

NEWSLETTER

**SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT**

The Transfiguration

In our Gospel account from Matthew the transfiguration takes place before Jesus' Passion. Taking Peter, James and John up a high mountain He is Transfigured, and with him there is Moses and Elijah. Representing the Law and prophets. It's similar in all three synoptic accounts-this is an epiphany-a dramatic revelation from God. Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son The Phrase 'the Law and the Prophets' is used regularly in Scripture to signify the traditions and Scripture of God's people. In the account of the Transfiguration, the phrase is personified as Moses-the one who received the Law on mount Sinai-and-Elijah-the great prophet of Israel, appear with Jesus. Their appearance confirms Jesus' identity as the fulfilment of all that was promised in the Law and the prophets'

We hear Peter, James and John were overcome by fear when they heard the voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour, Listen to him'. They were terrified, and were lying on the ground, but Jesus comes and says, 'Stand up' he said, 'do not be afraid' They only saw Jesus. Why, did Jesus tell them as they were coming down the mountain not to tell anyone what they have seen? Because it was necessary, first, that *the first born of the dead* should rise, making the resurrection credible by his action; after that the common resurrection of all would be made known through witnesses.

Lent is a time for us to recall our sinfulness and Jesus in solidarity with us underwent his Passion and Death and we know we will celebrate his triumph over death by his divine power at Easter. Lent is a time we recognise our need for God's mercy, we do so, not despairing of our salvation, but constantly aware of the triumph over sin and death which Jesus' Resurrection reveals.

After His resurrection from the dead, the disciples spoke boldly, making public the resurrection of all people, and their transformation from clumsy bodies into spiritual ones: teaching to all that just as Jesus *having been raised from the dead will never die again, and he will configure our mortal bodies into something spiritual and incorruptible to his glory.*

Then we shall be taken up in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air So that we would stay with the Lord for ever, to him be glory and power, unto all ages.

Fr. Christopher

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 on Thursday, 23rd March 2023 @7-9pm on zoom.** 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).

MASS INTENTIONS

March 4th, 2023

6pm - Pro Populo

March 5th, 2023

9am— Ints of Dayanathi
Pragasam (Sick)

11am— Ints of Katarzyna
(B'day)

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— Genesis 12:1-4

Psalms 32:4-5; 18:20; 22

response v 22

2nd Reading - 2 Timothy 1:8-10,

Gospel – Mathew 17; 1-9

1st Reading— Exodus 17; 3-7

Psalms 94; 1-2, 6-9 response v 9

2nd Reading - Romans 5:1-2, 5-8,

Gospel – John 4; 5-42

Stations Of The Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays of Lent, commencing on Friday 3rd March at 7pm.

Please, join us to pray together.

The Mirror of Charity

The highest type of brotherly love is to love our enemies and there is no greater encouragement to do this than remembrance of the wondrous patience exercised by him who, fairest of the sons of men, offered his gracious face to be spat upon by his enemies. All creation is ruled by a glance from his eyes and yet he allowed them to be blindfolded by wicked men. His body is exposed to scourging and , although his head strikes fear in the principalities and powers, he bowed it to the pain of the crown of thorns. He submitted himself to insults and finally gave us an example by enduring in peace with gentleness, patience and meekness, the cross, the nails, the lance, the vinegar and gall. Then as a sheep he was led to the slaughter and, like a lamb before his shearer, he remained silent and did not open his mouth.

Hearing that wondrous voice, full of gentleness and love, saying, 'Father, forgive them', who would not immediately embrace his enemies? Father, forgive them: can any greater degree of gentleness and love be added to this prayer? However, he did add something. To pray for them was to little, he wished also to make excuse for them.

He said: Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. They are great sinners but with little understanding; and so he said: Father, forgive them. They are crucifying without knowing who it is that they are crucifying, for, if they had known, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory; and so he said: Father, forgive them.

They think of him as a law-breaker, as one who falsely claims to be God, and as a seducer of the people. I have hidden my face from them, says the Lord, and they have not recognised my majesty, and so: Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.

