

## NEWSLETTER

THIRD SUNDAY  
OF LENT*“when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth”*

That is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. I have to ask myself this Lent, do I give joy to the Father's heart? I have to strive to be that kind of worshipper. I have to fix my thoughts and my heart on him, and my mind filled with his knowledge that has been imparted by the light of faith. I have to worship him in truth, that is, by my works for it's above all by my actions that I show that I am true: Which means I have to do what is pleasing to the Father, whose child I am. And I must worship through Jesus and with Jesus, for he alone is the true Worshipper in spirit and truth.

Then I will come to know that I am a child of God; I will know with an experiential knowledge that truth of what Isaiah says, *'At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap.* In God it seems wholly occupied with overwhelming the soul with caresses and marks of affection like a mother who brings up her child and feeds it with her own milk' (John of the Cross). Let me be attentive to the mysterious voice of the Father! For he tells me my child be attentive to me.

God loved me, when I was dead through my many sins and yet he was generous with his mercy, and he brought me to life in Jesus. *Both Jew and pagan sinned and forfeited God's glory, and both are justified through the free gift of his grace by being redeemed in Christ Jesus who was appointed by God to sacrifice his life so as to win reconciliation through faith. In this way God makes his justice known..., by showing positively that he is just, and that he justifies everyone who believes in him (Romans 3:23-26).*

How can I keep from fainting in adoration when I plunge into the abyss of mercy and the eyes of my soul is fixed on this fact; God has taken away my sins for he has said; *'I it is, I it is, who must blot out everything and not remember your sins (Is 43:25).* Jesus in his mercy willed to turn my sins against themselves to my advantage. He found a way to make them useful for me, to convert them in my hands into a means of salvation. This shouldn't diminish in any way my horror of sinning, nor my sorrow for having sinned. But my sins have become a source of humility for me.

*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 is Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 @7-9pm on zoom.** Please, drop an email to the office [millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millwall@rcdow.org.uk) if you are interested, 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 INTENTIONSMarch 11th, 2023

6pm - Pro Populo

March 12th, 2023

9am— Ints of persecuted Christians

11am— Ints of Sick &amp; 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— Exodus 17; 3-7  
Psalm 94; 1-2, 6-9 response v 9  
2nd Reading - Romans 5:1-2, 5-8,  
Gospel – John 4; 5-42

1st Reading— Samuel 16:1, 6-7,  
10-13  
Psalm 22 response v 1  
2nd Reading - Ephesians 5:8-14,  
Gospel – John 9; 1-41

**Stations Of The Cross**

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

Please, join us to pray together.

## Planned Giving Drive -Third Week

Dear Friends,

I wish to thank all of you, for faithfully attending Mass and been active in the spiritual life at St Edmund's. I wish to thank all our volunteers, who help in many ways; from the catechists, to our readers, the servers and Eucharistic ministers to the members of our music group, sacristans, and those who provide teas and coffees. Those who help with counting the collection each week and the members of our Finance Committee and Parish Council. Thank you to those who are looking into carbon neutrality here at St Edmund's, thank you to those involved with children liturgy, those who annually organise the BBQ and other events and the volunteers giving a hand with cleaning the church and the garden.

This weekend, you will be given two flyers. One that includes commitment to giving your time and talents, It is called "Sharing my time & talents" with headings and tick the relevant box pertaining to you. If you are interested in helping counting the weekly collection, kindly give your details to the parish office and you will be put on a rota and training will be given

The second - that includes Gift Aid and Standing Order Instruction which you might consider. Please, remember that if you pay taxes, you can sign up to Gift Aid your donations and we will receive £0.25 from the government from each pound you donate to our church.

May God bless you all, *Fr. Christopher*

**We encourage you to support out local choir London Docklands Singers, and to buy a ticket for this seasonal, musical event.**

