

## NEWSLETTER

26 SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME*Cut to the Heart by the Holy Gospel*

My brothers and sisters, how we were all cut to the heart when this passage was read, and when we heard this man's voice in the Gospel: *Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames!* How afraid we felt of something of the same sort happening to us after this life, and of our pleading in vain for relief! There is no room, you see, for putting things right when this life is over. When an athlete beaten in the stadium, can he hope to compete outside the stadium in order to try again for the prize he has lost?

So what then? If we were afraid, if we were shocked and shaken to the core, let us change our ways while there is yet time; that is a fruitful fear. We beat our breasts when our consciences prick us with our consciousness of sin. What we are beating is something inside—some bad, evil intention or desire; let it only burst out in a confession, and there will perhaps be nothing left to prick our consciences. Let all our sins burst out into confession.

I mean, that rich man too, swelling up in his fine linen, had something inside—and if only it had burst while he was still alive! Then doubtless, perpetual flames would not have been applied to him. But because he was proud at that time, it produced only a swelling, not a bursting. Meanwhile the poor man Lazarus was lying at his gate, *covered with sores*. So let none of us, brothers and sisters, be ashamed of confessing sins; to lie down signifies humility. Notice how they change places. When the painful difficulty of confessing sins has passed, there comes the rewarding refreshment of merits; the angels will come and carry up this sore-ridden man and lay him in Abraham's bosom, that is to say in eternal rest.

Take notice, brothers and sisters, of the destitution of the poor. *Happy the man who considers the poor and the weak* (Ps 40:2). Give to the poor, because the one who receives what you give is the One who wished to go in need on earth, and to enrich from heaven. The Lord did say, after all, *in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me*. In the least of his followers labouring under severe affliction on earth, he wished somehow to be mercifully present in person, thus bringing support from heaven to all who so labour. So you are giving to Christ when you give to a needy person—or are you afraid that such a keeper may lose some of what you give, or that such a rich person may not be able to pay you back? God is almighty, Christ is almighty, you can't possibly lose any of it.

*St. Augustine*

**MASS INTENTIONS****Sept 24th, 2022**

6pm - Pro Populo

**Sept 25th, 2022**

9am— Owen Dynn (Anniv)

11am— Joseph David Hoye  
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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)

**Nest Sunday,  
2 October is  
Marathon Sunday.  
Due to restrictions  
caused by road  
closure, there will be  
no Mass at 11 am.**

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**ON SUNDAY, 16 OCTOBER, WE WILL CELEBRATE ONE WORLD DAY IN OUR PARISH. AS USUAL, WE ASK YOU DO BRING A DISH THAT IS CHARACTERISTIC FOR YOUR COUNTRY/REGION, AND SHARE IT WITH OTHERS, HERE IN OUR CHURCH, AFTER 11 AM MASS. IT IS AN EXCELLENT OCCASION TO MEET OTHER PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES WHO ATTEND MASS IN OUR CHURCH ON SUNDAYS.**

**Readings for this & next Sunday**

1st Reading— Amos 6;1,4-7

Psalm 145:7-10 response v 1

2nd Reading - 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel – Luke 16; 19-31

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Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9 response v 7-8

2nd Reading - 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel – Luke 17; 5-10

Please, note that we have been experiencing problems with our landlines. If you need to contact us, please, do it by email:  
Millwall@rcdow.org.uk

Dear Friends,

It has been brought to my attention, that some young children running around the Church during Mass has caused distraction when trying to be focused. Since the Mass is the source and summit of all prayer. Also, while some were trying to pray after Mass, they were distracted by conversations at the back with tea's and coffees.

Could I suggest, that should your child wish to run around, then please take them to the hall or alternatively to the garden. Thank you If you stay behind for tea's and coffees then recognise the sacred space of the church and perhaps go outside. Thank you, Fr Christopher

### Sacramental Programs

Parish Sacramental Programme will be commencing. Please see the table in the lobby of the church for application forms for both: First Holy Communion and Confirmation courses.

First Holy Communion: fill the details CLEARLY and submit the forms to the parish office. The closing date to hand in your application is 13<sup>th</sup> November 22. The parents meeting will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

Confirmation: If you are in year 9 in Secondary School, and would like to Prepare for Confirmation. Fill it in CLEARLY and hand it into the parish office. The last date to submit you forms is 13<sup>th</sup> November 22. The course will commence in January 2023

R C I A: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: If you or anyone you may know who would like to be received into the church, DROP AN EMAIL to Millwall@rcdow.org.uk by 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### Sowing Hope: To benefits of Gardening for the Bereaved and Grief Stricken

Have you lost someone close to you?

