

NEWSLETTER

'if you are the Son of God,'

When I visit the Holy Land one of the places to visit is the Mount of Temptation. When I am there, this passage of Scripture is vivid in my mind. I look again at each of the temptations and find that it applies to me. When we are hungry we venture into the kitchen to see what we can find and this can be true when the church asks us to spend the day fasting and abstinence. When at some point in the day hunger strikes. We struggle with our fast and abstinence.

Who do we worship? We can be drawn into this materialistic world of ours, that it can become our god and ignore God himself. Then when a loved one falls ill we might question God as to why? We list all that we have done or tried to do we put him to the test by saying do this for me.

The point here is do we believe that God's Word has power, even over the demons. Jesus' experience teaches us there is nothing wrong in been tempted. It's how we react to the temptation that matters. When faced with a temptation we could use God's Word as a short prayer, 'Lead me not into temptation' or 'I must forgive seventy-seven times'

Jesus told these temptations to his disciples-how else would they have known? Can we put words on to our temptations, the weaknesses or wickedness that draw us in particular? Could we see our temptations as Jesus did, against the backdrop of the vocation to which he has called us?

Jesus like Moses before him retreats into the wilderness where he fasts for forty days. Each temptation involves a seizure of power: power over the elements of creation by turning stones into bread, political and military power by gaining power over the kingdoms of the world and forcing God's protection in an inappropriate way. Jesus was tempted throughout his ministry was a widely held belief in early Christianity. The Letter to the Romans tells us, 'If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved'

Fr. Christopher

Please pray for the people and the land of Ukraine

'Almighty God, Through Jesus' Divine name and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we humbly ask for your mercy, to obtain peace in the land of Ukraine. May all the people of that Country remain safe from danger. Please do not let Chaos and war reign in the land of Ukraine but only peace that come from you'. Amen

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be

Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Deuteronomy 26, 4-10
Psalm 90: 1-2, 10-15 response v 15
2nd Reading - Romans 10; 8-13
Gospel – Luke 4; 1-13

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Psalm 26: 1, 7-9, 13-14 response v 1
2nd Reading - Romans 5; 1-2, 5-8
Gospel – Luke 9; 28-36

**1ST SUNDAY
OF LENT****MASS INTENTIONS****March 5th, 2022**

6pm - Bhikoo Bhiwandiwalla
RIP

March 6th, 2022

9am— Pro Populo
11am— For all victims of the
conflict in Ukraine

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*

- "We pray for Peers in Parliament as they are faced with increased pressure to make at-home abortions permanent. That they would have strength to resist these pressures, and instead prioritise the safety and wellbeing of women, and the lives of unborn babies, by ending this dangerous policy. Lord hear us"

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Holy Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all Nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster, and war. May Our Lady of All Nations, who is your Blessed Mother, be our Advocate and guide.

Amen.

Our Father, 10 Hail Marys,
Glory be

Fr Christopher received this appeal and is sharing it with you:

Hello Christopher, I'll be honest, I've felt helpless at times over the last few days, watching the invasion of Ukraine. **Living here in the UK, it can be hard to know what to do from so far away.** I've spoken to a lot of people that have said the same thing, so if you're also feeling this way, please know you're not alone. Every day at Change.org we see the power of people coming together, to take small actions which add up to a big impact. **So we've put together a list of a few different things you can do if you care about this issue and want to make a difference right now.**

1. Write to your MP Writing to your MP is an effective way to express your concerns and call for the UK Government to do more to help people in Ukraine. You could ask your MP to support a specific campaign, or simply to let them know why you think we must support Ukraine. You can find out who your MP is and how to contact them on <https://www.write-to-them.com/>. [WriteToThem - Email your Councillor, MP, MSP, MS, MLA or London Assembly Member for free](#)

2. Make a donation to directly help Ukrainians The Disasters Emergency Committee is working with leading UK aid charities to provide food, water, shelter, healthcare and protection for people affected by the conflict in Ukraine. Every pound they raise is being matched by the UK Government, up to £20 million. You can donate on: <https://www.ukraine-humanitarian-appeal.org.uk/>. Voices of Children is a Ukrainian charity working to support children affected by the war. You can donate on: <https://www.voices.org.ua/> although your donation will be listed in Euros you will be shown the full amount in pound sterling before you are charged).

Right now millions of people around the world are using their voice to call on Governments and companies to use their power to stop the war and support people impacted by the conflict; from divesting in Russian companies to welcoming more refugees. **We know that the international outcry is already having an impact.** This impact would not be possible without people like you, Christopher. Thank you for all that you do.

Pascale Frazer-Carroll UK Director, Change.org

Dear Friends, in a few weeks, new planned giving envelopes will be issued. Those of you who are registered will be invited to collect your new envelopes. If your number and box is not available then please contact the parish office via email, and a box will be made available for you to collect. Those of you who are not registered and would wish to take up a Box then see one of the sacristans, who take your details and Katherine would make available a new box for you. Thank you.