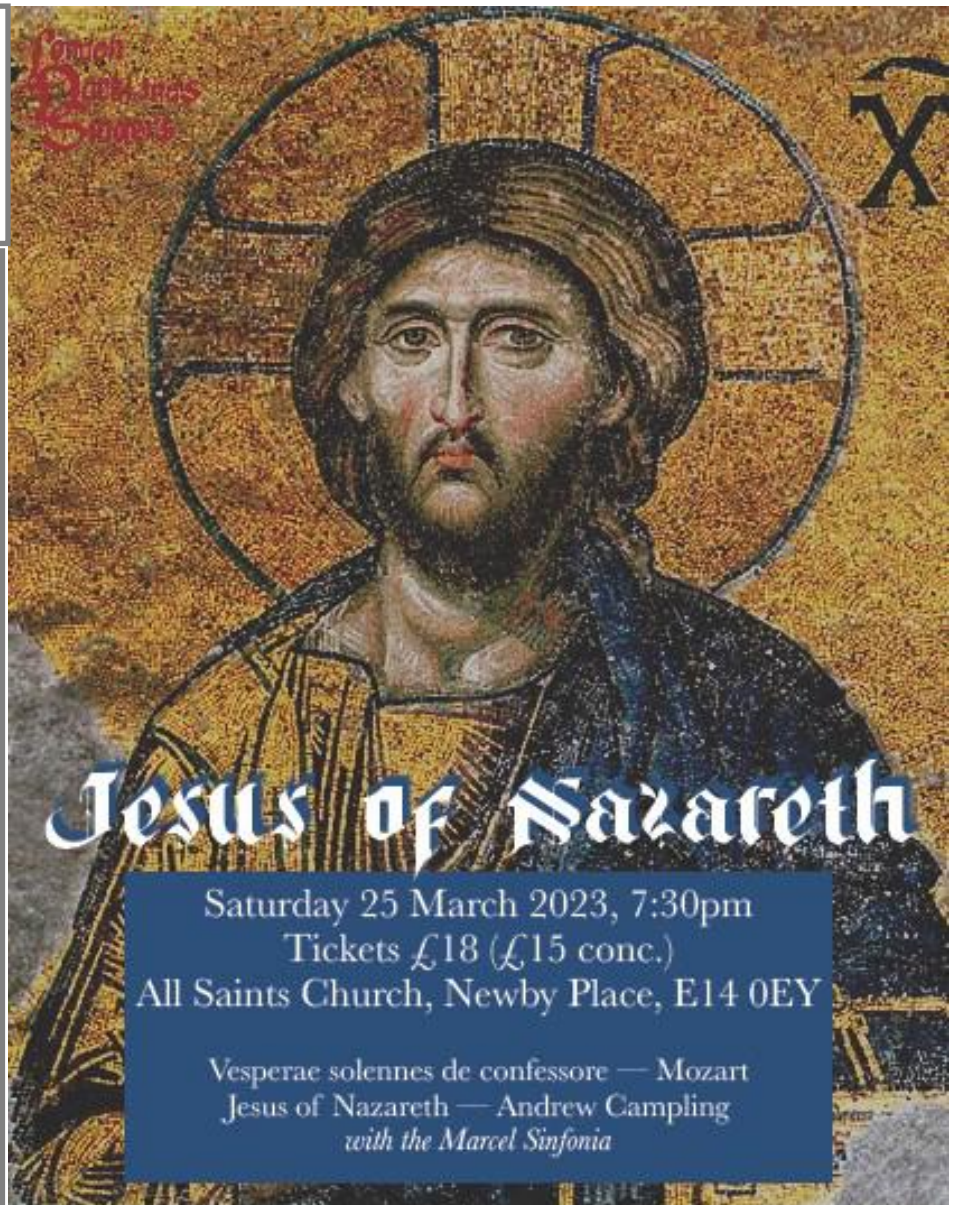
Visit [Ldsingers.org/concerts](https://ldsingers.org/concerts)

**All are invited to join the Diocese of Westminster's annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023, led by HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Book now to avoid disappointment as places are limited via the Tangney Tours portal at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes>**

If you have previously indicated '**St Frai Pilgrim**' on an Expression of Interest Form, or know of someone with significant medical and mobility needs who intends to come to Lourdes, contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173 **immediately**, so the Medical Team can look into assisting with requirements and care.

Similarly, all individuals or groups intending to travel independently to join Westminster in Lourdes, by making their own travel and accommodation arrangement, must confirm this in writing to the Pilgrimage Office by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 as well as submit payment towards the Pilgrims' Levy at £35 per pilgrim.

Visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage web page <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.



**Jesus of Nazareth**

Saturday 25 March 2023, 7:30pm  
 Tickets £18 (£15 conc.)  
 All Saints Church, Newby Place, E14 0EY

Vesperae solennes de confessore — Mozart  
 Jesus of Nazareth — Andrew Campling  
 with the Marcel Sinfonia



**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
<b>Assessable Income</b>						
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
<b>Total Assessable Income</b>	<b>74750.89</b>	<b>73940.36</b>	<b>50203.01</b>	<b>103125.75</b>	<b>78829.33</b>	<b>99305.05</b>
<b>Non-Assessable Income</b>						
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
<b>Total Non-Assessable Income</b>	<b>23986.46</b>	<b>22514.23</b>	<b>6251.23</b>	<b>28528.13</b>	<b>20417.95</b>	<b>26398.46</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>98737.35</b>	<b>96454.59</b>	<b>56454.24</b>	<b>131653.88</b>	<b>99247.28</b>	<b>125703.51</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>						
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
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>106457.09</b>	<b>105894.19</b>	<b>98210.89</b>	<b>141924.47</b>	<b>132531.93</b>	<b>121114.07</b>
<b>Total Surplus / Loss</b>	<b>-7719.74</b>	<b>-9439.6</b>	<b>-41756.65</b>	<b>-10270.59</b>	<b>-33284.65</b>	<b>4589.44</b>
<b>Surplus / Loss Percentage</b>	<b>-7.82</b>	<b>-9.79</b>	<b>-73.97</b>	<b>-7.8</b>	<b>-33.54</b>	<b>3.65</b>

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Roman Catholic Parish of St Edmund of Abingdon, Millwall**

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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**

**Mrs Diane Winship**

Safeguarding Representative

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

loose: £420.12 envelopes: £220.00 contactless collection last weekend: £110.00 total: **£750.12**

Standing orders in January; **£5706.00**

**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:

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

20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:colinmacken@rcdow.org.uk)

**Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony**

**Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 2:30pm.**

The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their **5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:family@rcdow.org.uk)

**FREE 8 week programme for Living A healthy Life**

**with long term /chronic health conditions.**

**Self-Management Skills for Heart Disease, Arthritis, Diabetes, Depression, Asthma and other physical and mental health condition**

**Starting Friday 17th March 2023 ,from 3pm-5pm at Trafford Friendship Hall ,Strafford Street, E14 , Isle of Dogs**

To register , email [CW\\_DymphnaD@Safh.org.uk](mailto:CW_DymphnaD@Safh.org.uk) or phone 07539078072