

NEWSLETTER

THE MOST
HOLY TRINITY**The Trinity, the Eucharist, and the heart of Jesus**

The greatest proof of love is the perfect gift of self. Generosity is essentially communicative; goodness is naturally self-diffusive. Thus does the sun shed forth light and warmth, thus do animals and plants give life to others each after their kind. So too does a great artist conceive and produce his masterpieces, so do the scientist and the scholar communicate their intentions and discoveries and share their spirit with their disciples. In the same manner, the virtuous man inspires others to virtue, and the apostle, passionately in love with goodness, gives the best of himself to the souls of his fellow men to lead them to God...

He who is the sovereign Good, the fullness of being, communicates himself as fully and intimately as possible by the eternal generation of the Word and by the spiration of the Spirit of love, as revelation teaches us. The Father, in begetting the Son, not only communicates to him a participation in his nature, his intelligence, and his love but he communicates to the Son the totality of his indivisible nature....The Father gives to the Son to be 'God from God, light from light, true God from true God', and the Father and the Son together communicate to the Spirit of love who proceeds from them this same indivisible divine nature and these infinite perfections. Goodness is naturally self-diffusive, and the more perfect it is the more fully and intimately it gives itself.

[Thus] it was fitting that God should not be content merely to create us, and to give us existence, life, intelligence, sanctifying grace, and a participation in his nature. Indeed, it was fitting that God should give himself to us in person through the Incarnation of the Word. Even after the fall of the first man, God could have willed to redeem us in some other manner, for example, by sending us a prophet who could have made known to us the conditions of forgiveness. But he has done infinitely more: He has willed to give us his own Son in person as our Redeemer: Jesus, priest for all eternity and the Saviour of humanity, also willed to give himself to us perfectly throughout his life on earth, particularly at the Last Supper and on Calvary. He continues to give himself to us each day through the Mass and Holy Communion. There can be no greater example of the perfect gift of self than these riches of the priestly and Eucharistic heart of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P

No Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st May.

This coming week, let's pray- "We pray for our Government, that their ability to support pregnant women would increase and that they would anchor themselves on the desire to protect all human life. Lord hear us"

MASS INTENTIONS**May 29th , 2021**

6pm - Pro Populo

May 30th, 2021

9am—Holy Souls

11am— John Higgins (B'day Anniversary)

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

Confession on Saturday between 5.15-5.45 pm

or by appointment.

ADORATION

Every Saturday

from 5pm until 5.45

**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.

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Deuteronomy; 4: 32-34, 39-40
Psalm 32; 4-6, 9, 18-20, 22 response v 12
2nd Reading - Romans 8; 14-17;
Gospel – Matthew 28; 16-20;

1st Exodus 24: 3-8,
Psalm 115; 12-13, 15-18, response v 13
2nd Reading - Hebrews 9; 11-15;
Gospel – Mark 14; 12-16; 22-26

'And know that I am with you always: yes, to the end of time'

This raises a question within me, What do I do to make the love of God present and real to those I meet?

Some of the disciples had doubts and I could have doubts and fears too. Could I be open with the Lord about them?

I remind myself of his words, 'And know that I am with you always: yes, to the end of time'

I have to confess, that the Lord frightens me with this command, Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You spoke to eleven men, who were without education, no influence, or money. In the despised province of the Roman Empire. Yet they obeyed you, they were confident that you would be with them. The Christians of today are the largest body of believers on the planet. Preaching today is different, we are well educated, at times too well, and it has become hard to make our voices heard. Yet your word goes out to all nations, and you are still with us.

I am reminded, of a little story, a friend once told me; a man went out into the night and shook his fist at heaven yelling, 'Oh, God, what a lousy, rotten world you've made. I could have done much better' Then a voice came through the clouds saying, 'That's why I put you there. Get busy'

At the Ascension, Jesus puts us in charge of his mission and of his work, promising to be with us always. Prayer could be a time of asking and discovering where each of us can work in this world.

Take the example of the missionaries who were motivated to leave their homeland in faith and love of Jesus and their belief that He was calling them to go on the mission and in most cases returning home again with very little. Go baptise them in the name of the Father and of Son and of the Holy Spirit which has a wider sense. It's a call to join the community and it's a call to baptise people with the love of God in health care, education, social welfare. Such work is not only direct faith work: It is work for a just society and a decent way of life because everyone is a child of God.

Let's pray for our missionaries; Lord console them in time of their loneliness and give a rich harvest to all they do in your name.

The name of God at our baptism is the name of love: the Trinity exists in a community of love. Every time we make the sign of the cross, we place on our bodies the badge of love. Love brought us into being, has introduced us into the community of Jesus in the church, and love in Jesus Christ is with us all our days, and with God's world until the end of time.

