

NEWSLETTER

3rd SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

The Call

Our Lord changes Peter, Andrew, John, and James' activity by asking them to follow Him by giving it a new meaning. They were fishermen by their response they become fishers of men. They will use their skills and activities to spread the Gospel. Today our Lord calls men and women to use their skills in spreading the Gospel.

How could we use our skills to spread the Gospel? Consider for a moment how we could use the help of others in the same way as our Lord called the disciples.

*A Happy New Year**We wish all our Chinese and Vietnamese friends;**Chuc Mung ham moi**Song xl fa cai**May this New year bring you, ad multos annos*

'God who Speaks' Year of the Word

Next week we formally commence the Year of the Word. Next weekend I ask you to bring your BIBLES and I shall bless them for you. It's to focus on God whom we bless and we bless God for the gift of the Bible His Word so we who read the Bible would grow in our love of God and neighbour.

'The God Who Speaks'

Year of the Word 2020

SCRIPTURE ROAD SHOW

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

30th January – 1st February 2020

TENTS OF MEETING

Sharing the Word – *Verbum Dei*Receiving the Word – *Prayer & Life*Exploring the Word – *Mount Street Jesuit Centre*Living the Word – *Pax Christi*Mary and the Word – *Walsingham Shrine*Seeing the Word – *Agency for Evangelisation*

View the specially commissioned artwork

'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS'

Information, resources, activities & presentations to suit all ages,
groups welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS**January 25, 2020**

6pm - Ints of Sonny Anthony (sick)

January 26, 2020

9am - People of the Parish

11am— Santana Gomes (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

Every Saturday from 5pm

Anointing**Of The Sick**

The annual anointing of the Sick will take place here at St Edmund's on 9th February 20 at the 11 am Mass

Should you or anyone you know who would like to be anointed bring them along, and put this date in your Dairy. Thanks

Fr Christopher

BAPTISMAL COURSE FOR PARENTS ON MONDAY 27TH AT 7.30PM. DETAILS ON THE LAST PAGE.

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading; Isaiah 8: 23-9:3,
Psalm 26; 1, 4, 13-14, response v 1
2nd Reading - Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
Gospel – Mathew 4; 23

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Psalm 145:7-10, response Mathew 5:3
2nd Reading - Colossians 1:26-31
Gospel – Mathew 5; 1-12

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 30th January – 1st February 2020

Cathedral is open from 7am – 7pm

'Tents of Meeting' will be open through the day
 with particular activities at the following times:

Cathedral Services
Thursday & Friday

7.00 Mass
 7.40 Morning Prayer
 8.00 Mass
 10.30 Mass
 12.30 Mass
 13.05 Mass
 17.00 Vespers
 17.30 Solemn Mass

Cathedral Services
Saturday

7.00 Mass
 9.00 Mass
 10.00 Morning Prayer
11.00 Special Mass
for Religious
 12.30 Mass
 17.30 Vespers
 18.00 First Mass of
 Sunday

Thursday 30th January

11.15-12.15
13.45 – 16.30

Friday 31st January

09.00 - 10.00
11.15 – 12.15
13.45 – 16.30

SPECIAL EVENTS ON THUR & FRI

11.30 LECTIO DIVINA
 13.45 TALK BY ARTIST PETE CODLING
 15.00 ROSARY
 16.30 LECTIO DIVINA

Saturday 1st February

14.00 – 16.00

'Open Afternoon'

2pm-3pm 'Tents of Meeting'

3.00pm See *Salvation* with artist Pete Codling

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The Rosary Group's
Monthly Prayer Meeting

Sunday 02nd February

Meet by the statue of Mary
 after 11am Mass

The theme of our prayers will be:

For those with no-one to
pray for them

Beginners Welcome

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

Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

JOURNEYING WITH THE BIBLE - *'Who speaks in the Bible? To whom does he speak?'* with Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz PhD and Sr Monica Cardona PhD on 28th January, 7-8.30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.

