

NEWSLETTER

THE MOST
HOLY TRINITY**Light, splendour, grace in the Trinity and from the Trinity**

It will not be irrelevant to examine the ancient tradition and the doctrine and the faith of the Catholic Church, which, as we know, the Lord handed down, the apostles preached and the fathers preserved. For on this tradition, the Church is founded, and if anyone, abandons it, he cannot be a Christian nor have any right to the name.

And so the Trinity, which is recognized in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is holy and perfect and has no adulteration of that which is foreign or external. Nor is it compounded of creator and created matter, but it is endowed with the complete power of creating and energizing; its nature also is consistent with itself and undivided, and its energy and activity are one. For the Father makes all things through the Word in the Holy Spirit, and in that way, the unity of the Holy Trinity is preserved. Thus in the Church one, God is preached, who is 'above all things and through all things and in all things'. Yes, certainly, 'above all things' as the Father, the first principle and origin; and truly 'through all things', that is through the Word, and finally 'in all things' in the Holy Spirit.

When St Paul was writing to the Corinthians about spiritual matters, he traced all things back to one God the Father as to the fountain-head in these words: 'Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord: and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one'.

The gifts which the Spirit distributes to individuals are given by the Father through the Word. For all things which belong to the Father likewise belong to the Son: so that those things which are given by the Son in the Spirit is in us, the Word by whom we receive him is also in us, and in the Word is also the Father, and this is the meaning of the text: 'We (that is, my Father and I) will come to him and make our home with him'. For where there is light, there also is brilliance, and where there is brilliance, there the power and the glory of the light shine out.

Paul also in the second letter to the Corinthians gives the same teaching in these words: 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all'. For grace and the gift which is given in the Trinity is given by the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. For just as grace is given from the Father through the Son, so within us, the fellowship in the gift cannot be brought about except in the Holy Spirit. If we have received the Spirit, then we have the love of the Father, the grace of the Son and the fellowship of the spirit himself. *From the letters of St Athanasius.*

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****MASS INTENTIONS****June 15, 2019**

6pm - Glen Lay (Anniv)

June 16, 2019

9am - People of the Parish

11am—Fr Christopher's Ints

(Anniv of Ordination)

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 HO-
LY BODY AND BLOOD OF
CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)
& PARISH BBQ****24th June: THE NATIVITY
OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST****28th June: THE MOST SA-
CRED HEART OF JESUS****30th June: Ss PETER AND
PAUL, APOSTLES (COLLEC-
TION FOR PETER'S PENCE)****Readings for this & next Sunday**

1st Reading; Proverb 8: 22-31,
Psalm 8: 4-9, response v 2
2nd Reading - Romans 5:1-5,
Gospel – John 16; 12-15

1st Reading; Ezekiel 34: 11-16,
Psalm 22, response v 1
2nd Reading - Romans 5:5-11,
Gospel – Luke 15; 3-7

MOST HOLY TRINITY

When Rembrandt painted the Prodigal Son. He read the parable of the Prodigal Son several times and he even went to a spiritual director to explain to him about the parable. He did a lot of research before putting anything on canvas. Similarly, a musician too would practice a piece to get a good understanding of the composer's intention and perform it before an audience, and we who listen to the music are moved by it. One might say both the painter and the musician are in a sense 'an expression of their being'.

This might help us, then to understand what St Paul says, the Word is 'the fullest expression' of the Father. Going back to the musician and the painter though they give full expression to their piece, is it the fullness of themselves? But God the Father is the perfect painter par-excellence and he is the masterpiece of his activity which cannot be anything less than himself. He utters his Word that projects his thought, and it becomes the Second Person in the Trinity-And when God utters his Word it does not pass outside of himself-because he had the Word abiding with him.

The painter has a love for his work which one might call 'with a parental love' since a lot of himself has gone into the finished painting. There are three factors to consider-the painter of the work, the finished work itself, the love of the painter for his work. The painting is lifeless which cannot love in return. But the divine artist's expression of his thought is personal to himself, and the love that passes between the Trinity is mutual and Christian understanding reminds us that this love is personal too.

