

# NEWSLETTER

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### The Joy of Pentecost

In recent weeks we have been given by the Church a means of our preparation with prayer in invocation to God for a fresh outpouring upon us of the Holy Spirit. We have been reliving all that took place at her origins, the apostles gathered in the upper room in continuous prayer, with Mary Mother of Jesus, and other women. They were gathered in humble expectation that the Father's promise given by Jesus would be fulfilled. The Church is reminding us: The Spirit the Creator of everything and the Holy Spirit whom Jesus caused to come down from the Father upon the community of disciples are one and the same. Creation and redemption are united with each other and constitute, in-depth, one mystery of love and salvation. In the first instance, the Holy Spirit is a Creator Spirit, therefore Pentecost is a feast of creation. The world is full of the fruit of an act of love by God who made all things. The Gospel gives us a beautiful image that clarifies the connection between Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Father: We are given an image of the Holy Spirit as the breath of the risen Saviour. John takes up the image of creation, which tells us that God breathed into the nostrils of man the breath of life. Now Jesus breathes into our soul the new breath of life, Jesus's most important qualities that welcome us into God's family. With baptism and confirmation, this gift was given to us, with the sacraments of the Eucharist and penance it is continuously repeated.; Jesus breathes a breath of life into our soul. All the sacraments in their own way communicate divine life to us thanks to the Holy Spirit who works within each of us

our Gospel gives us these wonderful words: *the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord*. Such joyous words and so human. The friend that was lost is present again and those who were distraught now rejoice. He came from the night of death and he passed through it! The friend who is the Truth, it is beautiful to live because I am loved and it is the very essence of joy a gift of the Holy Spirit. I am loved because it is the very Truth that loves me. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. These words are also addressed to us, in faith we can see him. In faith, Jesus comes among us and he shows his hands and his side and we are glad. So let us pray; Lord Jesus, show yourself! Make us the gift of your presence and we shall have your most beautiful gift: your joy.

Fr. Christopher

*"As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we recall the fruits of the Spirit that are present in our lives. We pray that in our church's mission to serve the poor, broken and unborn, it would be anchored in love, joy, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Lord hear us"*

### Readings for this & next Sunday

1st Reading— Acts 2: 1-11  
Psalm 103; 1, 24, 29-31, 34 response cf v 30  
2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12- 13  
Gospel – John 20; 19-23

1st Reading— Proverbs 8: 22-31  
Psalm 8; 4-9 response v 2  
2nd Reading - Romans 5:1- 5  
Gospel – John 16; 12-15

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### June 4th, 2022

6pm - Pro Populo

#### June 5th 2022

9am— Ints of

Her Majesty the Queen

11am— Glen Lay (Anniv)

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)

### Annual Mission Appeal/ Date for your Diary

Cardinal Vincent Nichols has invited The Spiritans formerly known (Holy Ghost Fathers) to make their annual Mission Appeal in the Diocese of Westminster. Such Mission appeals are encouraged by the Bishops Conference as a means to inform parishioners of the Churches wider mission.

As such a representative of the **Spiritans will be here at St Edmund's on the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> of June** and will be speaking at all Masses. There will be a Second Collection and it will be Cash only. Thank you for your generosity.

Fr Christopher

**On Tuesday, 24th May, at Westminster Cathedral,  
there was a Mass for all Jubilarians of our Diocese.  
Fr Christopher was there to celebrate 25 Anniversary of his Ordination.  
Congratulation Fr Christopher!**



**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 June 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.**

Dear Friends. On 14th June, Fr Chris will celebrate 25th Anniversary of his ordination. We will celebrate with him during our BBQ on Sunday, 12th June. We want to encourage you to make a contribution toward a gift and a cake that we will share during our BBQ. If you want to contribute, please, find a prepared envelope on the table in the porch and put the money inside. Leave the envelope with our Sacristans: John or Paul, or put it into our collection basket. You can also leave it in the office during a week. Looking forward to celebrate together, Parish Council.

### **Pray the Rosary**

The Holy Father, Pope Francis has urged all Catholic's to pray the Rosary, and to pray intensely before the Tabernacle. He urges all of us to go to the nearest parish or Church. He pleads with us saying, 'Wars, famines, are latent; the evil one is among us. To stop his plans, we must all pray to God the Father to pour out his Mercy on the world and that the Holy Spirit enlighten the rulers to be aware of god and evil and fight together for peace and love' He goes on to urge us to unite ourselves with him in prayer. He continues, 'Wherever you are in the world at your preferred time, drop everything and pray 3 x The Our Father, and Hail Mary. Plead with God the Father to send the Holy Spirit on the earth. Thank you for responding to Holy Father's appeal.

### **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*



**Diocese of Westminster**  
**Roman Catholic Parish of St Edmund of Abingdon, Millwall**  
297 Westferry Road, Millwall. E14 3RS

Telephone: 020-7987-4114; Email: [millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millwall@rcdow.org.uk); <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/millwall/>



**Fr Christopher Silva**

*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: £312.13 envelopes: £197.00

contactless collection last weekend: £217.00

total: **£726.13**

Standing orders in April **£2697.45**

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***

WRCDT Charity No: 233699

### **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 Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – The **next baptismal courses will be on 28 June 2022 at 7pm on Zoom**. Please, drop an email to the office [millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millwall@rcdow.org.uk) if you are interested, also 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).