

NEWSLETTER

BELONGING TO CHRIST

If I wish to make progress, I need to bare two things in mind: humility and charity. This means I have nothing and I am nothing, I desire one thing. These words must be my constant guide, even if the words are not formulated in my mind, which is not necessary.

Humility implies I am nothing, I have nothing. On the other hand, Charity tells me that I need one thing, and that is our Lord. It's these two strings united in the thought of our Lord will produce harmony in my soul, when they are touched by the finger of reason. The lower I strike one, the other would arise. The less I feel that I am or what I possess, in humility I desire our Lord in love.

I shouldn't confuse myself in referring to humility which my soul feels at the sight of my own sins or weaknesses and at the misery of this life or the sight of the virtues of others, even though such humility might be considered genuine, still, it is harsh and worldly, not pure nor gentle. The humility referred to is what the soul feels through grace and contemplation of the great goodness of our Lord. There may be times I cannot see it with the eyes of the spirit, but I have to believe it. The knowledge of our Lord's being which come through with faith or contemplation will make me consider myself that I am the most miserable creature in existence and nothing, even if I have not committed any grave sin.

Such a humility is beautiful, in comparison with our Lord, who is the ultimate truth, I am nothing. I am an empty vessel that cannot fill by myself. I may perform many good works interiorly and exteriorly, still, I am conscious of the love of my Lord, and I am nothing. So, I long to have my soul be filled with no other but the love of my Lord. I have to put everything behind me and to forget it, that I may have that which is the very best.

Fr. Christopher

CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 5 October

On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to share in the abundance that God has given us. We are asked to fast, pray and give to help people like Longora, who lives in a remote village in Uganda.

The area is so hot and dry, that people used to struggle to get enough clean water to survive. Thanks to the generosity of parishioners in England and Wales, CAFOD has made sure Longora and her neighbours now have a reliable supply of clean, safe water. On Family Fast Day (Friday 5 October), CAFOD invites us to eat simply – perhaps having a bowl of soup instead of a meal – and give the money we save to help people like Longora.

Please collect your Fast Day envelope from the church this week and give what you can. #

Also, next weekend, we will be joined by Olven Maynard, who has been a long standing Cafod member of Staff and Ian Heams, a volunteer. Both are experienced at speaking at Mass and will hear them speak after all three Masses at St Edmund's.

**MASS
INTENTIONS****29th September**

6pm—Fr John Elliott (1st Anniv)

30th September

9am - People of the Parish

11am—Fr John Elliott (1st Anniv)

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****John Higgins RIP**

The memorial Mass for Late John Higgins will be held here at

St Edmund on

12th October at 8 pm.

Fr Tom Pyke and the Parishioners of St Luke will be joining us. Thank you,

Fr. Christopher

Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Reading Numbers 11: 25-29,
Psalm - 18:8, 10, 12-14 response v 9
2nd Reading - James 5: 1-6
Gospel - Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

1st Reading; Genesis 2: 18-24,
Psalm - 127:response v 5
2nd Reading - Hebrew 2: 9-11
Gospel - Mark 10: 2-16

LOVE IN ACTION

30th September: Preferential Option for the poor

The church holds that we should all have special focus on supporting, walking alongside, and sharing with people who are living in poverty. Pope Francis's much quoted phrase about wanting "a poor church for the poor" holds the Catholic social teaching principle of the preferential option for the poor at its heart. Although it includes the charitable support of the Church, both the institution and individual members, for those living in poverty locally and globally, it is also wider than this.

The option for the poor includes talking with, listening to, those who are living in poverty. It is not just thinking that we know what people want or need, but listening to people, sharing in their suffering, being the "voice for the voiceless" when it is not being heard, whilst enabling the voice, the experience, the needs of people to be heard by others in our communities, societies and the world.

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

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 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

Fr Christopher



Rosary Group Meeting Month of the Holy Rosary 07th, 14th, 21st, 28th October

**Meet by the statue of Mary,
after 11am Mass, every Sunday**

*A plenary indulgence may be gained by
praying a full Rosary in Church or as a family*

*There will be a new theme
for our rosary prayers each week*

Beginners Welcome

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

Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

Formation for Liturgical Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Ministers of the Word

Ongoing formation is essential to the continued exercise of every Lay Ministry. Ministers already commissioned or appointed in their parishes are invited to take part in two days' training and the Day of Prayer and Reflection.

Speakers: Sister Anne Walsh OP and Sister Karen Marguerite d'Artois OP are Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of Saint Catherine of Siena of Newcastle, Natal based at Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.

Training starts in October. This programme will be run in 2 central locations. For full information on dates, times and locations, please visit <https://rcdow.org.uk/faith/liturgicalministries> or e-mail to livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

‘What is the point of praying?’ A series of evenings on a healing power of prayer with Fr Keith Barltrop - Monday 29th October and Thursday 8th November 2018 (7pm to 8pm), Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN. Suggested donation £5. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

Lectio Divina: ruminating on the Scriptures—Retreat day with Sister Anne Walsh OP. Saturday, 3rd November 2018 (9.30 for 10.00 am until 3.00 pm) Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Watford, Herts, WD23 4EE. Suggested donation £14. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

Advent Day of Reflection – Thursday, 6th December 2018 (9.30 for 10.00 am until 3.00 pm; closing with Holy Mass) Speaker to be announced. Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Watford, Herts, WD23 4EE. Suggested donation £14. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

Scripture from Scratch: Why do we need the Old Testament?

Marcion, a heretical 2nd century bishop, suggested that Christians should dispense with the Old Testament, that it was rendered void by the New. Some people today might agree. The Church, however, vigorously refutes this idea. The Church has always venerated the Old Testament. Vatican II affirmed this and this is reflected in our Lectionary.

The Old Testament is the true Word of God. It was given (and belongs) to the community of Ancient Israel. We share with our Jewish brothers and sisters our efforts to understand it. “We read it in communities that stand in the Presence of God in the deeply troubling challenges of our own time” (W. Brueggemann).

This course will offer insights into understanding and living these complex writings. Participants may attend individual sessions.

4th October—Creation—What kind of Writing? Our concern for the beginning of things and what this means in the present.

18th October—The Exodus—What kind of History? Imaginative Remembering.

8th November—God of the Hebrew Scriptures: the unknown? God seen through the eyes of an ancient people. God involved in human life. The God of the Psalms.

22nd November—The Prophets What is good government? Who decides? Kings, Priests, Prophets? The State, the Church, the Prophets?

Location: Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Watford, Herts, WD23 4EE. Time: 7.30 – 9.00. Suggested donation £5. Registration is required at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078.

Ausra Cane, STL, Adult Faith Formation & Faith Sharing Groups Adviser, Agency for Evangelisation, Vaughan House

The Divine Mercy Apostolate of Marian Fathers is organising a Divine Mercy Retreat on Sunday, 7 October 2018, 2 pm - 6 pm at Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place, London W2 2LJ - Closest Underground Station: Marble Arch

More info: DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE - MARIAN FATHERS

1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0EY, phone: 020 89980925;

email: info@divinemercy.org.uk www.divinemercyapostolate.co.uk

A date for your diary

ONE WORLD DAY 2018

Will take place in our parish on **21st October 2018 after 11 am mass.**

Reserve your time to prepare a dish from your country
and to stay for lunch to share it with other parishioners.

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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 29 October & Mon 5 November 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: 310.71 envelopes: £477.38, **total: 898.46**

Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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