Suggested donation £5. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

2020 THE YEAR OF ST MATTHEW – *'The Sermon on the Mount: Call to Discipleship'*, Scripture from Scratch with Sister Anne Walsh OP on 30th January, 7.30-9pm at Niland Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath, Bushey, Herts, WD23 4EE

Suggested donation £5 per session. To register please e-mail at bookings@nilandconferencentre.co.uk or call 07746 707 247

THE NATURE OF MISSION IN THE CHURCH OF POPE FRANCIS – 'A mission of mercy and joy' by Fr Paul Rout OFM on 30th January, 7.00-8.30pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN.

Suggested donation £5 per lecture. Registration is required: email livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk or leave a voice message at 020 7931 6078

EXPLORING OLD TESTAMENT TREASURES – 'Finding Christ in the Old Testament' by Fr John Hemer MHM on 5th February, 7pm at Allen Hall, 28 Beaufort St, Chelsea, London SW3 5AA. Refreshments will be served at 7pm, followed by the lecture in the Chapel at 7.30pm, and Night Prayer at 8.45pm. Donations welcome. Please register at livingfaith@rcdow.org.uk

Beginning Experience Weekend

A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from **3rd to 5th April 2020 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex.**

For details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms that take place here in the parish of St Edmunds will be during Parish Masses, at Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9am, 11am.

We recognize, that families need to plan ahead, when they have friends and family attending the baptism, you can through Katherine at the office book the time and date of the baptism. We do emphasize it's conditional to the completion of the baptism course, provision of godparent references being completed before the actual baptism.

The date and which Mass can be booked with Katherine (Parish Office) but must be confirmed in writing. Canon Law (Church Law) requires that each child must have godparent; should there be a second godparent, one has to be male and the other female.

A godparent is defined as a confirmed, practicing Catholic. Should the godparent not be a member of this parish (St Edmund) we require a reference from his / her parish that they meet the requirement- that he/she is attending Mass regularly. Although the maximum number of godparents is set at two, families could have additional people whose standing is that of 'witness to the baptism.' During the baptism, we don't distinguish between godparents and witnesses, but only the names of the godparents will be inserted in the baptismal register and in the baptism certificate.

Equally, baptized Christians from other denominations may participate as witnesses to the baptism, but they cannot participate as godparents. Members of other faiths (or none) cannot serve as either godparents or as witnesses to the baptism.

Both parents and godparents, as part of the baptism, must make a declaration of faith. Prior to the baptism could we ask that you go through beforehand and ascertain you both can honestly make it? In all probability, if anyone one has a problem with any part of it, the problem lies in understanding what is meant rather than with the article of faith itself- do please, contact me to discuss it well before the baptism. The unpleasant thing you could do is start your child's relationships with God by affirming in His presence to something you don't believe.

Since all baptisms are during Mass, the choice you are faced with is whether to clothe your child with a white garment: whatever your child is wearing at the time of the actual baptism, this is something additional (and white) that is added a minute or so later. Traditionally, the garment would be a white shawl, but it could be as simple as a length of white ribbon going around the neck. It recalls the practice in the early Church of baptism by total immersion; as the newly baptized person came out of the water he/she would be dried and clothed in new white garments. You need to let Catherine know well in advance of your decision prior to your child's baptism.

We don't charge for baptism but we ask for families to make a contribution to defray the cost by given a donation in the range of £50-100, with others giving more. It doesn't mean you have to subject yourselves to unnecessary financial stress, but give what you think you can afford.

Fr. Christopher

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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 27th January 2020 & 3rd February 2020 at 7.30pm**. Please, drop an email to 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.

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

For the Victims of Easter Sunday 2019 Bombings.

We started an Open Collection for this fund in October until Christmas. I am happy to inform you, that we have succeeded in raising the sum of £3,245.85 (when converted to Sri Lankan Rupees is Rs/- 773009.96) which will be sent to the Fund via the diocese. May I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you, the Head Teacher Gail O’ Flaherty, the staff and the pupils of St Edmund’s Primary School for your generosity. It will go along way to help with the rehabilitation and with the education of the young people who were orphaned.

ad multos annos

Fr. Chris

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS: loose: £387.93 envelopes: £486.41 total: **£874.34**

Standing orders in November: **£2062.00** Standing orders in December: **£2264.30**

Thank you for your Generosity WRCDT Charity No: 233699

FOR CRIB OFFERINGS 2019 we have collected £225.92

The money will be donated to the Catholic Children’s Society to support their work with disadvantaged children and families.