Fr. Christopher

"The Holy Spirit is like a strong and freely flowing wind; that is, he brings us strength and brings us freedom: a strong and free-flowing wind. He cannot be controlled, stopped, nor measured; nor can his direction be foreseen. He cannot be understood within our human exigencies – we always try to frame things – He does not let Himself be framed in our methods and our preconceptions. The Spirit proceeds from God the Father and from his Son Jesus Christ and bursts upon the Church; he bursts upon each one of us, giving life to our minds and our hearts." *Pope Francis*

A date for your Dairy

The Solemnity of **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI)**

Is fast approaching. The organisers of the International Eucharistic Congress taking place in Budapest this September- have asked every parish throughout the world to have an hour of Adoration on Saturday 5th June 21. We here at St Edmund's will be having our Adoration on Saturdays' from 5 pm -5.40 pm, Let's adore the King of the Universe. Do put this date in your diary and our Lord in his infinite mercy would heal the world. Amen.

Fr Christopher

Meditation:

I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite myself with souls. My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to soul. But souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they are busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognise Love. They treat Me as a dead Object (From St Faustina's Diary, 1385)

My Prayer Response:

Lord Jesus, I desire to unite myself with You in every Holy Communion and receive all Your graces with fervor. I want to be attentive to You. May my fervor compensate for those who treat You as a dead object!

ARE YOU PLANNING TO MARRY?

Well, that's wonderful: congratulations on your coming marriage. We hope and pray you will have many happy years together.

The process for arranging a marriage is fairly straightforward – provided you start in the right place – which is with me. It doesn't matter where you intend to marry or who is going to conduct the service, the documentation starts with me.

But, please, contact me early in the process – don't go steaming ahead with all the other arrangements and contact the Church last of all.

Above all, be careful of so-called 'wedding planners'. Do not believe what they have to say about Church requirements; they frequently give misleading advice.

To start the process off, just send me an email to Millwall@rcdow or call the office to book an appointment with me. Once you have presented your circumstances. I will then be able to tell you what further information you need to supply and what else you need to do. I will tailor the process to your situation.

Fr Christopher

To All Eucharistic Ministers

I have asked Chris Murray to organise a training session with Mary Crowley who works for the Diocese of Westminster.

She has agreed to come to St Edmunds on Saturday 26th June at 11 am which will last for three hours till 2 pm. There will be a break halfway through. Everyone is expected to attend, even if you have done the training in the past. Consider it as a refresher. Thanks

If for any reason you are unable to attend, then please send an email either to Chris Murray or to the parish office. Many thanks, Fr Christopher

The Parish Project

The Plans to increase the size of the hall had been paused due to the pandemic. Also, the changes within the external funders who we could have approached for help. As they move away from the emergency mode and getting back to 'normal', we are again making progress on our planning. Having secured planning for the extension to the rear of the church, we are working with architect Colin Smart with support from the Diocese, and we hope to have more specific plans to share with you soon. Thank you.

NEW BOXES OF DONATION ENVELOPES are ready for collection at the church's hall.

If you cannot find your box, please, drop an email to Millwall@rcdow.org.uk and I will prepare the box for you. Katherine

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The office may be contacted by phone:

Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Those who might be in Need

If you are aware of anyone who might be in need at this difficult time, do let the parish office know, by giving their details after having consulted with them. We can assist with food vouchers and one of our neighbours are willing to help with groceries. Do let us know if anyone might need help. Thank you, Fr Christopher

BAPTISMS can happen now on a Saturday morning or afternoon.

Parents must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – **Next baptismal courses will be on 16 June 2021 at 7pm on Zoom.** Please, drop an email to the office to reserve your space during the next course. Later we will need your email address to invite you to join the session. Before you do the course you need to come to the office to buy a baptism pack (£10).

GARDEN PROJECT; we want to launch a garden project in our parish. Our garden needs a complex approach. Each year we ask volunteers to come to help to clean it. But while cleaning it we dump a huge amount of organic matter out. If we could shred and to compost it instead of throwing away, we could reuse what is growing in the garden and put it back into the soil as compost. At the moment we do not own a garden shredder. We would very much like to buy one this season with a few other necessary garden tools. We can later share the shredder with our parishioners who have their own gardens. If you like the ecological approach to gardening and want to support us: please, donate in an envelope that you can find on the table in our porch: with GARDEN PROJECT on top of it or by your online banking with Garden as a reference..

We have collected : **£575.00 so far.** Thank you very much, Katherine

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE CHURCH. If you can spare an hour or two monthly to help us to keep the church clean, please, contact the office to discuss details. Thank you.

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS: loose: £129.18 envelopes: £236.50 total: £365.68
Standing orders in April £2314.

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

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