

## NEWSLETTER

16TH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY*Invited to 'Come Away' with him*

Christ is alive! We need to keep reminding ourselves of this, because we can risk seeing Jesus Christ simply as a fine model from the distant past, as a memory, as someone who saved us two thousand years ago. But that would be of no use to us; it would leave us unchanged; it would not set us free. The one who fills us with his grace, the one who liberates us, transforms us, heals, and consoles us is someone fully alive. He is the Christ, risen from the dead, filled with supernatural life and energy, and robed in boundless light. That is why Saint Paul could say: *If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins.*

Alive, he can be present in your life at every moment, to fill it with light and to take away all sorrow, and solitude. Even if all others depart, he will remain, as he promised: *I am with you always: yes, to the end of time.* Because he lives, there can be no doubt that goodness will have the upper hand in your life and that all our struggles will prove worthwhile. If this is the case, we can stop complaining and look to the future, for with him this always possible. That is the certainty we have; Jesus is eternally alive. If we hold fast to him, we will have life, and be protected from the threats of death and violence that may assail us in life. Every other solution will prove inadequate and temporary. It may be helpful for a time, but once again we will find ourselves exposed and abandoned before the storms of life.

With Jesus, on the other hand, our hearts experience a security that is firmly rooted and enduring. Saint Paul says that he wishes to be one with Christ in order *to know [him] and the power of his resurrection.* That power will constantly be revealed in your lives too, for he came to give you life, *and have it to the full.* If in your heart you can learn to appreciate the beauty of this message, if you are willing to encounter the Lord, if you are willing to let him and start to talk to him, the living Christ, about the realities of your life, then you will have a profound experience capable of sustaining your entire Christian life.

*Pope Francis***Mark 6: 30-34**

Reading the Gospel reminded me how much Jesus loves me, and he invites me to come away and rest awhile. It would be helpful if I could go to a 'deserted place' to allow my soul to recharge itself. Or as T. S Eliot said, 'I have the experience of God's action in my life, but miss its meaning because I don't give time for reflection.

Each time I excuse myself by saying 'I am far too busy to get away' Each day reading the scriptures restores me to what really matters. I shall not regret the time I give to this daily encounter with God.

There are times Jesus I want to get away from the crowds, and at other times I wish someone knew that I exist; I might have too much aloneness. If I could reach out to you in prayer when I say the daily office, and know that you are near than my own thoughts. I feel at peace just as the apostles might have felt.

*Fr. Christopher***MASS INTENTIONS****July 17th, 2021**

6pm - Pro Populo

**July 18th, 2021**

9am—Ints of Aque Georges

11am— Pro Populo

3pm—Ints of

Paulina's Family

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 &amp; next Sunday

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

1st Reading— 2 Kings 4: 42-44,  
Psalm 144; 10-11, 15-18 response v 16  
2nd Reading - Ephesians 4; 1-6;  
Gospel – John 6; 1-15;

**\*The Pope speaks to his people \***

Please let us pray !!!

Some revelation from the Most High must have had Pope Francis!

The Pope asks priests to open the doors of their churches and invite the people to pray the Holy Rosary and pray intensely before the Tabernacle. He asks us to go to our nearest parishes or Church.

He alerted the world saying: "Wars, famines, are latent; the evil one is among us ... To stop his plans, we must pray to God to pour out his Mercy on the world and that the Holy Spirit enlighten the rulers to be aware of good and evil and fight together for peace and love. "

He also asks priests that the Eucharist be simple and loving.

Pray, pray, pray. "We will all unite in prayer every day. Wherever you are in the world, at your preferred time, drop everything and pray 3 times the Our Father and 3 Hail Mary.

Prayer for God to send his Holy Spirit on earth.

**Psalm 23; The Lord is my shepherd**

A few years back, I used to visit a parishioner in a home by the name of Jack. I would give him communion, once he had received and consumed the Host, he would say, ' The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my dropping spirit'.

