

## NEWSLETTER

14TH SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY  
TIME**The Reason for our Rejoicing**

Our true end, according to revelation, is to know God as he knows himself, to see him face to face as he sees himself, directly and not through creatures. God was no way obliged to grant us participation in his intimate life, but he could do so and through pure mercy wished to do so...

Who will be able to tell the joy that such a vision will produce if even now we are already entranced by the reflection of God's perfections, scattered as they are in some small measure among his creatures, by the enchantment of the sensible world, by the harmony of colours and sounds, and still more by the splendour of souls as revealed in his saints?'

Such a vision will produce in us a love of God so strong, so absolute that nothing can ever destroy it nor even diminish it, it will produce a love built on admiration, respect, and gratitude, but above all on friendship, with the simplicity and familiarity that this love presupposes. Through such a love we will enjoy above all else That God is God, that he is infinitely holy, infinitely merciful, infinitely just. It is a love that will make us adhere to all the decrees of his providence in view of his glory, urging us to subject ourselves to what pleases him so that he may reign eternally in us. Everlasting life for us will be to know God as he knows himself, to love him as he loves himself.

*Late Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, OP*

**The Sending**

Our Lord sent his 72 disciples on a mission into a hostile world, 'like lambs among wolves' they are sent without any resources, they depend on the providence of their calling. Like the homeless in our first reading, they have to depend on the Lord. This is the challenge-so we are to trust in God, who will provide for us like a mother who cares for her children.

The seventy-two are to proclaim this message to those who would hear it and those who will reject it-'The kingdom of God is very near to you'. This is exactly the call for our Lord's disciples today as in our Lord's time and those who will proclaim it by word and deed, in whatever situation they happen to find themselves in and they are assured of the providence of God- just like the maternal care of a loving parent who says, 'Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you, and by Jerusalem you will be comforted'.

*Fr. Christopher*

**Altar Servers**

Those of our young people, who have made their First Holy Communion. Would you like to become Altar Servers, please, give your details to Catherine at the office. Alternatively, you could speak with Joseph, Lauren or Kevin who would be more than willing to answer your questions and training will be provided. Thank you,

*Fr Christopher*

**MASS INTENTIONS****July 6, 2019**

6pm - Joe Collins (Anniv)

**July 7, 2019**

9am - People of the Parish

11am—Margaret Pudney  
(B'day 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**

**Apostleship of the Sea  
(Stella Maris)**

Next weekend 13th & 14th July 2019, is **Sea Sunday**. We shall be having a Second Collection (donation envelopes on the table in the porch). Our Parish has had a long connection with the Merchant Seamen when they docked at London. They would come to St Edmund for Mass. The money raised goes towards assisting the seafarers and their families. Do remember them in your prayers. Thank you for your generosity. God bless, *Fr Christopher*

**Readings for this & next Sunday**

1st Reading; Isaiah 66; 10-14,  
Psalm 65: 1-7, 16, 20 response v 1  
2nd Reading - Galatians 6:14-18  
Gospel – Luke 10; 1-12

1st Reading; Deuteronomy 30; 10-14,  
Psalm 68: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37 response v 33  
2nd Reading - Colossians 1:15-20  
Gospel – Luke 10; 25-37

### Cardinal Newman Canonisation

The Vatican has announced that on 13th October 2019, Pope Francis will be Canonising Blessed John Henry Newman, along with four other Blessed, in Rome. This will make Cardinal Newman the first English person who has lived since the 17th century officially recognised as a Saint by the Catholic Church.

### Recent work carried out in the Church

Dear Friends, You might have noticed that recently some works were carried out in the Church:

What is very visible—the fire doors on either side of the Sanctuary were varnished and canopies installed to protect the doors from rain. The disability access was created on the left-hand side and you all are now welcome to use it (all that for a cost of £ 1,970 that was covered by Growing in Faith). Also all the drop lights bulbs were changed to LED, (at a cost of £490) and are now working properly and we hope that they will keep that way for long.

