

NEWSLETTER

15TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY**Mark 6: 7-13**

In the Gospel, Jesus emphasises the need to welcome strangers and neighbours which has been a strong belief in many cultures. The Indian writer, Tagore reminds us when people left his hut, he found 'God's footsteps on the floor'. The divine lives in each one of us, and when we welcome each other, we welcome God, and Jesus His Son. This is the welcome of the church to all. All too often the church has been choosy about who to welcome or not to the table of the Lord or even to the community. Sadly, in recent weeks we have seen the Country been particular in welcoming the stranger in need. The call to the church today is to welcome all and be enriched by the variety of prayer, friendship, which all can bring.

We gather at Mass, where we receive, and then we are sent forth to do the things Jesus gave most of his time to. We pray, that we remain in touch with the Good News that we are invited to preach, each in his or her unique way. We do this by our love for those we meet and it is this more than anything else that heals people and sets them free from the demons that make them feel insignificant or bad about themselves. William Wordsworth said, 'the best portion of a good person's life 'is his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love'.

Lord, I pray that strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, I may radiate the light of your love to those I encounter in my daily life. Help me to have a deeper understanding of the needs of others and give me the courage to witness to the joy of my faith.

Fr. Christopher

"May Our Lady, Consoler of the suffering, help us bring a caress to those with wounded hearts whom we meet on our journey. And do not judge; do not judge the personal, social reality of others. God loves everyone! Do not judge; let others live and try to approach them with love."

Pope Francis

Stella Maris; Apostleship of the Sea

This weekend (10th & 11th) there is a Second Collection to support the spiritual and welfare of seafarers. Donation envelopes will be given out. St Edmund's has had a long history supporting the Merchant Seamen, and I thank you for your generosity. Fr Christopher

11th - - "We pray for all considering abortion. We pray that the love and support of those around them would encourage the mother to continue with her pregnancy and find peace in what the future holds. Lord hear us"

MASS INTENTIONS**July 10th, 2021**

6pm - Pro Populo

July 11th, 2021

9am—Ints of Sick & Household

11am— Ints of

Fr Christopher

3pm—Ints of First Communion Children

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

**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 Reading— Amos 7: 12-15,
Psalm 84; 9-14 response v 8
2nd Reading - Ephesians 1; 3-14;
Gospel – Mark 6; 7-13;

1st Reading— Jeremiah 23: 1-6,
Psalm 22 response v 1
2nd Reading - Ephesians 2; 13-18;
Gospel – Mark 6; 30-34;

Summoned to the Praise of His Glory

If you only knew what God is offering, Christ said one evening to the Samaritan woman (Jn 4: 10). But what is this gift of God if not himself? And the beloved disciple tells us; He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him (Jn 1: 11). Saint John the Baptist could still say to many souls these words of reproach There [he] stands among you-'in you'- unknown to you (Jn 1:26).

We were claimed as God's own, *chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory.* It is Saint Paul who tells us this, Saint Paul who was instructed by God himself. How do we realise this great dream of the Heart of our God, this immutable will for our souls? In a word, how do we correspond to our vocation and become perfect 'Praises of Glory of the Holy Trinity'?

In heaven, each soul is a praise of glory of the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, for each soul is established in pure love and lives no longer its own life, but the life of God. Then it knows him, Saint Paul says, as it is known by him (Cor 13: 12). In other words, its intellect is the intellect of God, its will the will of God, its love the very love of God. In reality, it is the Spirit of love and of strength who transforms the soul, for to him it has been given to supply what is lacking to the soul, as Saint Paul says again. He works in it this glorious transformation.

Saint John of the Cross affirms that 'the soul surrendered to love, through the strength of the Holy Spirit, is not far from being raised to the degree of which we have just spoken', even here below! This what I call a perfect praise of glory!

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity.

Catholic view on abortion

The Catholic Church states that abortion is **always wrong** because life begins at conception and is God-given.

This means that in the eyes of the Catholic Church abortion is classed as **murder** and goes against the commandment, Thou shalt not kill (Exodus 20:13). This commandment is reiterated by Jesus in Matthew 19:18.