I always look forward to my weekly visits to him and hear him repeating the first verse. Jack understood, that Jesus is where true rest and blessings are to be found, and he leads him there. Jack also knew that Jesus refreshes, and brings him peace and goodness. Though life is uncertain, Jack was ill and in pain, but he was assured no matter what Jesus holds all power over death and disease walks with him. Jack's faith helped him to acknowledge that Jesus was the One who took Jack by the hand through his darkest moments, bringing him healing from the pain he was in and take him to the glory that he has reserved for Jack.

Jack often would say to me, 'My table is ready, Fr. Chris, I am not afraid'. it's wonderful, Jack knew, that Jesus wants him to be near him. Throughout history, the host protected their guests and hear Jack was aware that Jesus was protecting him and that His protection was real, in the midst of the traps, attacks from the enemy, Jack found refuge in His great care. it doesn't mean that we won't face battles, but Jesus covers us with His Spirit of anointing, to live our days with His strength and blessings. This is what Jack knew each time he said, that first verse after he received communion.

We can be assured that Jesus looks for us, and has done so throughout our days as he continues to do in mine with his love. Even at the end of our days here on earth, Jesus still has more in store, and it's greater than anything we could ever imagine.

*Fr. Christopher*

I have felt your closeness and the support of your prayers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!... Let us remember that, in the protocol of the final judgment – Matthew 25 – one of the things they will ask us will be about closeness to the sick. In these days of being hospitalized, I have experienced once again how important good health care is, accessible to all, as it is in Italy and in other countries... And let us pray for all the sick... Accompany them with prayer, especially for those in the most difficult conditions: may no one be left alone, may everyone receive the anointing of listening, closeness, tenderness and care. Let us ask this through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, Health of the Sick."

*Pope Francis*

**TECH US SILENCE OF HEART**

**MEDETATION;** Today, after Holy Communion, Jesus again gave me a few directives: First, do not fight against a temptation by yourself, but disclose it to the confessor at once, and then the temptation will lose all its force. Second, during these ordeals do not lose your peace; live in My presence; ask My Mother and the Saints for help (Diary, 1717).

**MY PRAYER RESPONSE;** Lord, thank you for giving me directives about temptations. May I always be open with my confessor. May I remain at peace in the midst of temptation by living in Your presence and asking Mother Mary and the saints for help.

**18th** - *“We pray for all expectant mothers. We pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities, as they journey through this life-changing experience. Lord hear us”*

### **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*

### **Island Gardens Foodbank - Supermarket Bag Appeal**

The foodbank helps lots of families and local residents who are having a hard time making ends meet. We need hundreds of items of basic own-brand food every week and regular donations really help a lot of people. You can find details on the collection boxes under the table in the Church entrance

We are currently running-out of carrier bags. We need lots of supermarket carrier bags, provided they are clean with no holes or tears. Ideally, we would like lots of Reusable Supermarket Bags, but we can also use lots of Single-Use Supermarket Bags, as well.

Please leave your bags in the collection boxes, if you can help. Sadly, we cannot accept fashion/store bags or blue/black convenience store bags. These bags are not designed to hold lots of heavy food items and may split on the way home, meaning that someone's jars or other food might be damaged or destroyed. Thank you for your help.

### [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 APPROACHING JOHN CHESSON OR PAUL MARLOW OR FROM THE OFFICE.**

£10 for an adult

£5 for OAP

Children under 16 - free

*Thank you, BBQ Organizers*

**THIS IS THE LAST  
NEWSLETTER OF THE SEASON.  
I WISH YOU ALL SAFE AND  
WONDERFUL SUMMER  
HOLIDAY.  
SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER.  
GOD BLESS YOU ALL**



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*Parish Priest,*

**Mrs Katherine Woznicka**

*Parish Secretary*

**The office may be contacted by phone:**

**Monday to Friday 9am-2pm**

**Closed on Bank Holidays**

**Stella Maris; Apostleship of the Sea**

We have collected 135.00 for the Merchant Seamen so far, and I thank you for your generosity.

*Fr Christopher*

**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: £126.97 envelopes: £226.00 total: £352.97  
Standing orders in June £2515.

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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