

NEWSLETTER

6 SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**Satisfied by the Love of Jesus and Mary**

O most compassionate heart of Jesus, accept all my tears, every cry of pain as an entreaty for those who suffer, for those who weep, for those who forget you.

O Mary, Mother of sorrows, at the foot of the cross you received the title of 'Our Mother'. I am the child of your sorrows, the child of Calvary.

My Jesus, I suffer and I love you. All my cries of anguish rise to you, my Comforter. In your adorable heart I weep. To your heart I confide my sighs, my anguish, my grief to your grief. My Jesus sanctify my sufferings by this holy union. Grant that by increasing my love for you, my grief may become lighter and easier to bear.

My divine spouse has drawn me to a humble and hidden life and he often tells me that my heart will not stop beating until I have sacrificed all to him. To help, me decide, he often reminds me that at the hour of death I shall have no other comforter than Jesus, and Jesus crucified. He alone, faithful friend, shall I carry, to my grave between my icy, cold fingers.

O Jesus, give me, I beg you, the bread of humility, the bread of obedience, the bread of charity, the bread of strength to break my will and to mould it in yours, the bread of interior mortification, the bread of detachment from creatures, the bread of patience to bear the sufferings my heart endures. O Jesus, you want me to be crucified, *fiat*. The bread of strength to suffer as I ought, the bread of seeing you alone in all things and at all times. Jesus, Mary, the Cross, I want no other friends but these.

St Bernadette Soubirous

The Earth Quake In Turkey & Syria

Dear Friends, We having seen the images of devastation caused by two powerful earth quakes in Turkey and Syria.

A vast number made homeless and in need of help and those injured need medical help. Here in St Edmund's, **this weekend (11th/12th) and next weekend (18th /19th) there is a Second Collection to help the victims of the earthquake.** Your donations will be sent to CAFOD who send them all to their partners on the ground. I thank you for your generosity, and May God bless you all. *Fr Christopher*

MASS INTENTIONS**Feb 11th, 2023**

6pm - Pro Populo

Feb 12th, 2023

9am— Ints of Hania & Kuba (B'day)

11am— Ints of Sick and Housebound

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.

**Readings for this
& next Sunday**

1st Reading— Ecclesiasticus

15:15-20

Psalms 118:1-2; 4-5; 17-18, 33-34

response v1

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:6-10,

Gospel - Mathew 5; 17-37

1st Reading— Leviticus

19:1-2, 17-18

Psalms 102:1-4; 8; 10, 12-13

response v 8

2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 3:16-23,

Gospel - Mathew 5; 38-48

World Day of The Sick

Dear Friends, Today (Sunday) we celebrate The World Day of the Sick. At the 11am Mass, we here at St. Edmund's, will have the Anointing of the Sick. God bless, *Fr. Christopher*

Dear Friends, Could I ask you to remember our Christian brothers and sisters, throughout the world who are being persecuted for their faith. Do please pray for our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world. Thank you, *Fr Christopher*

We have a Wisdom

In St Paul's letter to Corinthians in our Second Reading speaks of the wisdom to offer. A wisdom that has been revealed to us. This wisdom will bring about our glory, a glory that God has predestined for us. We may ask what does he mean?

When we think of wisdom in our daily life we think about a kind of knowledge. It's not just a knowledge of facts, not just a knowledge of many things. One could be knowledgeable in different subjects, but not necessarily be regarded as wise. When we say that someone is wise, we mean that someone has a deeper insight into something, a knowledge into way things really are, an important type of Knowledge.

When St Paul speaks of the wisdom that has been revealed to us, that would bring about our glory, he has this deeper insight in mind. He also has in mind the way wisdom is spoken in the Bible.

The Bible has several books on wisdom: The Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes and Ecclesiasticus,, from which we have our First Reading this Sunday. In these books wisdom is depicted as a kind of right order that is to be found in the world as created by God, a right order in nature and a right order in human life. Wisdom is the rule for a successful and happy life that God has revealed to us, revealed in the natural world, revealed to human minds, as they search out how to live and how to live well as God wants us to do.

