

NEWSLETTER

27TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

Healing Our Hardness of Heart

But let's beware of putting the sword of hatred and love God has given us into our enemy's hands. For then the armature would do us little good because it would become weak precisely where it is strong now. I know well that neither the devil nor anyone else can ever kill me except with my own sword, with the very sword I use to kill him. If I surrender it to him, he will kill me.

What kills sin and vice? Only hatred and love—the contempt I have conceived for sin, and the love I have conceived for virtue for God's sake. Should the devil and sensuality want to change this hatred and love around, so that your sensuality which is always rebelling against him (and this is what the devil wants), he could not do it unless the strong arm of your will gave him a helping hand? And if you gave it to him, he would kill you with your own sword. You have to see, then, how displeasing to God this would be, and how harmful to us.

We surely have cause to rejoice, because this gentle Son of Mary, God's Only Begotten Son, has weakened and sickened every enemy of ours. The devil is so weakened that he can no longer hold sway over us; he has lost his dominion. Our flesh, taken on by God's Son, was scourged with disgrace, torments, scorn, and insults; so the sight of his flesh should quickly make us loosen our hold on our rebelliousness. Human praise or abuse or anything else will seem like nothing when we set them before the gentle Jesus, who let neither abuse nor flattery nor our thanklessness keep him from doing what he was commanded to do for God's honour and our salvation. So desire and love for God's honour hurled worldly honour to the ground.

Run, then, along this same path!

Saint Catherine of Siena

Dear Friends,

You would have noticed, as you entered the Church the painting of the Divine Mercy above the Lectern. It's a gift to the parish by the members of our Polish Community. I thank them for their generous gift to us, and I am sure, that, many of you would avail yourselves to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in the Church. I have fond memories of my time in Krakow where I celebrated Mass in the Chapel where our Lord spoke with St. Faustina. Once again I thank the Polish Community for their generosity. May God bless you all.

Fr Christopher

With the painting Jesus gives himself to us as the King of Mercy. He himself revealed the Chaplet of the DIVINE MERCY to Sister Faustina and asked her to pray the Chaplet unceasingly. **"Say unceasingly the chaplet that I have taught you. Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy."** (Diary 687)

"Speak to the world about My mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My mercy; let them profit from the Blood and Water which gushed forth for them."

"... My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given to you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. When hardened sinners say it, I will fill their souls with peace, and the hour of their death will be a happy one. Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior." (Diary 1541)

MASS
INTENTIONS6th October

6pm—Ints of Silva Family

7th October

9am - People of the
Parish

11am— Ints of Emilia
Kusuma

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 5pmJohn 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 Canary Wharf Catholic Community, will be joining us.
Thank you, *Fr. Christopher*

Readings for this and next Sunday

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

1st Reading; Wisdom 7: 7-11,
Psalm - 89: 12-17 response v 14
2nd Reading - Hebrew 4: 12-13
Gospel - Mark 10: 17-30

CAFOD Family Fast Day: second collection and guests speakers this weekend

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. #

This weekend, we are 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.

LOVE IN ACTION

7th October: Care for Creation

We are called to renew our commitment to the planet, how we treat it as individuals, and how we hold to account how the government and industries treat the world whilst producing out energy and goods we consume. It is another way in witch we show our love in action, in the way we care for creation.

The bishops of England and Wales remind us of the link between human dignity and care for the earth in their document, The Call of Creation: "The full human development of every human person both now and in future generations cannot be separated from the fate of the earth. It is not simply a matter of treating the earth properly, but part of our treatment of our sisters and brothers across the globe. Indeed it is those living in the poorest communities around the world who already feel the devastating effects of, and will be less able to adapt to , a changing climate.

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 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

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.

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

17th November 18

Would all Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and All Catechists put this date in your diary. Fr. Javier will be here at 10 am to speak to all of you about 'Understanding Scripture'. It's a good way, for us to prepare for Advent/ Christmas. Could I ask you please, to RSVP without delay to Chris Murray, as we need to know the numbers? Many Thanks.

Fr. Christopher

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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Mrs Katherine Woznicka
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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: 469.77 envelopes: £563.69, **total: 1033.46**

Thank you for your Generosity WRC DT Charity No: 233699

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