The Church also disagrees with abortion as it goes against natural law, which is an act that goes against what nature intended. The Church takes an **absolutist** stance on this and believes that abortion is wrong in all situations.

The Catholic Church is pro-life. They argue that all life starts out in the same way, so all life should have the chance to develop and survive.

The Catholic Church argues that all life has value, and that to take life away is a sin. The Catholic Church would argue on behalf of the unborn child that it should be cared for and looked after.

From the first moment of his (her) existence, a human being must be recognised as having the rights of a person - among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. *Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2270*

Even though the Catholic Church opposes abortion in each and every instance, if a woman has lifesaving treatment whilst pregnant and a side effect is the ending of a pregnancy, the Church accepts this. This is known as the law of 'double effect.' This does not include having an abortion to save the life of the mother. It is only a non-direct treatment.

TECH US SILENCE OF HEART

MEDETATION; Today, I was talking with the Lord, and He said to me, There are souls with whom I can do nothing. They are souls that are continuously observing others, but know nothing of what is going on within their own selves. They talk about others continually, even during times of grand silence, which is reserved for speaking only with Me. Poor souls, they do not hear My words; their remains empty. They do not not look for Me within their own hearts, but in idle talk, where I am never to be found. (Diary, 1717)

MY PRAYER RESPONSE; Lord Jesus, help us to look for You within our hearts. Tech us how to be silent and listen for Your voice. May we find You, and live in Your presence with awesome awareness and loving attentiveness.

Contactless Giving —a new card reader at the back of our Church

Dear Friends, I thank those of you who have started to give through Contactless Giving and encourage those who haven't to consider using the facility yet. I also thank those who give through planned giving, direct debit, and standing orders. All these ways of giving help with the upkeep and maintenance of our Parish. Thank you too all and it is appreciated.

Giving Through Contactless you can choose from some options:

General: Means weekly donations.

BBQ: is for purchasing BBQ Tickets.

Second Collection: This for specific Donation as announced (i.e., Apostleship of the Sea during this weekend)

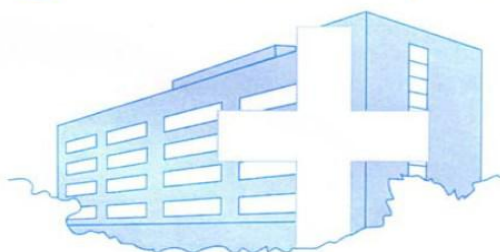
Mass Stipends: Making a Mass offering for an intention, or for Deceased Relative, etc.

You could also Gift Aid your donation through the system, It will ask you if you would like to. Once you register your card, the reader will remember it for the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fr Christopher

What happens if I go into hospital?



THE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE IS THERE FOR YOU

The Hospital Chaplaincy Service is there to care for the spiritual, pastoral and religious needs of all patients, relatives and staff whatever their faith or belief.

On admission to hospital please ensure that your religion is registered and confirm that this information may be passed to the Chaplain.

Chaplains offer a friendly face, a listening ear, a chance to talk through thoughts and concerns, prayer, religious care, Sacraments. Everything is held in strict confidence.

Chaplains visit the wards during the week and provide an 'on-call' service in case of emergency. If you would like a chaplain to visit please ask ward staff to contact the appropriate chaplain.

If you or your relative is admitted to hospital please notify the chaplain.

If you let us know you're there, we can be there for you.

Westminster Diocese Health-care Chaplains

The Roman Catholic Chaplains in your local hospital are:

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

St Edmund's Church BBQ

THE EVENT HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR 26 SEPTEMBER 2021.

YOU CAN BUY A TICKET NOW AFTER MASS APPROCHING JOHN CHESSON OR PAUL MARLOW OR FROM THE OFFICE.

£10 for an adult

£5 for OAP

Children under 16 - free

Thank you, BBQ Organizers

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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 SEPTEMBER.** 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).

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: £163.94 envelopes: £323.50 total: £487.44
Standing orders in May £2385.

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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