

NEWSLETTER

24TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

TAKE UP MY CROSS

If I am to follow our Lord, then I have to take up my cross. We cannot avoid it and in those times we need to ask Our Blessed Mother to stand at the foot of our cross as she was present at Our Lord's crucifixion. The cross can divide us especially when we go through some form of trauma. Instead of persevering, we say, 'I cannot take this anymore, why is this happening to me; Why is the Lord punishing me? I don't trust Him anymore and we walk away.

To understand, we need to realize the cross separates from what belongs to the spirit and from what belongs to the flesh, St Paul writing to Galatians says, 'if I were still preaching circumcision, why should I still be persecuted? For then the obstacle which is the cross would have no point anymore. I could wish that those who are unsettling you would go further and mutilate themselves' (Gal 5: 11). and in Galatians (5: 24) he goes on to say, 'All who belongs to Christ Jesus have crucified self with all its passions and its desires'. Again in Romans, St Paul says, 'realising that our former self was crucified with him so that the self which belongs to sin should be destroyed and we should be freed from slavery to sin. Someone who has died, of course, no longer has to answer for sin' (Rm 6: 6-7).

The cross unites us, it shatters the walls of hostility and it reconciles us to one another and to God. Because of the cross, those of us who were far away have been brought near and we are united. Thus the cross is both these things together: it distinguishes in order to unite. We are by the cross separated from the world to be united with God; It rescues us from all corruption and unites all those who accept being crucified with our Lord. The cross overcomes all differences, revealing the secondary nature before the new radical difference, 'For there are so many people of whom I have often warned you, and now I warn you again with tears in my eyes, who behave like the enemies of Christ's cross' (Ph 3: 18).

it's true to say, the cross divides and separates. It's the means by which God uses to prune us to the Body of Christ, so we produced much fruit. The cross unites us with one another and it makes us caring and understanding. Those of us who suffer become less self-centered and sees the needs of his neighbours; he is no longer unreceptive to compassion. Finally, the cross unites us with God.

Fr. Christopher

MASS
INTENTIONS15th September6pm—Ints of Stella
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Parish

11am— Gabriela

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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

Holy Hour
Every Saturday
at 5pm

THE NEXT **BAPTISM COURSE** WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, 19TH SEPTEMBER WITH A SECONT SESSION ON WEDNESDAY, 26TH SEPTEMBER. BOTH PARENTS HAVE TO ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS. THERE IS A £10 FEE. THE COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR HALL AT 7.00 PM .PLEASE, TURN UP ON THE DAY, NO NEED TO REGISTER.

Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Reading Isaiah 50: 5-9,
Psalm - 114, 1-6, 8-9, response v 9
2nd Reading - James 2: 14-18
Gospel - Marc 8: 27-35

1st Reading Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20
Psalm - 53, 3-6, 8, response v 6
2nd Reading - James 3: 16-4: 3
Gospel - John 8: 12

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

16th September: Dignity

" Catholic social teaching believes that human beings ... have by their very existence an inherited value, worth, and distinction. This means that God is present in every person, regardless of his or her race, nation, sex, origin, orientation, culture, or economic standing. Catholic social teaching asserts that all human beings must see within every person both a reflection of God and a mirror of themselves, and must honour and respect this dignity as a divine gift."

Daniel Groody, Globalization, spirituality and justice, p. 109

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

Support your Local Foodbank



Food Collection at Asda Supermarket

Sunday, 23rd September, 12.30pm to 5pm

Please visit and donate some food into our trolley

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. 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 are now available on a table in the porch. The final date for the forms to be submitted will be 21st 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 11th November 2018 to the parish office. Thank you

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**Westminster Social Justice and Peace
Bishop Nicholas and Bishop Paul invite you to a meeting on**

Child Poverty and Justice

***on Saturday 6th October 10.30am – 12.30 pm in
Small Hall, Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Primary School,
Wade's Place, Poplar, London E14 0DE***

Speakers:

Sr Christine Frost FCJ, Dr Rosemary Keenan , CEO Catholic Children's Centre

Margaret Wilkinson, Co-ordinator St Francis Children's Centre

All welcome Light refreshments will be provided at 12.30pm

ARE YOU PLANNING TO MARRY?

Well, that's wonderful: congratulations on your coming marriage. We hope and pray you will have many happy years together.

The process for arranging a marriage is fairly straightforward – provided you start in the right place – which is with me. It doesn't matter where you intend to marry or who is going to conduct the service, the documentation starts with me.

But, please, contact me early in the process – don't go steaming ahead with all the other arrangements and contact the Church last of all.

Above all, be careful of so-called 'wedding planners'. Do not believe what they have to say about Church requirements; they frequently give misleading advice.

To start the process off, just send me an email telling me you want to marry and giving your names, contact details, whether you have been married before and whether you are Catholics. I will then be able to tell you what further information you need to supply and what else you need to do. I will tailor the process to your situation.

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 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: 446.60 envelopes: £439.10, **total: 885.70**

Thank you for your Generosity WRC DT Charity No: 233699

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