Fr. Christopher

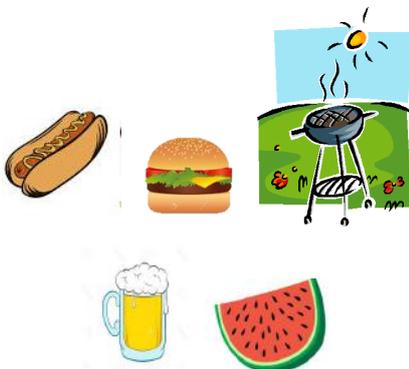
St Edmund's Church BBQ

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

Altar Servers

I am happy to announce that the parish has been enrolled into the Archconfraternity of the Guild of St Stephen through His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Therefore, this weekend the following will be enrolled in the Guild:

Lauren Ward, Ella Savage, Angelina Winship, Talici Gilfillian, Joseph Adesete, & Kevin Paul.

Please pray for our servers and I thank them for their commitment and it is much appreciated. Those young people who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to become an Altar Server then please see either, Lauren, Joseph or Kevin who will be more than happy to help you. Thanks.

Fr. Christopher

DO YOU ACTUALLY LIKE GIVING MONEY TO THE GOVERNMENT?

We have about 65 nationalities in the parish and that is wonderful – but it probably does mean that there will always be people here who are not familiar with the UK tax system and the way it can be used to increase parish income, at no cost to you.

I am talking about 'Planned Giving' and 'Gift Aid'. Any money you give to the parish comes out of taxed income – in other words, if you earn £100, the government takes £20 in tax, leaving you with £80; to put it the other way round, to give the Church £80, you have first to earn £100. In the UK, you can sign a form that enables a charity to claim back from the Government the tax you originally paid.

Most people are willing to help in this way, but they get confused by the paperwork. Part of the confusion is that some people think that, when they register as members of the parish, they automatically register for Gift Aid and/or Planned Giving: that is not so. The forms are available on the table in the porch:

Registration Form. This gets you into the parish records and means we know how to contact you, what your needs are likely to be, can send you the parish Christmas Card. No-one who is not registered is eligible for references, passport forms being signed, etc.

Gift Aid Declaration. This tells the Government that you want the tax paid on your donations to be returned to the parish. When the Parish Office receives this form, Katherine will automatically issue you with a box of envelopes (unless you also say you want to pay by Bankers Order).

Bankers Order. This is the instruction to your bank to make regular donations to the parish bank account. If you put that in as well as a white form, we can claim the tax back on your donation.

Given that you actually pay tax, once you have put the Gift Aid Declaration in, we can reclaim tax on everything you give us, provided we have an auditable record of the gift. In other words, if for example you suddenly have a windfall and want to share your good luck with the parish, you just need to tell us that when you make the special gift and we can link it in the records to your envelopes or your standing donations.

I would hope that every parishioner, if he/she has not already done so, would put in at least a Registration Form and a Gift Aid Declaration and thereafter would make their gifts to the parish in a traceable way.

I never have liked giving money unnecessarily to the Government!

Fr Christopher

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The bishops have ruled that a child's application for admission to a Catholic school has to be supported by a certificate of Catholic Practice. This means the child's family are required to attend Mass on every Sunday and on Holydays of Obligation. Anything less does not constitute required commitment.

Parents should take this seriously and come to meet with me to discuss any problems you might have in attending Mass and any problems you might have in proving your attendance. Please, do not leave talking to me until it's too late. Leaving it late would lead to unnecessary disappointment.

Primary school applications are made between September and 15th January. Some schools may require the forms a week earlier. Secondary school applications are from September until the end of October (check with each school you apply to, to be sure). Therefore, parents are advised they need to prove regular attendance preferably two years ahead of that September, however, three years would be more conclusive.

Parents need to maintain evidence of attendance throughout their child's education, which includes their move to secondary school. This includes when transferring schools, perhaps because of moving home (including to a different parish), and when moving to a secondary school. A fresh Certificate of Catholic Practice is needed for each new school application.

Fr Christopher

Parish Finance Committee has decided to change the suggested donation for a votive candle. A new price is 30p, a 10p increase for a candle. The 20p price has been kept for the last years and it has been changed now to reflect the actual cost we, as a parish, pay.

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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: £619.26 envelopes: £458.77 total: **£1078.03**
Standing orders in April: **2287.00**

Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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