It follows that, if a man would really love himself, he should avoid any corrupt love of the flesh. Not be overcome by fleshly concupiscence, he should turn all his love to the sweetness of the flesh of our Lord. To love his brethren even more perfectly, he should open his arms to embrace even his enemies. In case this divine fire should grow cold by injuries done to him, a man should gaze constantly in his mind on the tranquil patience of his Lord and Saviour. *St Aelred*

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**INSIGHT INTO ST EDMUND'S
FINANCIES THROUGH
LAST YEARS**

Receipts & Payments Summary

	31/12/2022	31/12/2021	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2018	31/12/2017
Assessable Income						
Offertories Envelopes	11427.22	12771.19	14204.08	25776.48	29559.88	37595.35
Offertories SOs & Online	28883.36	31048.69	28546.66	28896.4	28534.82	21848.3
Offertories Loose Plate & Contactless	23373.03	10960.6	6870.95	23962.93	20484.63	23645.81
Tax Refunds	11067.28	19159.88	581.32	24489.94	250	16215.59
Total Assessable Income	74750.89	73940.36	50203.01	103125.75	78829.33	99305.05
Non-Assessable Income						
Catechetics	1170	1509	910	1448	1754	1901
Candles, Repository & Papers	1279.71	883.31	896.38	1662.07	1680.49	1861.78
Rents from Functional Properties	2196	2000	400	0	0	0
Christmas/Easter Offerings, Stipends	4460.88	3918.71	2173.89	5366.7	4065.1	4116.3
Parish Activities	996	1070	0	1178.95	1478	2301
Specific Donations	11322.98	6115.06	139.51	11952.21	7348.66	5451.25
Sundry Income	0	5040.32	487.03	0	0	0
Third Party Receipts	2560.89	1977.83	1244.42	6920.2	4091.7	10767.13
Total Non-Assessable Income	23986.46	22514.23	6251.23	28528.13	20417.95	26398.46
Total Receipts	98737.35	96454.59	56454.24	131653.88	99247.28	125703.51
Expenditure						
Clergy Stipends	10686.96	10283	10284	10074.96	10250.04	10050
Non-Clergy Salaries	28958.47	27452.18	28695	27267.28	27274.1	23245.11
Travel Expenses	269.87	0	25.8	582.49	15.75	144.86
Supply Priests	915	0	0	1135	950	2515
Housekeeping	6416.94	6782.61	6162.67	6628.81	5396.82	5904.22
Catechetics	1100.18	1411.89	1497.81	1877.26	3922.03	2210.28
Liturgical Expenses	2160.35	2456.67	1062.12	4377.9	5160.65	2670.44
Candles, Repository & Papers	271.24	330.8	236.68	720.4	821.86	2525.7
Property Repairs and Renewals	24965.1	11051.19	9722.35	22036.49	20649.9	10329.44
Heat, Light & Water	3686.46	3646.4	4479.55	3901.54	4220.45	2643.33
Council Tax, Insurance & Rates	5228.07	2491.77	1035.31	2894.94	2859.69	2820.2
Office & Administration	4241.1	2590.88	3797.75	5170.11	4665.44	6160.04
Parish Activities	2266.47	1018.87	367.47	3476.77	4644.6	4032.29
Donations/Grants	3100	46	0	707	0	1441.23
Miscellaneous Expenses	374.27	282.82	0	495.34	0	0
Purchase of Fixed Assets	0	0	5670	10867.3	4570.74	10432.8
Diocesan Assessment	9261.72	34031.28	23979.96	32770.68	33053.16	23202
Third Party Payments	2554.89	2017.83	1194.42	6940.2	4076.7	10787.13
Total Payments	106457.09	105894.19	98210.89	141924.47	132531.93	121114.07
Total Surplus / Loss	-7719.74	-9439.6	-41756.65	-10270.59	-33284.65	4589.44
Surplus / Loss Percentage	-7.82	-9.79	-73.97	-7.8	-33.54	3.65

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Monday to Friday 9am-2pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Mrs Diane Winship

Safeguarding Representative

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £253.96 envelopes: £254.00 contactless collection last weekend: £293.00 total: **£800.96**

Standing orders in January; **£3517.00**

COLLECTION FOR; The Earthquake In Turkey & Syria; £767.00

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

'Come and see'-Introduction to the Diaconate 2023

Men who may be considering a vocation as a deacon, or for those wanting to know more about the Permanent Diaconate, are invited to attend one of the Introductory Mornings on:

1st April, 10am-12noon: 'Come and See' 2, at New Southgate Parish Hall-Our Lady of Lourdes,
373 Bowes Road, N11 1AA

20th May, 10am -12noon: 'Come and See' 3, at Greenford Parish Hall- Our Lady of the Visitation,
358 Greenford Road, UB6 9AN

For further information please contact Deacon Colin Macken, email: colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk

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

Dates for the Pilgrimage diary in 2023:

- **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: 19th November to Monday, 27th November 2023**
- **Lourdes Quarterly Reunion Mass on Tuesday 7th March 2023, 6:30pm in the Cathedral Crypt, followed by a social**
- **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Friday 21st to 28th July 2023**
- **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine at Walsingham: Saturday 23rd September 2023**