

NEWSLETTER

SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

'My hour has not yet come'

I ask myself, why did our Lord say, 'My hour has not yet come'? I suppose one might say, he had the power when to die, and he did not see it necessary to avail himself of that power. When I know that the time is right for me to suffer it would be appropriate when his suffering would be advantageous, then certainly I will suffer.

The Lord came, having in his power when to die. Assuredly, it wouldn't be right for him to die before he had chosen his disciples. If he hadn't had the hour in his own power, he could have died before he had chosen his disciples.

The hour had not yet come, the proper time hasn't come yet. Disciples had to be called and chosen, the kingdom had to be proclaimed, his divinity had to be revealed in miracles and his humanity and his sympathy with us mortals. He who hungered because he was a man, had fed thousands with five loaves because he was God; he slept because he was man, commanded the winds and the waves because he was God.

All of this had to happen so that the evangelists could have the material to write, what ought to be preached to the Church. When he had accomplished his task, then did his hour come, not of necessity, but of power.

Fr. Christopher

Thank you.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your gifts and cards during the Christmas Season. It's very much appreciated and May God bless you all. Fr Christopher

Could you help?

We need more volunteers for the Children's Liturgy at 9 am & 11 am. If we get sufficient numbers you would DBS Checked put on a rota. Training would be provided. Thank you, Fr Christopher

MASS INTENTIONSJanuary 19, 2019

6pm - Joseph Vallamattam
(Anniv)

January 20, 2010

9am - Deceased Members
of Maria Suchowierska
Family

11am—Ints of Minh & Kung
Family

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

Your Prayers

Today over 200 million Christians are at risk of persecution. Some of the worst persecutions take place in countries such as Egypt, India, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Do remember our Christian brothers and sisters in your prayers. Not only them but other minority religious groups who also are persecuted. Thank you

Anointing of the Sick

On Sunday 10th February 19 at the 11 am Mass, we here at St Edmund will have the anointing of the sick. I invite our Eucharistic Ministers who take Communion to our Sick and housebound to encourage them to attend. If you know of anyone whom you think would benefit do encourage them to attend or bring them along. Thank you, Fr Christopher

Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Reading; Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 95: 1-3, 7-10, , response v 3

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 2; 4-11

Gospel –John 2:1-11

1st Reading; Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10

Psalm 18: 8-10 response John 6:63

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12; 12-30

Gospel –Luke 1:1-4; 4; 14-21

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES:

Alexander Armstrong will be performing at a fundraising concert in aid of SVP Vinnie Packs for the homeless alongside renowned soprano, Miranda Heldt, actor Alex Macqueen and the Choir With No Bane on Monday, 4th February at 7pm at farm Street Church, Mayfair. Tickets costing £30 are available by typing Vinnie Packs in the "Looking for" section on the Eventbrite.co.uk. The SVP would be very grateful of your support.

Siobhan Garibaldi, Coordinator of the Vinnie Pack Project.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE—amended version

Dear Parents: Please note the changes to the First Penance and First Communion courses

FIRST PENANCE - 9am to 11am

1. Sunday January 13, 2. Sunday January 20 3. Sunday January 27 4. Sunday Feb 3 5. Sunday Feb 10
6. Saturday March 2 - Last lesson on first penance with the first confession to take place immediately after

FIRST COMMUNION - 9am to 11am

1. Sunday March 3 2. Sunday March 10 3. Sunday March 17 4. Sunday March 24
5. Sunday March 31 6. Sunday May 5 - last lesson on communion

First Holy Communion- Saturday 11th of May - 11am

From all the St Edmund's Communion Catechists



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The largest national Catholic youth event of the year is back!

SATURDAY 2 MARCH | WEMBLEY ARENA

Book your tickets with Westminster Youth Ministry for the reduced early-bird price of £20. Those coming with us will also receive a free t-shirt!

Visit dowym.com/events to book, or contact directly dominiccunliffe@rcdow.org.uk



dowym.com

Proclaim Spring Gatherings 2019 with Bishop Nicholas Hudson

on Sat 9th Feb at Our Lady Help of Christians, Kentish Town NW5 2XT and Sat 23rd February 2019 at St Mary & St Michael (Commercial Road) 2 Lukin Street E1 0AA, will help all who are interested in sharing their

Faith to respond to Pope Francis' call to grow 'Missionary Parishes' and form 'Missionary Disciples'. You are invited to hear talks and presentations, and join in discussion with participants from other parishes, looking at practical ways to enrich and grow our parishes, and to reach out to others through local evangelisation. The events which are free to attend run from 9.30am to 3.00pm and are open to all. Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. To register for **Proclaim Spring Gathering** e-mail Warren Brown at catadmin@rcdow.org.uk

PARISH PROJECT,

Please, find below a message from Keely, who was our guest and now is waiting for your thoughts on our Hall Extension Project. Do not hesitate to email her. Thank you, Fr Christopher

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for welcoming me so warmly at your weekend masses .

