

NEWSLETTER

27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

God's Tenants

The reality I suppose for us Christians is to strive towards that fulness of faith which we only have through the sacraments in this life. What then are the implications? that loyalty to Jesus which is the *sine qua non* of eternal life.

Does it mean the slightest devaluation of this life, in particular, the daily tasks which impose upon us? Nothing could be further from the truth, we will be judged, not by our ability to escape from the human responsibilities, but according to the fresh meaning we discover in them and the renewed devotion we discharged them. We are aware aren't we, that eternal life were it independent of this life, then the latter would become worthless and unimportant. But this isn't the case; we know no other life but the one we prepare for, during the course of this, life. Such a view of eternal life does not nullify the current life but gives it infinite value. If this present life were to stop tomorrow, with no hope of after-life, it wouldn't have the importance conferred on every minute by the Christian prospect, not only of eternity but of eternal judgment and resurrection.

Without a doubt, for us Christians, everything hinges on the imminence of Jesus' return. Thus, we are called to live every moment with a lively consciousness that our Lord Jesus might call us the very next moment to appear before him and be judged for eternity according to what he or she has done with their life up to then. Every minute of every hour the whole Church repeats: 'Come, Lord Jesus! Come!' the Church is ever ready to welcome him. What does it mean? simply put it means every Christian must practice perfect charity. It also means that the Christian must try to live in that love shown to him by God, the love which is the love of God. The love, charity, and the gospels are creative love, a love that gives and gives itself. This is the sort of life the Christian must lead in this world having participated in the Eucharistic banquet. The sacramental world is a link between to other worlds, the world of eternity, in which the risen Saviour lives, and the world here and now, in which we have to live and attain in ourselves the life the Risen One.

Fr. Christopher

MASS INTENTIONS

October 3rd, 2020

6pm - Ints of Sick &
Housebound

October 4th, 2020

9am—Pro Populo

11am— John Higgins RIP

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

Confession
only by appointment.

Spiritual
Communion

Jesus!

My God and my All
my soul longs for thee.

My heart yearns to
receive thee in

Holy Communion, come, O
Lord.

Bread of heaven and food of
angels to nourish my soul
heal my body and to rejoice
my heart

come most lovable friend of
my soul,

to inflame me with such love
that I may never again be
ever separated from thee.

Amen

Holy Hour; The Holy Hour is every
Saturday from 5pm to 5.45 pm.

Second Collection; this weekend of 3rd & 4th October
Peter's Pence; and the Beneficiary is The Holy See. Thank you for your
generosity.

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading; Isaiah 5: 1-7
Psalm 79:9, 12-16 responsive v 5;7
2nd Reading - Philippians 4: 6-9
Gospel – Mathew 21; 33-43

1st Reading; Isaiah 25: 6-10
Psalm 22, responsive v 6
2nd Reading - Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20
Gospel – John 1; 14-12

PRAYERS FOR THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

(Prayers promoted by the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors)

Heavenly Father, who loves and cares for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable, we entrust to you the lives of the many children and vulnerable adults, who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for so many broken lives.

We pray that within their communities and families they may find understanding and support so that with the help of your grace their wounds may be healed, and they may again know peace.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who shared our weakness in all things but sin, and lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

Heavenly Father, Since your mercy has been revealed in the tenderness of your Son Jesus Christ, who said to his disciples: 'Let the little children come to me', we pray that your Church may be a secure home where all children and vulnerable adults are brought closer to your Beloved Son.

May all those who have been abused physically, emotionally, and sexually by your ministers, be respected and accompanied by tangible gestures of justice and reparation so that they may feel healed with the balm of your compassion.

“A virus that does not recognize barriers, borders, or cultural or political distinctions must be faced with a love without barriers, borders or distinctions. This love can generate social structures that encourage us to share rather than to compete, that allow us to include the most vulnerable and not to cast them aside, and that help us to express the best in our human nature and not the worst. True love does not know the throw-away culture, it does not know what it is. In fact, when we love and generate creativity, when we generate trust and solidarity, it is then that concrete initiatives for the common good emerge.”

