

NEWSLETTER

PENTECOST
SUNDAY

On the mission of the Holy Spirit in the Church

When the work which the Father had given the Son to do on the earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost that he might forever sanctify the Church. In this way, all believers would have access to the Father through Christ in the one Spirit. He is the Spirit of life, a fountain of water springing up to eternal life. Through him, the Father gives life to men who dead from sin, till at last, he revives in Christ even their mortal bodies.

The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful as in a temple. In them, he prays and witnesses to the fact that they are adopted, sons. Guiding her into all truth and uniting her in communion and service, he bestows upon her various gifts, both hierarchic and charismatic, and adorns her with the fruits of his grace.

By the power of the gospel, he allows the Church to keep the freshness of youth and leads her to perfect union with her spouse. The Spirit and the bride both say to the Lord Jesus: 'Come!' Thus the Church shines forth as a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The whole body of the faithful who have an anointing that comes from the holy one cannot err in matters of belief. This characteristic is shown in the supernatural appreciation of the faith of the whole people, when, from the bishops to the last one of the faithful, they manifest a universal consent in matters of faith and morals. By this appreciation of the faith, aroused and sustained by the Spirit of truth, the People of God, guided by the sacred teaching authority and obeying it, receives not the mere word of men, but truly the word of God, the faith once for all delivered to the saints. The people unfaithfully adheres to this faith, penetrates it more deeply with right judgment and applies it more fully in daily life.

It is not only through the sacraments and the ministrations of the Church that the Holy Spirit sanctifies the people, leads them and enriches them with his virtues. Allotting his gifts as he wills, he also distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank. By these gifts, he makes them fit and ready to undertake various tasks and offices for the renewal and building up of the Church, as it is written: 'The manifestation of the Spirit is given to everyone for profit'.

Whether these charisms be very remarkable or more simple and widely diffused, they are to be received with thanksgiving and consolation since they are fitting and useful for the needs of the Church.

From the Constitution of the Second Vatican Council on the Church

MASS INTENTIONS**June 8, 2019**

6pm - Deceased Members
of H Suchowierski's Family

June 9, 2019

9am - People of the Parish

11am—Sandra Lashmar
(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

**Starts each
Saturday at 5pm**

FEASTS during JUNE

**16th June: MOST HOLY
TRINITY**

**23rd June: THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF
CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)
& PARISH BBQ**

**24th June: THE NATIVITY OF
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**28th June: THE MOST SACRED
HEART OF JESUS**

**30th June: Ss PETER AND
PAUL, APOSTLES (COLLECTION
FOR PETER'S PENCE)**

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading; Acts 2: 1-11,
Psalm 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34, response v 30
2nd Reading - Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13,
Gospel – John 20; 19-23

1st Reading; Genesis 14: 18-20,
Psalm 109: 1-4, response v 4
2nd Reading - Corinthians 11:23-26,
Gospel – Luke 9; 11-17

Come, Holy, Spirit

Solemnity of the Pentecost should make one look into themselves. Ideally, we should be drunk with the Holy Spirit with love for the Lord, and we live as though we are dead to this life looking forward to eternal life with the Lord. We are so focused on the Lord and his immense goodness for us which is what he desires for us.

When we are so immersed in the Lord we are perfect, we no longer hold or understand other than but our Lord and we cannot be held back in our instantaneous desire. We are unbounded, for we have cut off and cast aside anything that might be an impediment in our running toward the supreme love. We are so attached to our Lord that we love non other than our Lord. For we love all those around us for our Lord, as in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

We are invited to this perfection through the Holy Spirit from this earthly life to total obedience, to be led to eat the delicious honey in the garden.

This is what you and I should aspire too, while we traverse this earthly life, this Pentecost.

Fr. Christopher



Saturday 22nd between 11am to 4pm

Can you spare an hour or two to help us tidy up our gardens?

No experience necessary- just enthusiasm

All tools supplied but if you prefer to use your own - please bring them with you

Wear comfortable clothing and footwear

Refreshments provided; Any questions contact Dymphna on 07539 078 072

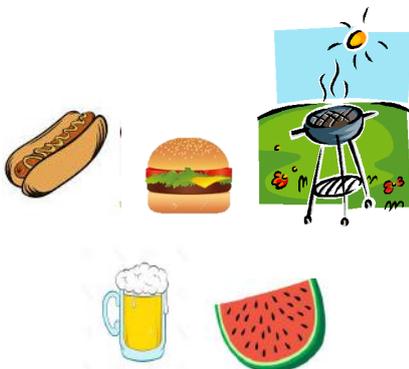
St Edmund's Church BBQ

Sunday 23rd June 2019

12:00 to 2:30 pm

Selection of food
and drinks included

Please come along
to meet everyone.



Tickets on Sale after each Mass.

**Vegetarian menu
available**

World Refugee Day – Thursday 20 June 2019

Mark the Day on Kent's White Cliffs Coast,
in solidarity with refugees in Calais

Love knows no borders

*Organised for 'People Not Walls', a partnership of organisations in
France and the UK working in solidarity for the rights of refugees*

Programme:

All are welcome – feel free to join in or depart at times that suit your availability!