I just wanted to reiterate my request for you to share your thoughts and ideas about the development of the hall as part of a wider project which would be largely, if not wholly, grant funded.

You can contact me at keelytattersfield@rcdow.org.uk or 07920488586. Please send me any ideas, feedback or questions. God bless, Keely Tattersfield



MONASTIC EXPERIENCE WEEKEND | QUARR ABBEY

FRIDAY 8TH (EVENING) - SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2019

The Monastic Experience Weekend is designed to give single Catholic men aged 18-35 the opportunity to sample monastic life, as it is led at Quarr Abbey in the Benedictine tradition of the Solesmes Congregation. They will be able to attend the liturgical worship in the church, pursue personal prayer and meditation on the Bible in the prayerful silence of the monastery, and hear talks from the monks about their way of life, their liturgy and the Rule of Saint Benedict which they follow. There will be opportunities to participate in the work of the monks and to ask questions. It will be of particular interest to those wanting to explore the possibility of a vocation.

Contact Brother Duncan at Quarr Abbey, Quarr Rd, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 4ES. Email: novicemaster@quarr.org. Telephone +44 (0) 1983 882420

St Vincent de Paul Society (England & Wales)

The St Vincent de Paul Society is an international Christian charity providing practical help to those in need through local community projects and a network of 10,000 volunteer members.

Head of Digital and IT - London

Salary: £52K + London weighting + Benefits package

The Society is seeking an exceptional candidate for the post of 'Head of Digital and IT' who will lead on the development and delivery of the Society's IT service and can fully improve, evolve and implement the Society's Digital and IT strategy.

As well as the strategic overview, you will have responsibility for reviewing and upgrading the Society's national IT infrastructure and for managing the implementation of digital technologies on a practical level. You will need to balance managerial functions with hands-on management and support of existing technology and stakeholder involvement. You will also help with procurement and oversee key contracts with outsourced providers as appropriate.

You will be a highly skilled, innovative and knowledgeable IT professional with significant technical experience, ideally in the charity sector. You will possess excellent methodological problem solving and communication skills and an ability to relate well to people at all levels. A commitment to the values and ethos of the organisation is essential.

For an application pack: E-mail: matthews@svp.org.uk.

Closing date for completed applications: 28th Jan 2019 Inter-

BAPTISMS

Baptisms that take place here in the parish of St Edmunds will be during Parish Masses, at Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am, 11am.

We recognize, that families need to plan ahead, when they have friends and family attending the baptism, we are through Catherine at the office book the time and date of the baptism. We do emphasize it's conditional to the completion of the baptism course, provision of godparent references being completed before the actual baptism.

The date and which Mass can be booked with Catherine (Parish Office) but must be confirmed in writing. Cannon Law (Church Law) requires that each child must have godparent; should there be a second godparent, one has to be male and the other female.

A godparent is defined as a confirmed, practicing Catholic. Should the godparent not be a member of this parish (St Edmund) we require a reference from his / her parish that they meet the requirement- that he/she is attending Mass regularly. Although the maximum number of godparents is set at two, families could have additional people whose standing is that of 'witness to the baptism.' During the baptism, we don't distinguish between godparents and witnesses, but only the names of the godparents will be inserted in the baptismal register and in the baptism certificate.

Equally, baptised Christians from other denominations may participate as witnesses to the baptism, but they cannot participate as godparents. Members of other faiths (or none) cannot serve as either godparents or as witnesses to the baptism.

Both parents and godparents, as part of the baptism, must make a declaration of faith. Prior to the baptism could we ask that you go through beforehand and ascertain you both can honestly make it? In all probability, if anyone one has a problem with any part of it, the problem lies in understanding what is meant rather than with the article of faith itself- do please, contact me to discuss it well before the baptism. The unpleasant thing you could do is start your child's relationships with God by affirming in His presence to something you don't believe.

Since all baptisms are during Mass, the choice you are faced with is whether to clothe your child with a white garment: whatever your child is wearing at the time of the actual baptism, this is something additional (and white) that is added a minute or so later. Traditionally, the garment would be a white shawl, but it could be as simple as a length of white ribbon going around the neck. It recalls the practice in the early Church of baptism by total immersion; as the newly baptised person came out of the water he/she would be dried and clothed in new white garments. You need to let Catherine know well in advance of your decision prior to your child's baptism.

We don't charge for baptism but we ask for families to make a contribution to defray the cost by given a donation in the range of £50-100, with others giving more. It doesn't mean you have to subject yourselves to unnecessary financial stress, but give what you think you can afford.

Fr. Christopher

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Fr Christopher Silva

Parish Priest,

Mrs Katherine Woznicka

Parish Secretary

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 Wed 20 February & Wed 27 February 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 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 arianna.sommariva@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.

SET OF DONATION ENVELOPES , if you want to donate in envelopes and to gift aid your donations, 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: 473.34 envelopes: 653.30, total: **1126.30**
Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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