Pope Francis

“During the lockdown, the gesture of applauding doctors and nurses as a sign of encouragement and hope arose spontaneously. Many risked their lives and many gave their lives. Let us extend this applause to every member of the social body, to each and every one, for their precious contribution, no matter how small. “But what can that person over there do?” — “Listen to that person! Give the person space to work, consult him or her”. Let us applaud the “discarded”, those whom culture defines as “discarded”, this throw-away culture — that is, let us applaud the elderly, children, persons with disability; let us applaud workers, all those who dedicate themselves to service; everyone collaborating to emerge from the crisis.”

Pope Francis

“Hope is audacious, and so, let us encourage one another to dream big. Brothers and sisters, let us learn to dream big! Let us not be afraid to dream big, seeking the ideals of justice and social love that are born of hope. Let us not try to rebuild the past — the past is the past. New things await us. The Lord promised: “I will make all things new.” Let us encourage ourselves to dream big, seeking these ideals, let us not try to rebuild the past, especially the past that was unjust and already ill... Everyone can contribute, everyone has to contribute their share, their culture, their philosophy, their way of thinking — where beauty and the wealth of smaller groups, even those that are discarded, might flourish — because beauty is there too — and where those who have more dedicate themselves to service and give more to those who have less.”

Pope Francis

Sacramental Program in the next Academic Year which commences in September.

RCIA (Rite Of Christian Initiation of Adults). If you or anyone you know who is keen to learn more about the Catholic Faith and would like to be received into the Church, **Please give your details to the parish office.** Due to Covid situation, the decision will be based on interest , when / how to start the course. Drop your email to Millwall@rcdow.org.uk

First Holy Communion: Parents who wish their Son /Daughter to make their First Holy Communion. You are advised that registration forms are now available on the table in the lobby of Church.

The final date to submit your applications is 18th October 2020. Be advised that after this date NO applications would be accepted. The Parents Meeting will be on 3rd December 20 at 7 pm. in the Church.

Confirmation: Those young people who wish to make your Confirmation, be advised that the registration forms are available on the table in the lobby of the Church now. **The final date to submit your applications is 15th November 2020.**

Baptism: The course would commence soon and will be done on line. If you are interested in doing the course, please, come to the office to pick up the Baptismal Pack and give us your email (that is essential to receive an invitation to join the course). There is a fee of £10 payable on receiving the pack.

There is a major event coming up in Oct - **London Challenge Poverty Week -**

<http://londonchallengepovertyweek.org.uk/>

In The Community 4 The Community is proud to host the opportunity to repeat

Guiding People To Free Debt Advice for Community Groups & Volunteers

A Debt Awareness & Signposting Workshop

Many people in debt don't know that free debt advice is available and instead turn to those they already know and trust for help – a carer, community leader or key worker for example.

Guiding People To Free Debt Advice is a free workshop that aims to help these trusted people guide those in debt to free debt advice.

The workshop covers:

- The causes of debt problems.
- How to respond when someone tells you they're in debt.
- Signs that someone may need debt advice.
- Signposting or referring someone to the appropriate support.
- Helping someone prepare for advice.
- The debt advice process.

REGISTRATION; Wednesday 14 October 11 - 1pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guiding-people-to-free-debt-advice-debt-awareness-signposting-workshop-tickets-122988149867>

Best wishes, Minet Masho

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WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

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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

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’s date will be confirmed shortly.** 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 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.

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.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTIONS: loose: £151.11 envelopes: £235.10 total: **£386.21**
Standing orders in July: **£2575.28**

As a charity we rely on your donations only. As you have not been allowed to come to the church, we only were receiving donations set up as standing orders. We will be grateful for your financial support when you are back.

Your new sets of gift aided envelopes are available for collection before/after any mass or from the office.

Alternatively you could send your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.

Thank you for your Generosity

WRCDT Charity No: 233699

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