

NEWSLETTER

26TH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY
TIME

The Sin of Pride

Last week we heard of the parable of the dishonest steward. We heard our Lord say, 'You cannot serve God and mammon' and the Pharisees sneered at him. Our Lord said, to them, 'You are the ones who justify yourselves in human eyes, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed in human eyes is loathsome in the sight of God' This neatly leads us to the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, it has been described as a renunciation of greed and a call to treat the poor with justice This interpretation is, of course, both correct and important. Prophet Amos in our first reading takes the issue, directing a curse towards the wealthy who stuff themselves with rich meat while starving themselves spiritually. The first half of the parable is directed toward the same sort of opulent indulgence and gluttonous revelry.

The rich man descends into Hades-brings it home with an unexpected epilogue. From Hades, the rich man pleads Abraham to send Lazarus to warn his five brothers so they may not end up in eternal torment. We might ask who are the five brothers? They are the Pharisees, who knew the law of Moses and the prophets and failed to pursue the will of God and die to pride.

St Jerome, commenting on Luke 16: 19-31 said, the rich man was not accused of greed, theft, adultery, or any wrongdoing. What he is guilty of is pride'. St Thomas Aquinas on evil says, every sin, in fact, is infected to some degree by pride. The Catechism explains that 'hatred of God comes from pride. It is contrary to the love of God, whose goodness it denies, and whom it presumes to curse as the one who forbids sins and inflicts punishments'(para 2094).

Pride destroys the love of God and love of neighbour; it seeks only itself and its desires, no thought of tomorrow or eternal life. The Pharisees, as Abraham reminds the rich man, have Moses and the prophets. They had no excuse for being prideful and thinking they need not repent. They failed to heed John the Baptist's warning, 'Produce fruit worthy of repentance, and do not start telling yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our Father,' because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones' Luke 3: 8).

St Jerome likens the five brothers to our five physical senses. Pride often comes through physical, sensual pleasures; material things meant for our good can become our masters. in the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord says, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of Heaven is theirs' (Matt 5: 3). We as Christians must pursue a spirit of poverty, for without it we cannot take up the cross, die to sin, and enter the eternal beatitude.

Fr. Christopher

Parish Office will be closed from Monday , 30th September until Friday, 4th October 2019. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Fr Christopher can be contacted on 0207 987 4114.

MASS INTENTIONS**Sept 28, 2019**

6pm - People of the Parish

Sept 29, 2019

9am - Fr John Elliott (Anniv)

11am—Samuel Akpakwu
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 on
Saturday at 5pm**

Dates for your diary:**The One World Day**

Our Parishes One World Day will be held on **13th October 2019** after the 11 am Mass. We bring a dish from the country of origin to share with one another. It's an opportunity to meet and greet new parishioners and meet up with old friends.

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading; Amos 6:1, 4-7,
Psalm 145; 7-10 response v 1
2nd Reading - 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel – Luke 16; 19-31

1st Reading; Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4,
Psalm 94; 1-2, 6-9 response v 7-8
2nd Reading - 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel – Luke 17; 5-10

Family Fast Day Friday 4 October—Second Collection next Sunday, 6th October

No one should be beyond reach of the love and support they need to thrive. This Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to fast, pray and give, so we can extend the hand of friendship to the world's poorest people. Fabiano's village in rural Uganda has been devastated by drought. Every day, children would trek miles for water, risking their education – and safety. Donations from parishioners across England and Wales helped install a solar powered water pump in the village. Now Fabiano and his friends can collect water quickly and safely. On Family Fast Day, CAFOD invites us to eat a simple meal for lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help children like Fabiano. Please collect a Fast Day envelope from church's porch this weekend and return next weekend and give generously. Further Fast Day materials are available on a web page here: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day>

Sacramental Programs here at St Edmund

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) on 24th September 19 at 7.30 pm (registration forms and programme are available from a table in the churches' porch or from the office during a week. (You are still welcome to join).

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 are on the table in the porch. We will accept them until the end of November. The course will commence on 11th January 2020 (from 4 to 6pm).



The Rosary Group's Month of the Holy Rosary 06th, 13th, 20th, 27th October

**Meet by the statue of Mary
after 11am Sunday Mass**

**A plenary indulgence may be gained this month by
praying a Rosary in church or as a family**

Each week will have a different theme about:

Against Brutality

Beginners Welcome

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

Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND—MARCH 2021

We are planning a second parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2021 (15th –22nd March) with Pilgrimage People again. To make it happen we need to gather a group of around 20 people. We want to encourage you to take part in this event. If you think you can make it—please, drop an email to mill-wall@rcdow.org.uk or give your details to Fr Chris or our Sacristans. We already got an itinerary that is available from the office. The cost will be £1680. If you are interested we are ready to open a saving club to those who want to save money over the next year. We look forward to hearing from you.

Fr Christopher, Katherine, Stella & Julia

Counting the Collection—your help urgently needed

Under the new guidelines, we have to have a team of volunteers to count the money. I am appealing for volunteers to come forward who would be willing to count the collection. You would go on a rota, its hoped you would be counting once a month. To make it work we would require two in a team making up four teams. If you think you could help and training will be provided by John, kindly drop a line to me at millwall@rcdow.org.uk. We now have 4 volunteers but to make it easier for everyone—we need at least 6 more. Please, let me know asap if you can spare some time once a month to help your parish. Thanks and God bless

Fr. Christopher

Music Ministry Scholarship and Diocesan Summit

1) **Music Ministry Scholarship 2019-2020.** Are you a young musician in a parish music group? Would you like to improve your skills with the help of a professional for free and meet young musicians from other parishes? For more information on how to apply, please visit <https://dowym.com/voices/apply-now-for-the-music-ministry-scholarship-2019-20/> or email Westminster Youth Ministry at youth@rcdow.org.uk.

2) Join Westminster Youth Ministry for **The Summit** at Westminster Cathedral, an evening of inspiring speakers, live music and Eucharistic adoration. **The Summit** is aimed at 13-25yrs from across the diocese and will be on **Friday 18 October, 6:30-8pm**. The evening will include exposition and a talk by **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**, as well as inspiring speakers, including Brenden Thompson of Catholic Voices, and a live praise and worship band. Families, classes, youth groups, confirmation groups and whoever else are all welcome. For more information, visit <https://dowym.com/events/the-summit-westminster-cathedral/> or email youth@rcdow.org.uk.

With all good wishes, Andrzej Wdowiak, Director, **Westminster Youth Ministry**

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2018 Annual Accounts of Diocese of Westminster

If you are interested in exploring our Diocesan accounts—please, use this link to find them on line:

https://issuu.com/rcwestminster/docs/annual_report_and_accounts_2018

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

Wish your Jewish friends a happy and healthy New Year: *'Shana Tova'*

Jewish-Christian relations are especially close, and special, as Christianity is deeply rooted in Judaism. For Jews, the period between Rosh Ha Shana, the Jewish New Year, and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is considered to be a holy period of repentance and seeking forgiveness, both from God, one another and from other people.

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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 in September-9th & 16th at 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.

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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.

CARDINAL RANJITH APPEAL—SRI LANKA
(EASTER SUNDAY EXPLOSIONS)
OUR GOAL IS TO RAISE £1000.00
WE HAVE ALREADY RAISED—£20.00
£980.00 TO GO!

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS: loose: £355.43 envelopes: £480.00 total: **£835.43**
Standing orders in August: **£2502.28**

Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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