

NEWSLETTER

24TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY
TIME

'Who do people say I am?'

Dear Friends,

Welcome back after your well earned rest and to a new academic year.

Jesus asks a valid question, 'Who do people say I am?' it is Peter who gives the correct answer, 'You are the Christ' But it is also a question for us; Who is Jesus for us? how would we answer? We say our prayers, go to Mass and yet have we given much thought to the question, Who is Jesus for me? We read about how he healed the sick, and even marvel at his teachings, but could we speak about him? If not what is holding us back? Some of his disciples compared him to John the Baptist or one of the prophets. Equally, they know there is more to him than meets the eye, more to the meaning of his words than they would initially hear. Jesus can surprise us each time we read a bit of the gospel we can learn something new about him and about ourselves.

The question is relevant: Who is Jesus? Peter said, 'You are the Christ' Meaning, you are the one sent by God to set his people free. Do I allow Jesus to be the Christ for me and set me free? If not what is holding me back? Can I talk to him about it? The people listening to him knew there was more to him than meets the eye.

The first half of Mark's gospel comes to a close, Jesus is not a triumphant but a suffering Servant who would suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders, and to be put to death. Peter got it right but he is reprimanded for his earthbound vision: Peter seems to bend Jesus' words to his own all too human thinking. He learns a valuable lesson compromise has no place in Jesus' life

Jesus' question has echoed down through the ages, and it's addressed to you and to me. It strengthens the bonds between us. May my relationship with Jesus continue to influence my living. Keep me ever close to him, as I pick up my crosses and burdens that come from being his disciple. Jesus can always surprise us; every time we read the gospel we can learn something new about him or about ourselves.

Fr. Christopher

"We all have ears, but very often we are not able to hear. Why is this? Brothers and sisters, there is interior deafness that we can ask Jesus to touch and heal today. It is interior deafness, which is worse than physical deafness, because it is the deafness of the heart. Taken up with haste, by so many things to say and do, we do not find time to stop and listen to those who speak to us... I am thinking about children, young people, the elderly, the many who do not really need words and sermons but to be heard. Let us ask ourselves: how is my capacity to listen going? Do I let myself be touched by people's lives? Do I know how to spend time with those who are close to me in order to listen?" *Pope Francis*

This coming week, let's pray- "We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support in this circumstance, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings. Lord hear us".

MASS INTENTIONSSept 11th, 2021

6pm - Pro Populo

Sept 12th, 2021

9am—Ints of Edgar (sick)

11am— Joseph F Silva RIP

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 Reading; Isaiah 50: 5-9,
Psalm 114; 1-6, 8-9, response v 9
2nd Reading; James 2- 14-18;
Gospel – Mark 8; 27-35

1st Reading; Wisdom 2;12, 17-20,
Psalm 53; 3-6, 8 response v 6
2nd Reading - ~James 3; 16-4; 3
Gospel – John 8; 12

Diocese of Westminster
Roman Catholic Parish of St Edmund of Abingdon, Millwall
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With sadness, we announce the death of **Kay Samuels**.
REQUIEM MASS WILL TAKE PLACE IN OUR CHURCH ON FRIDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER AT 1PM,
THEREAFTER AT EAST LONDON CREMATORIUM

St Edmund's Church BBQ
Sunday 26th September 2021
12:15 to 2:30 pm

Selection of food and drinks included
Please come along to meet everyone.



Tickets now on sale after every Mass or from the office. Please, buy your ticket as soon as
and it will help us to buy adequate amount of food.

£10 for an adult

£5 for OAP

Children under 16 - free

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:

RCIA If you or anyone you know who wishes to learn more about the Catholic Faith and be received into the Church. Then please pick an application form from the table in the lobby of the Church.

Confirmation If you are in year 9 and would like to be Confirmed, then kindly take an application form from the table in the lobby. Please fill it in and hand it back to the parish office. It is hoped to start the course in December.

First Holy Communion If you are in year 3 and would like your son or daughter to make their first Holy Communion. Please collect an application form from the table in the lobby. fill it in and hand it to the parish office.

BAPTISMS can happen now on a Saturday morning or afternoon.

Parents are asked to come to see Fr Christopher first. Next, they must attend a 2-session Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – Dates of the **next baptismal courses will be announced shortly**. It will likely happen at the beginning of October. Please, drop an email to the office if you are interested to book your appointment with Fr Chris. 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).

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £165.23 envelopes: £216.00 total: £485.35 contactless collection last weekend: **£160.5**
contactless collection in August: **£517.5** Standing orders in August **£2828.**

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 sent your donation by bank. Parish account is on Parish Web.