Wisdom taught in the Bible, a kind of deep insight into the way things are, a deep insight that serves as a rule, a guide, for knowing how to live well, to be successful and to flourish as human beings, to be happy and fulfilled, to live as God wants to live. God wants us to flourish and to be happy as human beings. We can choose to live according to this wisdom or not. As our first reading reminds us:

He has set fire and water before you; put your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For Paul there is even more to the wisdom, and he has in mind the wisdom that is revealed to us in Jesus.

Jesus in the embodiment of God's wisdom. It is Jesus who reveals to us the deep insight into the reality of things, revealing to us the right way to live, the path we should follow if we want to be happy and to flourish. Jesus reveals this wisdom when he gave the Sermon on the Mount which is given to us in the Gospel of Matthew. The Sermon teaches us the path of the perfect Christian life, the way to be fully happy and to flourish, as sons and daughters of God. Yet we know it's challenging. We know it's difficult and how often we fail. But we should take comfort, from the fundamental truth that it's Jesus who, as the embodiment of divine wisdom, is the one who primarily lives out the life of perfection as set out in the Sermon on the Mount. Our Christian calling is to share in what Jesus already is and enables us to be, as he makes his Spirit within us

Fr. Christopher.

Novena to St Joseph

This years Novena to St Joseph falls between 11th -19th March 2023

You are asked to send your petitions, which would be placed at St Joseph's Altar during the Novena to be remembered at all Masses and prayers.

If you would like to have your deceased relatives and friends remembered then make a request by visiting novenamhm@gmail.com

You could ask for booklet. The Novena Masses will be available to view on Zoom, via Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2023

Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. Price rises last year meant many families faced an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? And this crisis is far from over. The Church continues to respond, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. And for those who can't give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the posters on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

RICHARD HOUSE - London's first children's hospice

Richard House is a children's hospice based in the heart of Newham that has been providing specialised free care services to seriously ill children and their families across East London communities for over 22 years. We are now supporting over 300 families and are asking you to consider supporting Richard House.

Many parents of seriously ill children are unable to work due to complex medical conditions of their children, requiring 24/7 care. We offer free specialised care to these families and hope you can help us to continue to fulfil our mission. We get limited support from local authorities, with three quarters' of the money we need is coming from fundraising alone.

More information you can find on our website at www.richardhouse.org.uk

We hope you will consider supporting Richard House at this time!

Your sincerely, *Charlie Grey*, Community Fundraiser, charlieg@richardhouse.org.uk

Parish Planned Giving Drive

After much soul searching and discussion the Parish Finance Committee has decided to launch the Planned Giving Drive. It would take place on the following weekends:

25th & 26th February 23

4th & 5th of March 23

11th & 12th March 23

Members of the Finance Committee would be speaking after the Gospel at these weekends

Thank you for your support and generosity. *Fr Christopher*

INSIGHT INTO ST EDMUND'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURNS

The annual financial return for the year ended 31 December 2022 of St. Edmund's has been approved on 25 January 2023 by Finance Committee. The parish income increased by 2.4% from prior year with significant movement coming from offertories loose plate and contactless and from specific donations. Total expenditure also increased by 0.5% with significant amount coming from property repairs and renewals. **Year end result is on a deficit position with total expenditure exceeding the total income.**

The parish was able to contribute to different charities through your generosity – Holy Places, Sick & Retired Priests, Priests Training Fund, CAFOD and Spiritan Fathers, Poor & Needy. There were also a number of installation, repairs and maintenance in 2022 which includes new boiler, installation of wifi extension point and router, maintenance works in and around the church, and drawings of hall extension.

The parish needs to be adequately funded to secure the continuity of its missions for the next generation. With the bills being paid every month for the maintenance of the parish, we rely on your donations.

2 Corinthians 9:7 "God loves a cheerful giver"

Thank you from the Finance Committee

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LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £320.74 envelopes: £272.23 contactless collection last weekend: £430.00 total: **£1022.97**
Standing orders in December; **£2323.00**

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

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We invite you to submit articles/news and celebrations about your local parish activities

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BAPTISMS can happen now on Saturday morning or during any Mass (if number of guests are limited).

Parents are asked to come to see Fr Christopher first. Next, they must attend a Baptism Formation Program (during pregnancy or after birth) – The date of the **next baptismal courses will be given soon**. Please, drop an email to the office 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).

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm.

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 2023. 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).

Details of attendees are sent to family@rcdow.org.uk