Finally, last week we spend £1066.00 for a new amplifier and I hope that now every word said from the altar is clearly heard in every corner of the church.

What is not visible but was advised by a Health and Safety inspector from Precision to do—all the internal windows and glass doors were covered by a special window film to prevent glass from spreading in case of any accident (cost of £640).

We are currently looking at all the pews and kneelers to have some reupholstered and the pews re-varnished. Chris Fanning will be looking into this and we will receive estimates as to how much it would cost. Thank you.

*Fr Christopher*

## 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



## The Rosary Group's Monthly Prayer Meeting

**Sunday 07th July**

Meet by the statue of Mary  
after 11am Mass

*The theme of our prayers will be:*

**Giving Thanks**

**Beginners Welcome**

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

**Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary**

### 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 to 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*

# POPlar Clothes SWAP

The sustainable way to shop!  
Eco fundraiser

The Men's Cabin  
Vegan Cafe  
Upstairs Bar (cash only)

**WHERE?**  
The Cabin  
(Just in front of Balfroon Tower)  
82 St Leonard's Road  
Poplar, E14 0QU

**WHEN?**  
Thursday 11th  
JULY 2019  
Doors 5:00-8:00pm  
Swapping 5:30pm

**HOW?**

- 1\_ Bring up **10 items** of shoes, clothing or accessories you no longer wear.
- 2\_ Receive **tokens** based on the quality of your donations
- 3\_ Spend your tokens on a **new outfit**
- 4\_ Bonus ★ worth 3points if all items are vegan

Entrance £2 (suggested donation)

THE CABIN  
POPULAR HARCA  
@BrownfieldCabin

CAFÉ FOREVER

## FUN DAY

FRI 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 3-6PM  
at St. John's Park

MUSIC • FOOD • CRAFTS • PRIZES • GAMES • BOUNCY CASTLE • AND MUCH MORE

We are happy and proud when we read letters like this:

Dear Gail,

Congratulations to you, governors, leadership team and staff on this fantastic diocesan inspection report!

Shining through the report is the fact that St Edmund's is a wonderful school where relationships are strong and people are valued. It was a delight to read of the ways in which you develop the children to become the people God created them to be and the way in which your pupils are being developed as leaders in preparing and participating in liturgy and in supporting the Common Good. I was particularly impressed by the rich and vibrant prayer life of the school, the focus on issues of social justice and our duty to care for the poor and the marginalised. I was struck by the extensive links you have with the communities which make up your school and your engagement with parents and parish as you create a truly cohesive outstanding Catholic community. What also came through as a real strength was the ways in which you are working to make classroom religious education the best it can be, building the pupils' religious literacy so they are empowered to articulate their faith with such enthusiasm and maturity.

As always it is the quality of leadership, the vision and inspiration of the head and her leadership team, together with governors, that enables a school to ensure pupils receive the best quality of Catholic education.

The report has now been published on the Diocesan website. It is ready for you to share with parents and to publish on your own website.

I have attached a monitoring form to complete and return to me. We want to improve the quality of what we do and any further reflections on the process will help us with that.

With every good wish and warmest congratulations,

**Jane Goring**, Chief Inspector of Schools, Diocese of Westminster

### CANONISATION OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

We are pleased to announce we have limited seats available for the Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman.

Departing Saturday 12 – Tuesday 15 October 2019.

Includes Return Flights, Half board accommodation in Rome Hotel, Airport transfers to Hotel in Rome. Guided Tour of St Peter's Basilica.

Attend Canonisation Mass.

Statement by Sally Axworthy, British Ambassador to the Holy See

'The Canonisation will be an important moment for Britain'

For further details please call: Leisure Time Travel

0151 287 8000, 07512 856 045

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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 in September-dates will be confirmed shortly.** 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: £388.51 envelopes: £518.91 total: **£907.42**

Standing orders in April: **2872.98**

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

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PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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COLLEGIATE SCHOOLS**  
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