- 12h30: A pause at the memorial for deceased migrants CT16 1LW
(on Marine Parade near Premier Inn and ferry terminal)
- 13h00: Vigil opposite the port entrance
- 13h00: Picnic/lunch on the seafront, or free time
- 14h30: Visit to Samphire's Community Engagement and ex-Detainee Projects
(Working with local migrant and British communities to improve social cohesion)
- 15h30: Walk around Dover, or free time
- 16h30: Skype and Messenger conversations with partners in Calais
- 17h45: Gather in St-Margaret's-at-Cliffe Parish Church CT15 6AU
(St-Margaret's-at-Cliffe, 4m from Dover, is the village closest to the French coast)
- 18h00: World Refugee Day Service, celebrating togetherness and solidarity with others
- 18h00: Simultaneous event starts on Calais beach
- 18h30: Tea & coffee in church – bring food to share elsewhere
- 19h10: Walk of witness with lanterns to cliff-top green, overlooking the Channel
- 19h30: Display of banner and reading of 'People not Walls' Declaration
- 20h00: Conclusion simultaneously with colleagues in Calais

NOTE: There is good access to all sites for the less able, and public toilets are nearby

London coach departs at 10h30 from Tottenham (St John Vianney Church N15 3QL), or fast trains run to Dover Priory station from St Pancras or Stratford International to join in at any of the times and places listed.

For enquiries contact Barbara Kentish – 07758630961

Event organised by the Diocese of Canterbury, Seeking Sanctuary, the Samphire Project, and Southwark and Westminster Justice and Peace Commissions for 'People Not Walls'

To help decorate our banner and placards, come to the meeting room at St Mary's Church, Cannon Street, Dover CT16 1BY on the afternoon of Saturday 15 June between 2 and 4 pm

People Not Walls

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. Canon 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.

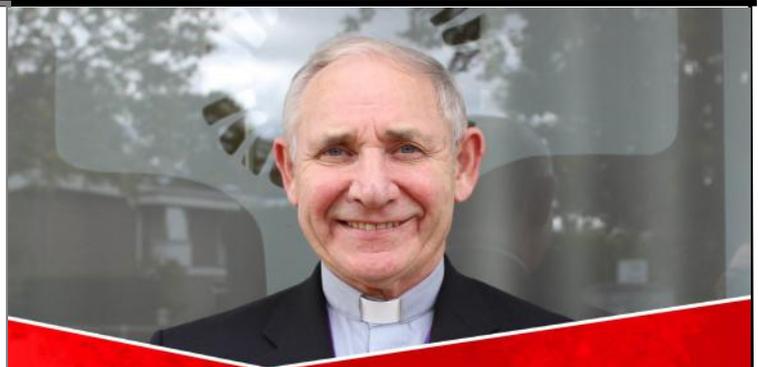
Equally, baptized Christians from other denominations may participate as witnesses to the baptism, but they cannot participate as godparents. Members of other faiths (or none) cannot serve as either godparents or as witnesses to the baptism.

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



Christus Vivit: Echoes from the Youth Synod with Bishop Paul McAleenan

Calling young Catholics aged 18 to 30!

Join us for the next evening of prayer and discussion with Bishop Paul McAleenan as we continue the conversation about the role of young people in the Church, and your personal vocation and prayer life.

Date: Tuesday 25 June

Time: 18:30 - 20:30

Location: Throne Room, Archbishop's House, Victoria, London

To register, contact us at: youth@rcdow.org.uk



dowym.com

Upcoming Events at Mount Street Jesuit Centre SADHANA: A WAY TO GOD

June 12th-July 17th, 2-3.30pm Lynne Galloway

Mount Street Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH pathwaystogod.org **0207-495-1673**

Beginning with developing stillness and awareness, we move on to the use of our imagination and into opening our lives more fully to the love of God. We need to wake up, open up our eyes, see what is real, both inside and outside of ourselves. The greatest human gift is to be aware, to be in touch with oneself, one's body, mind, feelings, thoughts, and sensations. Sadhana helps you to do this.

RECONCILIATION: THE POWER OF FAITH IN A WORLD OF CONFLICT

June 12th-July 10th, 6.30-8.30pm Theodora Hawksley CJ
Reconciliation is in the DNA of the disciple. The heartbeat of the gospel is that God, in Christ, has reconciled and is reconciling all things to Himself. As the apostle Paul says, we have been entrusted with the message of reconciliation and living out this calling as **a m b a s s a d o r o f C h r i s t**. This reconciliation course explores a biblically-based approach to reconciliation and offers practical tools to enable Christians to apply this in their everyday experiences.

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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 Wed 26 June & Wed 3 July 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 arianna.sommariva@rcdow.org.uk or at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.

AN EMAIL NEWSLETTER — from June 2019 our Newsletter will no longer be distributed by an email. You can always download it from our website. <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/millwall/>

LOOP SYSTEM —The Church is fitted with “Loop” sound systems – please switch to ‘T’.

TEXT GIVING — Simply type: Parish (then space) then MILLW. Send it to 70800. Click send. £5 will be added to your mobile phone bill, as a donation to the parish.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS Those parishioners who for medical reasons can only take Gluten Free as per their diet. We here at St Edmund's have Gluten Free Hosts. Should you require, see Fr. Christopher before Mass, so he could consecrate the hosts for you.

NEW SETS OF DONATION ENVELOPES ARE READY FOR COLLECTION FROM THE SACRISTY, BEFORE AND AFTER EACH MASS (during a week - from the office).

If you spot any mistake, please, let me know immediately.

If you want to donate in envelopes and to gift aid your donations, but have not arranged for it so far, you can let me know via an email and I will prepare a box for you.

Katherine

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS: loose: £411.47 envelopes: £523.31 total: **£934.78**
Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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