

## NEWSLETTER

CORPUS  
CHRISTI**How precious and wonderful is this banquet!**

The only-begotten Son of God, wishing to enable us to share in his divinity, assumed our nature so that by becoming man he might make men gods.

Moreover, he turned the whole of our nature, which he assumed, to our salvation. For he offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation; he shed his blood for our ransom and our cleansing, so that we might be redeemed from wretched captivity and cleansed from all sin.

Now in order that we might always keep the memory of this great act of love, he left his body as food and his blood as drink, to be received by the faithful under the appearances of bread and wine. How precious and wonderful is this banquet, which brings us salvation and is full of all delight! What could be more precious? It is not the meat of calves or kids that is offered, as happened under the Old Law; at this meal Christ, the true God is set before us for us to eat. What could be more wonderful than this sacrament?

No sacrament contributes more to our salvation than this; for it purges away our sins, increases our virtues, and nourishes our minds with an abundance of all the spiritual gifts. It is offered in the Church for all the living and the dead, so that it may be beneficial to all, as it was instituted for the salvation of all.

Finally, no one is capable of expressing the delight of this sacrament, through which the sweetness of the Spirit is tasted at its source, and the memory is celebrated of that surpassing love which Christ showed in his passion.

And so, in order to imprint that immensity of this love more deeply in the hearts of the faithful, at the Last Supper, when the Lord had celebrated the Pasch with his disciples and was about to pass from this world to his Father, he instituted this sacrament as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It fulfilled the types of the Old Law; it was the greatest of the miracles he worked, and he left it as a unique consolation to those who were desolate at his departure.

*From the works of St Thomas Aquinas*

**MASS INTENTIONS****June 22, 2019**

6pm - Deceased members  
or H Suchowierski's Family

**June 23, 2019**

9am - People of the Parish  
11am—Nina

Widhargtna 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**

**Starts each  
Saturday at 5pm**

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

Today we celebrate the humanity of our Lord in the Eucharist; the love of our Lord for us and the graces he imparts which is unparalleled, and all other sacraments are of that mystery, and in the Church is the center which forms its worship, and life of sanctity.

The Holy Spirit and the Eucharist have divine connections; they are both fountains of purity and life, they are not separated but united in harmony that is inexpressible because they form one and the same fountain.

Even though the Sacrament of Love was instituted on Maundy Thursday, before the Passion, It did not come into fruition until Pentecost. On that Day of Pentecost, the divine fountain united with that of the earth would pour unto the world the holy flood of purity; when the Holy Spirit, the perfectio par excellence, would complete all that our Lord had established, which like a good farmer needs to water the soil from on high to germinate.

The Church has had a profound sense of heavenly things, celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi soon after the solemnity of Pentecost, to interwind in the liturgy the mysteries that are knit in the designs of God.

It has been said, that a surge of either love or suffering could save the world; The Holy Spirit and the Eucharist cover the world in these two waves, Why? because of the Holy Spirit and the Eucharist both originate from Calvary. They increase on earth the domain of the cross formed in love and suffering.

*Fr. Christopher*

**Readings for this & next Sunday**

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

1st Reading; Acts 12; 1-11,  
Psalm 33: 2-9 response v 5  
2nd Reading - 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18  
Gospel – Mathew 16; 13-19

## Parish Project

We have made some important progress towards our parish project for the extension to the rear of the Church and the Hall. The National Lottery Fund has supported us through *Awards for All*. We were awarded a grant of £9,400 towards our project.

This is the initial step, to help us carry out a feasibility study and formal Consultation. The Architect would incorporate as best he can the suggestions made into his drawings and submit them for Planning Permission to Tower Hamlets Planning Committee for approval.

Having obtained permission, we could then apply for further grants for the project, and once completed the hall would benefit both the parish and the wider community. Could I ask that you continue to keep the project in your prayers for a successful outcome? God bless you.

*Fr. Christopher*

### Vegetarian

menu

available

## St Edmund's Church BBQ

### This 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.

## ISLAND GARDENS FOODBANK

Are you a friendly talker  
who wants to help others?

Then become a  
**Foodbank Volunteer**

**Every Tuesday  
9:30am to 1pm**

Help open and close foodbank.  
Help guests. Training Given.  
Friendly atmosphere.

**Based at Christ Church,  
151 Manchester Road, E14 3DR**

**Text your contact details to  
07968-971-874**

Dear All,

We were asked to pray for:

First; Richard Ratcliffe and Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, who have now both started hunger strikes as a further attempt to draw attention to Mrs Zaghari-Ratcliffe's imprisonment in Iran.

The second concerns Srebrenica Memorial Week, which takes place from 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019, with a request for prayers especially on 14<sup>th</sup> July. This commemoration seeks to raise awareness of the Srebrenica genocide in July 1995 and to pray for all who died in that genocide.

Also, lets pray for five young people from our Parish: Talia, Julia, Kieran, Alessandra & Alexandra, who will be confirmed by Bishop Nicolas during next weekend.

# Mudchute Agricultural Show

11am - 4pm

Sat & Sun, June 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

Mudchute Park & Farm  
Lower Field

Join us on the farm for livestock shows, fresh produce and baking competitions (Saturday only), rural craft demonstrations, local craft stalls, food and more.

Entry is free!

Details at [mudchute.org/agshow2019](http://mudchute.org/agshow2019)

**MUDCHUTE**

The Mudchute Association is a registered charity in England and Wales (284907)



## Calling all Youth Leaders!

Join us at Vaughan House on Saturday 13 July for a gathering of fellow youth work leaders in the diocese.

We want to hear from you – your stories and experiences of working with young people – and to offer our help in developing your mission, in light of the recently released *Christus vivit*.

This short conference will include a talk from **CYMFed** member **Fr Dominic Howarth**, who will talk about our mission and how each of us is part of something much bigger! This will be followed by Q&A with Fr Dominic.

The main address will be delivered by **Bishop Nicholas Hudson**, who is eager to meet the youth leaders of the diocese, with an open Q&A afterwards.

Following midday prayer, there will be a **lunch provided** and a chance to network with other youth leaders.

To register, please email us at [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk)

## 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*

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*Parish Priest,*

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*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 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](mailto: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: £417.61 envelopes: £677.78 total: **£1095.39**  
Standing orders in April: **2872.98**

**Thank you for your Generosity** WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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