

NEWSLETTER

EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**Let Me remove the Splinter**

Reflecting on the Gospel, I wondered how often we tend to find fault with others. It's true that we blame others for mistakes when it's us who should put our hand up but instead we make excuses.

If we don't acknowledge our faults how would we correct them? It takes courage to admit to our faults by tackling them head-on without pointing the finger at anyone else.

St Therese of the Child Jesus once said, 'When we commit a fault, we must not attribute it to a physical cause, such as illness or the weather, but we must attribute it to our own lack of perfection.., Occasions does not make one weak, but they do show what he is. When we excuse our faults it might soothe our pride, but the truth is it's putting blinkers on to our pride which prevents us from seeing the reality of the situation. If we don't our souls are prevented from advancing, instead of the soul fumbles in the dark without any escape.

On the other hand, if we honestly acknowledge our faults, we would have taken the first steps to correct them.

Fr. Christopher

MASS INTENTIONS**March 2, 2019**

6pm - Len Orwel RIP

March 3, 2019

9am - People of the Parish

11am—Fr A. Walker RIP

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

**SUGGESTED READING FOR LENT**

During Lent, could I suggest you to read Chapter 13-17 of John's Gospel on Thursdays. It's a good way to prepare for Easter. These five Chapters could be read through the rest of the year as well. *Fr. Christopher*

ASH WEDNESDAY 6th of March

A Day of Fast and Abstinence. Times of Service here, 9.15 am & 8 pm.

Stations of the Cross, Fridays at 7 pm and on the following Dates:

Friday 15th , Friday 22nd , Friday 29th , Friday 5th April , Friday 12th April

If you are interested in leading the Stations on these Friday's please submit your details to Catherine at the Parish Office or alternatively e-mail her with your details and Please indicate what Friday's you wish to lead.

Parish Penitential Service:

Tuesday 12th March 19, we will be having our Penitential Service **at 8 pm**. It's a good way to prepare for Easter.

Do put this date in your diary.

Confirmation, RCIA & First Holy Communion

Do remember our Confirmation Candidates who are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers.

Also, remember our RCIA Candidates & Catechumens who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Finally, remember our First Holy Communion Candidates who will be making their First Reconciliation and then going on to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

Readings for this and next Sunday

1st Reading; Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7,
Psalm 91: 2-3, 13-16 response v 2
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15; 54-58
Gospel –Luke 6; 39-45

1st Reading; Deuteronomy 26: 4-10,
Psalm 90: 1-2, 10-15 response v 15
2nd Reading - Romans 10; 8-13
Gospel –Luke 4; 1-13

LENT

Here are some tips from Pope Francis for Lent.

1. Get rid of the lazy addiction to evil

'[Lent] is a 'powerful' season, a turning point that can foster change and conversion in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us' (General Audience, March 5th 2014).

2. Do something that hurts

'Lent is a fitting time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty. Let us not forget that real poverty hurts: no self-denial is real without this dimension of penance. I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt' (Lenten Message, 2014).

3. Don't remain indifferent

'Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. God is not indifferent to our world; he so loves it that he gave his Son for our salvation' (Lenten message .2015).

4. Pray: Make our hearts like yours!

'During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: *Make our hearts unto yours* (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way, we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalisation of indifference' (Lenten Message 2015).

5. Take part in the Sacraments

'Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we, in turn, may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ' (Lenten message, 2015).

6. Prayer

'In the face of so many wounds that hurt us and could harden our hearts, we are called to dive into the sea of prayer, which is the sea of God's boundless love, to taste his tenderness. Lent is a time of prayer, of more intense prayer, more prolonged, more assiduous, more able to take on the needs of the brethren; intercessory prayer, to intercede before God for the many situations of poverty and suffering' (Homily March 5th 2014).

7. Fasting

'We must be careful not to practice a formal fast, or one which in truth 'satisfies' us because it makes us feel good about ourselves. Fasting makes sense if it questions our security, and if it also leads to some benefit for others, if it helps us to cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bends down to his brother in need and takes care of him' (Homily, March 5th 2014).

8. Almsgiving

'Today gratuitousness is often not part of daily life where everything is bought and sold. Everything is calculated and measured. Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have, from the sadness of the one who does not wish to share his wealth with others' (Homily, March 5th 2014).

9. Help the Poor

'In the poor and outcast we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ. Our efforts are also directed to ending violations of human dignity, discrimination and abuse in the world, for these are so often the cause of destitution. When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing' (Lenten Message, 2014).

10. Evangelise

'The Lord asks us to be joyous heralds of this message of mercy and hope! it is thrilling to experience the joy of spreading this good news, sharing the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness' (Lenten Message 2014).

God bless, Fr Chris



Rosary Group's Monthly Prayer Meeting

Sunday 03rd March

Meet by the statue of Mary
after 11am Mass

The theme of our prayers will be:

Acts of Kindness

Beginners Welcome

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

Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL PROJECT WILL COMMENCE NEXT WEEKEND

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: 15th March 2019
SECOND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD ON 17th MARCH

Thank you for your generosity.

CARITAS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Giving your time is the greatest gift

*For more information look for a leaflet in our the church's porch or contact Volunteer
Coordinator on 07738 183 833 or caritasvol@rcdow.org.uk*

TABLET

There are copies of the Tablet available on the table in church's porch. If you are interested in having a copy please, take it and see either Paul or John with your payment. Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 8 June 2019 at 3 pm.

The Cardinal extends an invitation to all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2019. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your details: husband's and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email), to Katherine at the office and she will forward your details to Marriage & Family Life, Agency for Evangelisation. Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

Beginning Experience

There is a healing weekend for men and woman who find themselves single again following separation, divorce or the death of a partner from 12th to 14th April 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex.

For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Sandra 01293-783965 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

Charlotte McNerlin, Marriage and Family Life Ministry - Administrator, 020 7931 6064 ext.2464, family@rcdow.org.uk

[Marriage and Family Life Website](#)

FREE TEA AND COFFEE

There is free tea and coffee after Mass every Sunday. This makes a good time to meet your fellow parishioners. Come and join us. *Asha*

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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 01 April & Mon 8 April 2019 - 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 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: 389.67 envelopes: 705.37, total: **1095.04**
Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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