACTION AN INTRODUCTION

Pope Francis addressing the Jesuit Refugee Service said,

'It's important for the whole Church that welcoming the poor and promoting justice not be entrusted solely to 'experts', but be a focus of all pastoral care, of the formation of future priests and religious, and of the ordinary work of all parishes, movements and ecclesial groups.'

As a Church, we are constantly, called to seriously take our call as Christians to respect the Dignity of all, reach out to our brothers and sisters who are marginalized and living poverty, to care for the creation which has been entrusted to us, and to take an active action to bring about a just and peaceful world. This is an opportunity in these next few weeks here at St Edmund's for us both collectively and individually, to look at the rich tapestry of work known as Catholic Social Teaching.

This is nothing new these guiding principles are found in the Old Testament, renewed in the New Testament, and developed by the Church fathers over the centuries, and embodied in what has become, the Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church. Pope Francis, never fails to say, 'welcoming the poor and promoting justice' isn't for somebody else, it's our duty. It's at the very heart of Caritas, the Latin for love, justice, charity: It is Love in Action.

In inserting, this introduction in the Newsletter in these coming weeks, It's my fervent hope that we all focus our minds on Love in Action commencing on the weekend of 15th/16th of September 2018. I pray that by the end we will be people of Caritas. May God bless you all.

Fr. Christopher

LOVE IN ACTION

We here in the parish will begin a programme called Love in Action, designed to introduce us to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST). We as members of the Catholic Church are called upon to preserve the dignity of all human beings, to care for creation to reach out to our brothers and sisters in need. Such principles form the bedrock of the CST, a body of work developed by the Church leaders over the centuries. Pope Francis has said, that it is our duty to work together to bring about a more just and peaceful world; to put love into action. Over a period of six weeks, we shall cover a theme of the CST during Mass each Sunday, and at the end of the six weeks, we will hold a workshop in the Parish where we think about how best we could respond to the needs of our local community. This is an exciting opportunity for us here at St. Edmunds' to come together and think about how we can put our faith into action and support those who are vulnerable. With this in mind could I ask you to put the following dates and programme in your diary and invite other parishioners to participate.

16th September: Dignity

23rd September: Solidarity and Peace

30th September: Preferential Option for the poor

7th October: Care for Creation

14th October: Dignity of Workers

4th November: Community and Participation

11th November: Parish Action Plan workshop after 11 am Mass (It will be run by Caritas Westminster).

Apart from myself, all Catechists will be participating and will be taking in turns to speak at All Masses, during the six weeks. Thank you

Fr. Christopher

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. They are waiting until 15th August. Thank you for your co-operation.

Fr Christopher

John Higgins RIP

The mortal remains of Late John Higgins RIP, will be cremated within the next two weeks, at the behest of the of the Health Authority's contractor. Once agreement is reached, a small ceremony would take place with the Catholic Chaplain. This would be followed by yet a further delay for the ashes to be collected. It's hoped that when all are back from there Summer Break, a Memorial Service will be held here for John Higgins. Under the new guidelines by the Holy Office and the Diocese, ashes cannot be scattered, have to be buried on sacred ground. It's hoped, a cemetery would be found for the burial of the ashes prior to the memorial service. Thank you

Fr Christopher

Exploring the Faith (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you or anyone you may know who wishes to learn more about the Catholic Faith we shall be commencing our Course, The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) on the 25th September 2018 at 7 pm. Enrolment Forms are now available on the table in the church's porch, could we ask you to fill in the details and hand the forms back to the parish office. The final date for the submission of the forms is Sunday 16th September 2018. Any forms submitted after this date will not be accepted. Thank you, for your co-operation.

CONFIRMATION

Those of our Young people who wish to make their Confirmation. The course will commence here at St. Edmund's on Saturday 3rd November 2018 (4-6 pm). Booking forms will be available from September and the final date for the forms to be submitted will be 7th October 2018. Thank you

First Holy Communion

The First Reconciliation and First Communion Course will be begin here at St Edmund's on Wednesday 5th December with the Parents Meeting (7 pm). Booking Forms will be available from 9th September 2018 and the final date for the submission of the forms is 7th October 2018 to the parish office. Thank you

We are sad to see Anthony, Erin, Mirin and Vida leave this parish to move to sunny Australia. Before they leave, we wanted to say a big thank you for all their contributions to this Parish, as part of the PCC, catechetical coordinator, RCIA lead and so much more. Thank you, you will be missed. We wish you all the best for your move and hope you can bring the same joy and faith to your new parish.
May God bless you always.

There will be no Newsletter from 4th August until 16th September.

We want to wish happy, stress free and healthy holidays.

Hope we will see you all back in September.

Fr Christopher and Katherine



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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 30 July & Mon 6 August 2018 - 7.30pm. 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: 422.60 envelopes: £470.09, **total: 892.69**

Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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