

## NEWSLETTER

15TH SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY  
TIME**To Love with all our Soul**

All human relationships with each other are given by our Lord and the receiving of our Lord from one another. Our Lord gave us his life. He is the Word of God, that informed us of God's love and he used his body. As a helpless infant, our Lord won human love, by the necessity of the infant child that he bound his parents Mary and Joseph to him. The means that were used were so ordinary, most natural: his voice, the words spoken, the facial expressions, the peak of his eyes which is shown in Mark's Gospel, 'Jesus looked at him, and loved him' (Mk 10:21)

Our Lord healed by the touch of his hands and the journeys he made, the anguish of temptation experienced by mind and body but He also delighted in creation around him. By dying, he gave us his body; and when he rose from the dead, his commonplace was astonishing than his Resurrection. He didn't let his glory blind to the way that his risen life was to be lived. We mustn't imagine that he is spirit and that his life in us is spiritual the 'living bread' only a memorial. He made Thomas who doubted to touch and feel the wounds of his body; He told Mary Magdalene that he was a real body and he has not yet risen to his Father, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father' ( John 20: 17). He uses words so ordinary, to teach us the things we have not learned, even from his Resurrection; and he still eats and drinks with his disciples.

We who are here on earth cannot separate our bodies from our souls as they are inter-related and they are one. You and I live the Christ-life through our bodies. Just as his body was offered as a sacrifice to the Father, and gave himself as our life so that by means of our bodies we offer our Lord to the Father and give him to one another.

*Fr. Christopher*

**Sacramental Programs here at St Edmund**

As we come to the end of another academic year and we look forward to the next academic year, with this in mind our programs will commence as follows:

**RCIA ( Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** on 24th September 19 at 7.30 pm  
(registration forms and programme will be available shortly)

**First Holy Communion:** The registration forms are now on the table in the porch. Those parents who wish their son/daughter to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion, please collect the form and submit it to the parish office. The last date for submitting the forms is 20th October 2019.

**Confirmation:** Applications for this program will be put on the table in the porch in September. The course will commence on 11th January 2020 (from 4 to 6pm).

**MASS INTENTIONS****July 13, 2019**

6pm - Jim Sunderland  
(Anniv)

**July 14, 2019**

9am - Ints of the Parish  
Project

11am—Margaret Dunn  
(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)**

This weekend 13th & 14th July 2019, is **Sea Sunday**. We are 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; 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

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Psalm 14; 2-5 response v 1  
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Gospel – Luke 10; 38-42

## Why Isle of Dogs OAP Tom Madden is Britain's top social housing tenant.

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Mike Brooke



### **Pensioner Tom Madden is a 'housing hero' who's been named as Britain's top social housing tenant.**

The 88-year-old from Millwall's Westferry estate took the 'Tenant Lifetime Contribution's title at the Housing Heroes awards, beating off entries from all over the country.

Tom was nominated by Eastend Homes which manages the former Tower Hamlets Council Westferry estate.

"He is considered a legend, " East End Homes' managing director John Henderson said. "Tom is a selfless pioneer of getting residents involved, for whom nothing is too much trouble for this passionate, inspiring man who believes in the right of social housing."

The judges noted Tom's commitment over several decades to improve social housing "for the good of the community" and his support for bringing housing investment to the Isle of Dogs.

Tom said: "Our estate has changed 101 per cent, with the improvements for all to see. It feels good to be part of that.

He arrived in east London from Ireland in the 1070s to work in the building trade.

But he soon got involved with the tenants' action group when the estate was still under Tower Hamlets Council. He was later appointed to the board of East End Homes which took over the estate.

The awards organised by the Chartered Institute of Housing and Inside Housing journal put a spotlight on people who help housing organisations with their work.

<https://www.eastlondonadvertiser.co.uk/news/politics/tom-madden-named-at-housing-heroes-awards-1-6138520>

### **Congratulations to St Edmund School 's staff and children for fantastic SATs results.**

Reading	100% Expected Level	76% Greater Depth
Grammar, Punct., Spelling	96% Expected Level	72% Greater Depth
Maths	100% Expected Level	64% Greater Depth
Writing	96% Expected Level	24% Greater Depth
Combined scores = 96%		

# POP lar 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 Balfour Tower)  
82 St Leonard's Road  
Poplar, E14 0QU

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

Entrance £2  
(suggested donation)

**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

THE CABIN  
HARCA  
@BrownfieldCabin

# Garden Party

Friday 19 July 2019, 6-8pm  
College Garden, Westminster Abbey  
By kind permission of the Dean and Chapter of Westminster



Live music Prize raffle Silent auction

Admission by advance ticket only, includes buffet supper, wine and soft drinks

**Tickets £45** Available from Eventbrite  
passage-garden-party-2019.eventbrite.co.uk

In aid of **THE PASSAGE** to ending homelessness  
Event sponsored by



A brand new children's choir for the East End led by Jonathan Pease, kicking off with a week-long programme this summer

Monday 12th Friday 16th August 2019  
10-12pm

Suitable for ages 7-11  
£20 for the week

Poplar Union, 2 Cotall Street,  
Poplar, London E14 6TL

For more information or to register, visit [www.poplarunion.com](http://www.poplarunion.com)

**poplar Union**

**Free course for eight weeks from Social Action for Health (SAFH)**

Do you have a long term health condition? (Diabetes, Cardiovascular, Chronic Kidney Disease, Hypertension etc.)

Would you like to know about managing your condition yourself?

Starting on Wednesday 15th July for 8 weeks  
At the Barkantine Hall (opposite John Mc Dougal Park)

From 11am to 1pm  
(Buses D7, 135 and 277 on both sides) -  
Contact 0208 510 1970 or just turn up to find out more

Dymphna Dale

**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.

**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*

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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 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** — 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: £379.64 envelopes: £527.15 total: **£906.79**  
Standing orders in April: **2872.98**

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

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