

NEWSLETTER

JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE
UNIVERSE

CHRIST THE KING

In our Lord's dialogue with Pilate and to Pilate pronouncement, 'So you are a king then?' our Lord replies, 'it is you who say it'.

Truly, he is our king who defeats the enemies and he perseveres in battle. It was with such humility that, our God, took on our humanity through suffering and shame to conquer our pride and sinfulness to defeat the devil. When I look upon the cross, I see the unarmed hands nailed to the cross, that defeated the devil through his cross.

Our king came through the flesh of Mary, to take upon the blows caused by our wickedness. See the crown of thorn's searing through into his brain and the wounded side reveals the deep love of his heart; how I wish that the lance would pierce my inmost heart with his love. All his wounds are the Word that armed him, and what was it? Love.

What did hold him upon that cross, it has to be the bond of love for the Father's honour and for our salvation. So, when I look upon the cross, I behold the love that held him up for me a miserable sinner. I who am so vile could be stirred up to be moved from weak-heartedness to become valorous against the enemy at the sight of our King and be victorious? Certainly not me and dare I say no one either!

This why I need to take our Lord crucified as my focus. I need to immerse myself in our Lord so as to defeat the enemy because our Lord has already defeated the enemy for my sake and he has rescued me from the servitude to the devil. Should the devil try to attack me, I have the recourse to our Lord who by his cross won the victory and by his wounds, you and I are healed.

Fr. Christopher

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**). Books will be available to buy on that day. Your child will need one book for First Reconciliation course and one for First Communion course. The cost of a book is £18. You can buy both at once or to buy a second one before the start of the second course. If for any reason you cannot afford it, please, come to talk to me. Those parents who wish to help with the course, could you submit your details to the Parish office as soon as possible. Thanks,

Fr Christopher

MASS INTENTIONSNovember 24, 2018

6pm - Ints of Fr Chris

(B'day)

November 25, 2018

9am - People of the Parish

11am—Holy Souls

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

'Behold Jesus Christ crucified Who is the only foundation of Hope; He is our Mediator and Advocate; the Victim and sacrifice for our goodness and patience itself; His mercy is the tears of sinners, and He never refuses pardon and grace to those who ask it with truly contrite and humble heart'. St Charles Borromeo

ADVENT

Lord, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart. Amen

Loving Mother, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your Heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said, 'Yes' to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son. Come, Lord Jesus, Come. Amen

Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Reading; Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm - 92:1-2, 5 response v 1

2nd Reading - Apocalypse 1:5-8

Gospel - John 18:33-37

1st Reading; Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm - 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 response v 1

2nd Reading - Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2

Gospel - Luke 21:25-28; 34-36

AT HOME SCHEME OPEN EVENING

The Jesuit Refugee Service UK will be hosting an open evening for their hosting scheme, its an opportunity to learn more about the project and ask questions you might have about hosting and hear from a host who has welcomed several guests at home. This evening will be held on Tuesday 27th November at The Hurtado Jesuit Centre, 2 Chandler Street, London, E1w 2QT from 6;30-7:30 pm (arrivals from 6 pm) Please RSVP to Naomi the Coordinator at naomi.turner@jrs.net or 0207-488-7313 Thanks

The Passage is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tues 27th November - 12 noon Tues 4th December to support its work with homeless people this winter. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921856

andrew.h@passage.org.uk, <https://secure.thebiggive.org.uk/project/30366>

The maximum is £5,000 from any one donation. *It is not a limit per person*

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MONDAY 3rd DECEMBER AT 7PM, PARISH CENTRE

MARY, STAR OF EVANGALISATION: TILING THE SOIL AND SOWING THE SEED

DR JACOB PHILLIPS FROM ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM, CHAIRED BY PROFESSOR TRACEY ROWLAND FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, AUSTRALIA.

Register on Eventbrite or email: evangelisation@stpatricksoho.org

Stuck for a Christmas present? CAFOD [World Gifts](#) offers a great alternative for friends or family who don't *need* anything, but might appreciate a gift which helps poor communities to access services like basic healthcare, clean water, and education.

CAFOD provides you with a certificate detailing a gift that has been given to a community overseas on your behalf.

On Saturday 8 December (starting 3pm) at St. Dominic's Priory (Southampton Rd, Belsize Park, London NW5 4LB), Westminster Youth Ministry will be celebrating its annual diocesan Youth Mass. Led by Bishop John Wilson, young people from all parishes are welcome. The music for the Mass will be provided by Catholic artist Edwin Fawcett and the young Music Ministry scholars who spent a year preparing for this day. For more information about the Youth Mass, as well as to apply for next year's free music scholarship, visit dowym.com

Andrzej Wdowiak, *Director of Youth, Westminster Youth Ministry*

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

It is still time to pray for the Holy Souls. Envelopes are available on the table for you to put the names of your loved ones who will be remembered at ALL Masses during the month of November and later. Please, put your envelope with your donation into the basket in front of the Altar. Thank you, Fr Christopher



**Rosary Group's
Monthly Prayer Meeting**
Sunday 02nd December
**Meet by the statue of Mary
after 11am Mass**
The theme of our prayers will be:
Christmas Celebrations
Beginners Welcome
Meetings held 1st Sunday of every month
Please bring your Rosary. Booklets Available
Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

Proclaim Spring Gathering 2019

Rt. Rev Nicholas Hudson has invited representatives to join him at this gathering on Saturday 23rd February 2019 from 9.30 am - 3.00pm at St Mary & St Michael (Commercial Road) Parish Centre, 2 Lukin Street E1 OAA. With this in Mind, I invite ALL are young people in the Confirmation Group, First Holy Communion Group, and All Catechumenate's and Candidates of RCIA with there Catechists to join Bishop Nicholas Hudson on Saturday 23rd February 2019. Kindly, would All Catechists put this date in your diary and encourage everyone in your groups to attend With You. Thank you.

