

# NEWSLETTER

## *Love one another*

Jesus said, If you give me of yourself, the more will I increase your capacity to give. We see Jesus keeps his word. Why don't we believe him? Jesus is full of compassion, and we are called to make reparation for others. We know don't we, that, it is love that makes reparation. Sin is a want for love for God. For nature storms are necessary, so too its necessary for the soul. We shouldn't lose our serenity on account of others being tried, instead, we are called to pray for them. We are called to offer the sufferings of Jesus' Passion and an act of self-denial, asking only for love. In our hearts there are many anxieties and shadows! But we think of Jesus-who is the perfect beauty, peace, life, truth, the splendour, holiness of Him our God who loves us! So, let's give him our whole heart and give him our life, because He desires it, for he needs it.

It is great to belong to him! Nothing else should matter and we should be full of joy that we belong to him, Jesus wants us to be his! For he is our refuge and cradle, it is always welcoming, full of strength and love. He wishes us to be strong, joyous and He is enough for us. Because he loves us. We can ask him for the grace to be indulgent with others and the strength quietly on each occasion, to overcome evil for good.

*Fr. Christopher*

## *'God's mercy reaches all, and the whole world is saved'*

We, Though many, are one body and members one of another, as scripture says, for Christ has linked us together with the chains of love. For he has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances. We ought then all to have the same care for one another, and if one member suffers, all the members suffer together; if one member is honoured, all the members rejoice.

'So welcome one another', says St Paul, 'as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God'. We shall welcome one another if we choose to care for one another, to bear one another's burdens, and to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. It was in this way that God welcomed us in Christ. For St John truly said that the world was loved so much by God the Father that the Son himself was given for our sake. He was given in exchange for the lives of all of us; and so we escaped from death and were redeemed from death and sin. Saint Paul explains the working of the redemption when he says that Christ became a servant of the circumcision for the sake of God's truthfulness. For just as God had promised to the Jewish patriarchs that he would bless their posterity and make it like the stars of heaven in number, so too he appeared in human nature and became man, though he was God the Word, who preserves all creation in existence and, being God, confers on all creatures their state of well-being. He came into the world endowed with human nature, not, however, 'to be served but to serve', as he said, 'and to give his life as a ransom for many'.

He claims to have come in visible form in order to fulfil the promise made to Israel: 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel'. Paul speaks the truth, then, when he declares that Christ became a servant to the circumcision in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and that he was sent by his divine Father for this purpose and to fulfil God's mercy to the Gentiles, so that they too might glorify the Saviour and Redeemer as the creator and architect of the universe. In this way, once the mercy which comes from heaven reached out to all men, the Gentiles were included in it; the mystery of the wisdom contained in Christ can be seen to have achieved its merciful plan. For in place of those who had fallen the whole world is saved through the mercy of God.

*St Cyril of Alexandria*

## Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Acts 14: 21-27,  
Psalm 144: 8-13 response cf v 1  
2nd Reading - Apocalypse 21; 1-5  
Gospel – John 13; 31-35

1st Reading— Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29  
Psalm 66; 2-3, 5-6, 8 response v 4  
2nd Reading - Apocalypse 21, 10-14, 22-23  
Gospel – John 14; 23-29

## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### May 14th, 2022

6pm - Pro Populo

#### May 15th, 2022

9am— Canon Philip Cross  
RIP

11am— Alexander Miranda  
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

#### On Saturday

(from 5pm until 5.45)

### Priests Training Fund

I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the Priests Training Fund collection last weekend. Your response of prayer for vocations, love and concern for the clergy, and for our seminarians, was heart-warming. If you haven't and still wish to make a donation, you will find envelopes on the table in the lobby of the church or you can use the QR code on the envelope or poster to make your donation online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) via the Diocesan website. The formation of priests is a priority, it is our future. May God bless you all.

*Fr. Christopher*

**We have collected**

**£467.64 so far**

**BAPTISM** Baptisms here at St Edmunds usually take place during one of the Masses. However, due to the pandemic and easing of restrictions, Baptisms will continue to take place outside of Mass on a Saturday morning. The date and time have to be booked with the Parish Secretary and confirmed in writing by her.