Come along to our community garden programme and connect with people in similar situations

With our free 10 week programme you can get active in nature , nurture new friendships and take some time for yourself

The programme shall afford the opportunity to meet likeminded people whilst finding out about the therapeutic benefits that gardening and tending plants can have upon physical, social and mental health

Our programme will be at Strafford Friendship Club , 40 Strafford St, London E14 8LT

For more details , please contact Dymphna; **email [Dymphnasdesigns@aol.com](mailto:Dymphnasdesigns@aol.com) or calling 07539078072**

### SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We are approaching that time of the year when parents request a priest's reference. Usually, it's the Catholic Practice form. Catholic Practice means regular attendance at Mass. It is a requirement that all Catholics attend Mass on Sundays and on holidays of obligation. While there may be genuine reasons for the occasional absences from Mass. It has been made clear that fortnightly or monthly attendance does not constitute the practice required by Church Law.

Since I've been here I have urged parents to come and see me to establish two things:

Any problems they might have in meeting the requirement to attend Mass every week and How we might establish proof as to what their attendance has been.

Most parents, don't think of the lead times that are involved. If you want your child to enter a new school in September 2022, the applications have to be in, depending on the school, somewhere between March and October 2021. Don't wait until then to speak to me about your problems or to discuss how to get evidence to support your request for weekly Mass attendance. You need to come to me a year prior to that.

Recently a problem has emerged: where families who, because of their situation, think they will not need a reference and so take no action to establish a basis; then circumstances change-they want to change school, and now they find themselves exposed, unable to get a reference that they need. It does not cost you to put a basis for a reference in place: please be prudent.

Thank you,

*Fr Christopher*

**FOODBANK,**

Dear Friends, We are in need of food donations for the food bank. Requests has been made by people who are in need. I thank you for your generosity. Fr Christopher

"As the climate crisis faces an emergency, the parish has committed to help with different actions that may bring awareness on how we can all contribute to slowing the carbon emissions as a collective, no change is small when measured in a year, 5 or 10 years. This is why we are inviting you to join us on this journey, we will start by watching Cardinal Vincent's very eloquent video about how the Diocese wants to proceed with this matter. The video will be played every Sunday after 11 am mass, during the month of October. Let's connect to the God-given gift of nature"

**ARCHCONFRATERNITY OF ST STEPHEN**

Invites all Altar Servers to the annual NATIONAL MASS at Westminster Cathedral

On Saturday, 1st October 2022 at 2.30 pm

(Servers to vest in the Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue and be ready to process by 2pm)

Principal celebrant

Rt Rev John Sherrington

Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster

**BAPTISMS**

Due to COVID restrictions and until advised. Baptisms here at St Edmunds would take place Saturday's at 11am. We do recognise, that families need to plan ahead, when they have family and friends attending. Parents are advised to come to see me first and make NO plans until after they have completed the Baptism Course. Then you may contact Katherine at the office to book the date of the baptism. We do emphasize it's a requirement on completion of the baptism course, that godparent references being completed before the actual baptism. The date of baptism can be booked with Katherine (Parish Office) but it has to be confirmed in writing. It's a requirement of Cannon Law (Church Law) that each child must have a godparent: should there be a second godparent, one has to be male and the other female.

A godparent is defined as a confirmed practicing Catholic. Should the godparent not be a member of this (St Edmund) we require a reference form his/her parish that they meet the requirement-that they are attending Mass regularly. Although the maximum number of godparents is set at two, families could have additional people whose standing is that of 'witness to the baptism'. During the baptism, we don't distinguish between godparents and witnesses, but only the names of the godparents will be inserted in the baptism register and in the baptism certificate.

Equally, baptised Christians from other denominations may participate as witnesses to the baptism, but they cannot participate as godparents. Members of other faiths 9or none0 cannot serve as either godparents or as witnesses to the baptism.

Both parents and godparents, as part of the baptism, must make a declaration of faith. Prior to the baptism could we ask that you go through beforehand and ascertain you both can honestly make it? In all probability, if anyone has a problem with any part of it, the problem lies in understanding what is meant rather than with the article of faith itself- do contact me to discuss it well before the baptism. The unpleasant thing you could do is start your child's relationship with God by affirming in His presence to something you don't believe.

We don't charge for baptism but we ask for families to make a contribution to defray the cost by given a donation in the range of £50-100, with others giving more. It doesn't mean you have to subject yourselves to unnecessary financial stress, but give what you think you can afford.

Please, see the back of the Newsletter for the date of our next course. Fr. Christopher

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**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 Gift 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 you should have any question. Katherine

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

loose: £364.83      envelopes: £234.00      contactless collection last weekend: £177.00      total: **£775.83**

Standing orders in August **£2265.00**

**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 send 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 Thursday, 3rd November 2022 from 7pm to 9pm on Zoom**. Please, drop an email to the office millwall@rcdow.org.uk asap 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).