Fr Christopher

Fun with Rosaries (Part Two)

I keep my rosary in my coat pocket, in a cheap change-purse, along with a small wooden cross from the Holy Land with it, given to me by a friend from the foodbank on her return. They give me no protection against the perils of daily life in lawless London, other than the comfort I feel knowing I have not lost them.

My rosary is an inanimate object. It does not give me special powers. Rosaries are no more than atoms bound together by the laws of God and the universe, in a factory somewhere. They have no soul or life. I do not worship my rosary, any more than I would worship a ruler or pocket calculator. It is a useful thing, like my mobile phone.

My rosary has bigger beads than normal because my thumb is damaged. I got it from ebay, because that was the easiest place to find what I was looking for. It is made of very cheap materials and didn't cost very much, because I try not to spend money when I don't have to. It is very black and looks quite long, because that is more functional for me.

My rosary is a working rosary, not for show. I have seen so-called Prison Rosaries made from twine and coloured plastic for 99p. I have also seen rosaries that are just a simple ring of metal that can fit round a finger. I was given one at secondary school, once. There are also very expensive rosaries and ones just intended as fashion items.

My rosary is my telephone to God. I can always pray to God wherever I am and whatever I am doing, but my rosary makes it easier. If you don't already have a rosary, then you need to go and buy one. It needs to be whichever one you feel the most attachment for, perhaps because of its colour, style, or simply because. You then need to start using it today.

By the way, I would be very grateful if you would ask for a handful of green tokens at any Asda checkout. Go to the community boards next to the post-box near the toilets. Put the tokens in the slot marked Island Gardens Foodbank. We need you to do that until the end of December. Asda will then help us feed people for about two months. My thanks, Paul Marlow.

The Interment of John Higgins

The interment of John Higgins' ashes took place on Sunday, 18th November 2018 at 1pm, as scheduled. The ashes were buried according to Catholic practice in the Garden of Remembrance at Christ Church, also known as the Bible Garden. This kindness has been extended to John because of his many friendships across many different communities and his special status here on the Isle of Dogs. As is normal practice, John's ashes are buried there until the natural process of time is finished and the ground is needed again in years to come.

A brief service of prayers was led by Father Tom Pyke in full robes, Parish Priest of Christ Church and Vicar of the Church of England Parish of Christ Church and St John with St Luke, Isle of Dogs, London. In attendance were Catholics from St. Edmunds RC Church, Millwall Parish. In no particular order, we were Catherine Obi, Sophie Pierre, Rachel Hoyer, John Chesson, Francis Lobo, Maria Grant, Jackie Campbell, Maria Lateef, Marianne Marlow, and myself, Paul Marlow. The weather was cold and grey, but none of us seemed to notice.

I dug a hole in a nice corner of the garden, as directed by Father Tom, until I struck rock at about a foot deep. The site is not too far out of the way as John Higgins was a sailor and seemed to like bad weather. One of the ladies was kind enough to pour the ashes. After Father Tom finished, the Catholics present said their own heartfelt prayers of thanks to God on behalf of John Higgins. We also thanked Father Tom. I covered John's ashes, before pressing the earth in place with the flat of the steel shovel. Father Tom then placed a protective slate against foxes over the small mound, before I placed the handle of John's walking stick on top as a temporary marker. All of us left after fifteen minutes.

Everyone is welcome to visit if they wish. John Higgins plot can be seen in the Garden of Remembrance on Glenaffric Avenue. It is near the northern corner of the church building, half-way between the two tall trees inside the garden. The handle of his walking stick marks the site of his ashes, to the left of a tall bush, on the other side of the paved pathway. People can either see the site through the fencing or ask to visit at Christ Church's parish office. Visitors are asked not to disturb the ground by leaving their own markers without permission, as the garden is already full with people awaiting the last day. Flowers are always welcome. I would be very grateful if people could thank Father Tom and his Parish in their prayers for their great kindness in granting space for John Higgins in their Garden of Remembrance. The garden is not very large and their parish has been very generous in allowing us to place John there without asking for a donation, as would be usual for their own parishioners. Without their help, our parish would have had to find somewhere for John far from our community. My thanks, Paul

Catholic History Walks in London

London at Christmas and the New Year Sunday 16th December 2018 & Wednesday 2nd January 2019, both at 3pm. Join us for seasonal walks through Westminster and Victoria, taking in Christmas trees and crib-scenes. Meet at Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

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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 7 January & Mon 14 January 2019 - 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 not 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 be added to the distribution list.

SET OF DONATION ENVELOPES for current financial year are now ready for collection by the entrance hallway. If you notice any misspelling in your name/surname or the address, please let me know by email on millwall@rcdow.org.uk. Also, if you want to donate by envelope you can let me know via email and I will prepare a box for you. During the week the boxes are available from the office.

Katherine

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS: loose: 386.48 envelopes: 425.48, total: **1110.91**
Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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