You could donate by using the contactless machine at the back of the church by card and it will ask do you wish to gift aid your donation, we recommend that you consider gift aiding your donation. You could also gift aid your donation by direct debit. These methods help the parish income and go towards the upkeep of the fabric of the church and meet monthly expenses. I thank you for your generosity.

We are also looking for volunteers who can help with the parish website: counting the weekly collection after the 11 am mass by going on to a rota. Help with cleaning the church and lastly, we need volunteers with the parish Catechesis in RCIA, Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation. If you are interested in any of the above areas, then give your details to the parish office indicating where you would like to help. Thank you and God bless you all.

St. Edmunds Church needs your help!

The Diocese of Westminster announced in July 2021 the aim of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 in its parishes and curial buildings.

We are inviting you to be a part of this very exciting project. You do not need any particular skills or expertise- just willing to give a few hours a month to meet and take this project forward.

Knowing what you can do to make a difference and where to start can be tricky, especially when we're bombarded with so much jargon and abstract information in the news; it can sometimes feel like everything has a bad impact! What can we do to live more '**sustainably**' and what does that really mean? How can we do more for the planet and reduce the environmental impact we have?

If you would like to know more and become involved, please

email millwall@rcdow.org.uk, /

or provide your details on the information sheets provided on the table at the back of the church

"During Lent we are called to respond to God's gift by accepting his word, which is "living and active". Regular listening to the word of God makes us open and docile to his working and bears fruit in our lives. This brings us great joy, yet even more, it summons us to become God's co-workers. By making good use of the present time, we too can sow seeds of goodness. This call to sow goodness should not be seen as a burden but a grace, whereby the Creator wishes us to be actively united with his own bountiful goodness."

Pope Francis

"An opportune time for sowing goodness in view of a future harvest. What is this "opportune time" for us? Lent is certainly such an opportune time, but so is our entire existence, of which Lent is in some way an image. All too often in our lives, greed, pride, and the desire to possess, accumulate and consume have the upper hand... Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mind-set, so that life's truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness."

Pope Francis

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2022

There are fewer donation envelopes, and you will see on the donation envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with your phone camera to give online. What you give to this year's appeal will be shared between parishes and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic are making daily life harder for all. The Church is responding with Thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Just as a mosaic is made up of many different parts each piece is unique, each person's contribution will bring light into the lives of people across our Diocese. Please collect a donation envelope as you leave the Church from the table in the lobby. I thank you for your generosity. God bless you all .

Fr Christopher

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 14th May 2022 at 3pm.

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)** Wedding Anniversary of Catholic Marriage in 2022. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).



**The Rosary Group's
Monthly Prayer Meeting**

Sunday 06th Mar

**Meet by statue of Blessed
Virgin Mary after 11am Mass**

*Meetings held 1st Sunday of every month,
plus every Sunday in May and October*

Open to all. Beginners Welcome
Bring your Rosary. Booklets Provided
Pray With Us † Pray The Rosary

**ISLAND GARDENS
FOODBANK**

Help Us Help Others

Wanted: One Volunteer

Based at Christ Church, Manchester Road, E14 3BN
Must be friendly, team-player, and like to talk

Help with setting-up, prayers, signing-in, hospitality,
shop, registrations, and closing-down

Training Given

*Takes place every Tuesday of the year
Day starts 09.30am. Doors open 10.30am
Doors close 12.00pm. Day ends 1.00pm*

Please text name and mobile to 07968-971-874



Stations of the Cross

**Takes place: Every Friday
in Lent, 7pm, 30 mins**

Dates: 04Mar, 11th, 18th, 25th, 01Apr, 08th

Events led by new Readers

All Welcome. Please Attend

London Docklands Singers want to invite you
for

St Matthew Passion—J S Bach

On Saturday, 2 April 2022

at 7.30pm

At All Saints Church, Poplar E14

Ticket £15 (£12)

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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

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

ALTAR SERVERS

If you have made your First Holy Communion, and would like to be an Altar Server, could you submit your details to the parish office. We hope to commence training initially after the 11am Mass. Lauren, Joseph and Izabella will conduct your training. Thank you . *Fr Christopher*

BAPTISMS can happen now on a Saturday morning.

Parents are asked to come to see Fr Christopher first. Next, they must attend a Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – The **next baptismal courses will be on 28 April at 7pm on zoom**. Please, drop an email to the office if you are interested, also you have to book your appointment with Fr Chris. Later, we will need your email address to invite you to join the session on Zoom. 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.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £200.64 envelopes: £243.00 contactless collection last weekend: £280.00 total: **£723.64**

Standing orders in December **£3257.00**

Last Sunday there was a problem with our card reader and some people were not able to make a card donation. The problem happened due to a poor internet connection, we believe. But we are sorry for any inconvenience caused. We put a new Wi-Fi connection and a new router with a hope that it is not going to happen again.

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.

Thank you for your Generosity

WRCDT Charity No: 233699

Stop new abortion threat

Baroness Sugg has tabled an amendment to the Health and Care Bill that would make 'DIY' at-home abortion permanent. It is vital that as many Peers as possible oppose this amendment.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to send an email to a randomly-assigned Peer asking them to oppose the amendment. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionthreat to contact your MP now. It only