Prior to the Baptism parents are required to come to see me and attend a Baptism course. These courses are run by the parish a few times a year according to need and are announced on the last page in the Newsletter.

You can attend the course by registering with Katherine at the Parish office and will contact you when the course would commence. The course can be done at any time after the mother knows that she is pregnant.

Both parents are required to attend the course—even if one is not a Catholic. This is not an attempt to convert the non-Catholic! It is that both parents are requesting Baptism and both are involved in bringing up their child as a Catholic. The non-Catholic parent might have issues that He/she must face up to. For example, the child will be told it's essential to go to Mass on Sundays; If one parent is not a Catholic, is not going to Mass, this might confuse the child thinking that her or his parents are not going to heaven. Without compromising the parent's non-Catholicity, the parent should work out a way of settling the child without undermining the child's faith.

If however, a non-Catholic parent is refusing to be involved with the request for baptism and is not cooperating with the promise to bring the child up as a Catholic, the Parish needs to be informed before any commitment to provide baptism can be entered into. Do bear in mind that it's a requirement of Canon Law that we are satisfied the conditions for baptism exist before we agree to baptise.

Requests are often made for permission for the baptism to be conducted elsewhere. In principle, I am willing to grant permission - subject to parents undergoing the same process they would have gone through were the baptism to take place here. Having the baptism celebrated elsewhere cannot be used as means of evading the preparation process.

*Fr. Christopher*

### St Edmund's Church BBQ

### combined with Fr Christopher's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of His Ordination

**Sunday 12th September 2022**

**12:15 to 2:30 pm**

Selection of food and drinks included

Please come along to meet everyone and celebrate



**Tickets are now available to buy after any Mass  
or from the Office. Get them in Advance so we can cater.**

## CONGRATULATIONS

To our candidates who were received at the Easter Vigil.

A big thank you to Julia, Chris and Asha  
for preparing them for their reception to the Church.



### Permanent Diaconate - 'Come & See' - 21st May 2022

The Permanent Deacon is a man who serves the Church through ministry of Word, Altar and Charity, under the direction of the Bishop and Priest. For men who may be interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate, they are invited to a 'Come & See' Morning on Saturday 21st May, 10am - 12noon at Church of The Guardian Angels, 377 Mile End Road, E3 4QS.

For further information please contact Deacon Adrian Cullen [adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk) or 07961 594725

See also <https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/permanent-diaconate/>

### Road to Carbon Neutrality

Dear Friends, Sometime ago the Diocese selected 8 Parish's for a pilot project to achieve carbon neutrality. It's Cardinal wish that by 2030 Westminster Diocese would be carbon neutral. With this in mind, I approached Dymphna Dale with a group of enthusiasts to put forward suggestions, how we here can achieve this objective. Please see the Cardinal Vincent, video on the road to carbon neutrality <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/carbon-neutrality> Having seen the video, and should you wish to participate with the group you are most welcome. Many thanks to Dymphna and the group.

*Fr. Christopher*



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*Parish Priest,*

**Mrs Katherine Woznicka**

*Parish Administrator*

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

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

**Closed on Bank Holidays**

**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

**NEW DONATION BOXES OF ENVELOPES**, For those registered in previous years, the envelopes are now ready for collection in our Sacristy. If you would like to sign up, and to increase your donation by £0.25p from every pound you donate, please, find a Gif Aid form on a table in church's lobby and leave it in the Sacristy or deliver to the office. Once you sign the declaration, I can prepare a box of envelopes for you. You can also donate by a standing order.

Do not hesitate to contact the office on [Millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:Millwall@rcdow.org.uk) you should have any question. Katherine

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

loose: £359.40 envelopes: £238.00

contactless collection last weekend: £160.00

total: **£757.40**

Standing orders in March **£2748.00**

**SECOND COLLECTION for Priests Training Fund: £467.64**

**If you are experiencing problems while donating by card, if only you can, please, take a photo and email it to the office. During week-days the machine is working perfectly and we cannot make a proper complain to the provider as we do not see errors.**

**We do apologies for any inconvenience caused.**

**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***

### **The Garden**

Dear Friends,

We are seeking volunteers to help to tidy the garden. If you could help us, then please give your details to the parish office. Much appreciated.

*Fr. Christopher*