

## NEWSLETTER

28TH SUNDAY  
OF ORDINARY  
TIME**He Showed Compassion**

Our Lord healed by being who he was at that moment. He reached out to those who we might not want to know. He healed those that came to him without asking any questions-when the ten suffering from leprosy came to him, he didn't ask, when and how they contracted leprosy. In front of him stood a sick woman or man and he reached out to them with compassion and he cured them. This certainly challenges us when dealing with others to do it with compassion.

I find these days the Medical Services and even Consultants can at times be impersonal. Recently, a patient asked when his operation would be that day 'Oh! you are number 7 on the list'. Our Lord's non-condemnatory of healing was a striking quality that so many were attracted to him. Pope Francis sees the Church as a 'field hospital' a place of being with people who are in need of care and healing.

You and I can do a lot for each other by just being who we are. One of the greatest needs today is wanting to be heard-advice and opinions are fine but they are two a penny but what I want is to be heard, and for someone to say what do you mean by that? Especially when someone drives us up the wall, perhaps they need to be heard.

Friendships cannot exist on e-mails, facebook, texts, WhatsApp, Instagram. We need to keep the personal alive, to keep compassion active. We need to be a community of listeners before we are speakers. To be able to look at the other with love, to be able to bring mercy without words and a listening ear, before embarking on a question.

*Fr. Christopher*

**Parish Project– Extension to the Rear of the Church and Hall**

At the end of last year Keely from the Diocese came and spoke to us at Mass about how we could obtain funding to increase the size of our hall.

We now have the funding in our account to be able to push on with this process.

The starting point of this journey is understanding more about what we really need. Some parishioners have already shared their views but we would like to know more about how would you like to see the space used? What is really important to you about the space? Have you ever thought of ways that our spaces could be improved?

We already have chosen some parishioners to be members of the Steering Committee to facilitate the process. These are: Stella Oladinni, Chris Murray, Emma Gilfillian, Chris Winship, Daniel Pytlewski, John Chesson, Katherine Woznicki and FR Chris.

But we want to talk to as many Parishioners and local residents as possible to ensure that your views inform how the space is redeveloped.

To do this we will be hosting a drop-in event for the whole community on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** from **19.30 – 20.30**. We will even provide some tea and cakes.

There are no preconceived ideas about how this space can be improved and there are no plans to show you, this is your opportunity to come and have a chat and feed into the very start of the process. We hope to see many of you at this event, and please do bring your friends and neighbours! Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

**MASS INTENTIONS****October 12, 2019**

6pm - People of the Parish)

**October 13, 2019**

9am - Malcolm Hall (Anniv)

11am—Ints of Sick of our Parish

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church.

**October 18, 2019****No morning Mass**

Confessions on Saturday at 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment

**HOLY HOUR**

**Starts on Saturday at 5pm**

**THIS SUNDAY!!!****One World Day**

Our Parish One World Day is being held today after the 11 am Mass. We are going to share with one another food from our origin countries. It's an opportunity to meet and greet new parishioners and meet up with old friends. Join us, we are waiting to see you ...

**Readings for this & next Sunday**

1st Reading; 2 Kings 5:14-17,  
Psalm 97; 1-4, response v 2  
2nd Reading - 2 Timothy 2:8-13  
Gospel – Luke 17; 11-19

1st Reading; Exodus 17: 8-13,  
Psalm 120; response v 2  
2nd Reading - 2 Timothy 3:14-4.2  
Gospel – Luke 18; 1-8

### The canonization of Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman

This weekend we will be joining with the rest of the world for the canonization of Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman in Rome. I enclose some sayings from his writings.

'I sought to hear the voice of God And climbed the topmost steeple,  
But God declared: 'God down again-I dwell among people'.

'I have my mission, I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do his work:

I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place'.

'Had Angels been your priests, my brethren, they could not have condoled with you, sympathised with you, have had compassion on you, felt tenderly for you, and made allowances for you, as we can; they could not have been your patterns and guides, and have led you on from your own selves into new life, as they can who come from the midst of you'.

'The rosary seems so simple and easy, but you know God chooses the small things of the world to humble the great'.

'We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe'.

'Regarding Christianity, ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt'.

'I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputations, but who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it'.

'The Church of God cannot change; what she was that she is. What our forefathers were, such are we; we look like other men, but we have that in us which none others have,-the latent element of an indomitable fortitude. This may not be the age of saints, but all times are the age of martyrs'.

'The love of our private friends is the only preparatory excise for the love of all men'

Taken from his writings,

Heavenly Father, we offer You our thanks for the life and holiness of John Henry Newman. You inspire us by his example of priest and teacher, and humble labour for the salvation of souls and the pursuit of holiness. By his intercession lead us by the light of the Holy Spirit, and grant us peace and joy, We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Social Committee who have organized and planned events here in the Parish for some considerable time. However, recently some have left the parish and have not been replaced. It has fallen on the few remaining who have given of their time and now we are appealing for volunteers to come forward to join the Committee. If we don't get sufficient numbers, there would be no alternative and the Social Committee would close and it would be sad as the events organized have been well attended. Could I ask that you consider joining the Committee for the good of the parish? Thank you. Fr Christopher

### 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).

## 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*



### **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**

### **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](mailto:millwall@rcdow.org.uk). Please, let me know asap if you can spare some time once a month to help your parish. Thanks and God bless,

*Fr. Christopher*

### **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 [millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millwall@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,*

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John Paul II's birth - MAY 2020 POLAND, 8 DAYS**

*A pilgrimage that during 8 days will take you to many places related to the Saint John Paul II. The program includes the following places: **Warsaw** – the capital of Poland, **Czestochowa** – is the center for pilgrims from and outside of Poland, **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, **Krakow** – the diocese of Monsignor Karol Wojtyla, **Kazimierz** – the former Jewish district in Krakow, **Wieliczka** – the Salt Mine, **Lagiewniki** – the Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy, **Wadowice** – the hometown of Pope John Paul II, **Kalwaria Zebrzydowska**, **Zakopane** and **Tatr***

#### **ERNESTO TRAVEL**

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[www.ernesto.travel](http://www.ernesto.travel) a *Mountains* – the mountain-loving Pope's paradise.

*There is needed a group of min 20 people—price per person: 1000 eur*

Full program available from the office. If you are interested—contact our Parish Office.

### **Sad News. This past week two of our long standing parishioners passed away:**

**Sally Casey and Barbara Robertson: May They Rest in Peace.**

Sally Casey's funeral will take place in our church on Thursday, 24th October at 11am followed by cremation. We are waiting for details of Barbara's funeral. At this time we remember their families and friends in our prayers.

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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 October-30th & November 6th 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](mailto:arianna.sommariva@rcdow.org.uk) or at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.

**NEWSLETTER** — 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.

**CARDINAL RANJITH APPEAL—SRI LANKA**  
**(EASTER SUNDAY EXPLOSIONS)**  
**OUR GOAL WAS TO RAISE £1000.00**  
**WE HAVE ALREADY RAISED—£1782.00**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY. The collection will be continued until Christmas.

**LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS:** loose: £378.64 envelopes: £602.21 total: £776.82

**A week before last :** loose: £378.21 envelopes: £398.61 total: £980.85

Standing orders in August: **£2502.28**

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

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