

NEWSLETTER

THE MOST
SACRED HEART
OF JESUS**How precious and wonderful is this banquet**

The only-begotten Son of God, wishing to enable us to share in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that by becoming man he might make men gods.

Moreover, he turned the whole of our nature, which he assumed, to our salvation. For he offered his body to God the Father on the altar of the cross as a sacrifice for our reconciliation; and he shed his blood for our ransom and our cleansing, so that we might be redeemed from wretched captivity and cleansed from all sins.

Now in order that we might always keep the memory of this great act of love, he left his body as food and his blood as drink, to be received by the faithful under the appearances of bread and wine.

How precious and wonderful is this banquet, which brings us salvation and is full of all delight! Which could be more precious? It is not the meat of calves or kids that is offered, as happened under the Old Law; at this meal Christ, the true God, is set before us for us to eat. What could be more wonderful than this sacrament?

No sacrament contributes more to our salvation than this; for it purges away our sins, increases our virtues, and nourishes our minds with and abundance of all the spiritual gifts. It is offered in the Church for the living and the dead, so that it may be beneficial to all, as it was instituted for the salvation of all.

Finally, no one is capable of expressing the delight of this sacrament, through which the sweetness of the Spirit is tasted at its source, and the memory is celebrated of that surpassing love which Christ showed in his passion.

And so, in order to imprint the immensity of this love more deeply in the hearts of the faithful, at the Last Supper, when the Lord had celebrated the Pasch with his disciples and was about to pass this world to his Father, he instituted this sacrament as a perpetual memorial of his passion. It fulfilled the types of the Old Law, it was the greatest of the miracles he worked; and he left it as a unique consolation to those who were desolate at his departure.

St. Thomas Aquinas

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK - DAY FOR LIFE.

For details see Bishop Sherrington's message on next page.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY;

PARISH BBQ - 2 JULY - see the poster inside

CHURCH GARDEN CLEANING - 17 JUNE (from 11 am - 2pm) - volunteers needed. Please, turn up for a couple of hours to do some work in our garden. Bring small garden tools if you have them, please.

MASS INTENTIONS**June 10th, 2023**

6pm - Kay Samuels RIP

June 11th, 2023

9am— Pro Populo

11 am - Ints of Recently Confirmed

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.

During next week
we will have two
morning masses :
on Wednesday and
Friday

**Readings for this
& next Sunday**

1st Reading— Deuteronomy
8; 2-3, 14-16

Psalm 147; 12-15, 19-20
response v 12

2nd Reading -
Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel – John 6; 51-58

1st Reading— Exodus 19: 2-6,
Psalm 99; 1-3, 5
response v 3

2nd Reading - Romans 5; 6-11 ,
Gospel – Matthew 9; 36-10;8

Dear Friends,

Fr. Blount has called us to pray for our country to blind Satan.

Please pray the Flame of Love Unity Prayer 3 times to blind Satan.

1. For your self
2. For your family
3. To blind Satan attacking Ireland or you could insert your own country

My adorable Jesus

May our feet journey together

May our hands gather in unity

May our hearts beat in unison

May our souls be in harmony

May our thoughts be as one

May our ears listen to the silence together

May our glances profoundly penetrate each other

May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the eternal Father.

Amen

Jesus told Elizabeth Kindelman

‘This prayer is an instrument in your hands. By collaborating with Me, Satan will be blinded by it; and because of his blindness, souls will not be led into sin’

Dear Father, Deacon, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to ask your support for the Day for Life on Saturday 17th June & Sunday 18th June. This year the three episcopal conferences of England & Wales, Scotland and Ireland will be marking Day for Life at the same time. The agreement to hold the Day for Life on one Sunday across the countries is a better sign of witness to the gospel of life.

This year the Day for Life seeks to highlight the trauma caused by abortion. The theme is “Listen to Her”. The message is an invitation to listen to the voice and story of a young Catholic woman who was suffering after an abortion and found healing. With her consent, we are able to highlight the distress which she suffered and how she found healing.

We were inspired towards this message from a number of experiences: the ever-rising number of abortions in these countries, the introduction and impact of ‘telemedicine’ after the COVID 19 pandemic, and the stories of post-abortive trauma which we have heard from Rachel’s Vineyard, (based in Birmingham), ARCH (based in Scotland) and GiannaCare (based in Ireland).

The message is also inspired by the Holy Father’s own words in 2016 which underlined both the gravity of abortion and that nothing is beyond the mercy of God.

Many in our society, but especially women, are affected by abortion and we want people to know they can find a welcome in the heart of the Church and the promise of hope and healing found in Christ Jesus.

A Novena of Prayer will be available on the CBCEW website which will lead up to the Day for Life. All resources, including the full message can be accessed here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

On the Day for Life, there is a mandatory collection to be taken in churches. The funds raised will support life projects across the whole spectrum of life. This year the Department of Social Justice aims to be more transparent about the use of funding after the grants have been made and will publish details.

Thank you for your support.

with prayers , *Bishop John Sherrington, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster*

Reception to the Church

Holly will be received into the Church on 10th June 23 at 6pm Mass.

Due to family reasons she was unable to attend at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for her and the family at this time.

Thank you,

Fr Christopher

On Wednesday 14 June at 6.30 Westminster Cathedral Friends host a quiz with Fish and Chip supper. Enjoy a good night out whilst supporting Westminster Cathedral. Advanced booking by 10.00 am on Wednesday 14 June for catering to be finalised. On Tuesday 20 June at 7.15 Cardinal Vincent Nichols will speak and host a number of speakers on the theme Coronation Reflections. Full details of events and online booking on our webpage <https://tinyurl.com/CathedralFriends> . Contact friends@rcdow.org.uk

SIGN THE PETITION TO GET A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL + SPORTS FACILITIES BUILT ON THE ISLE OF DOGS BEFORE WE LOSE THE FOOTBALL PITCHES & PART OF A SCHOOL AT CROSSHARBOUR

Click here to sign on the Council website; <https://democracy.towerhamlets.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay...>

Why you should sign:

The owner of Westferry Printworks has refused since April 2016 to sign the lease to allow construction of a new secondary school + new sports hall + 4 outdoor sports pitches available out of school hours

But we will lose the football pitches and part of Canary Wharf College secondary school when the car park at Crossharbour is demolished for a new 38-storey tower

This petition asks Tower Hamlets Council and Mayor Lutfur Rahman to do a forced purchase of the land so that the Department of Education can build for Canary Wharf College a new school. This will also save the government from having to buy a new site for the school.

The more signatures the better

Local authorities are responsible for the compulsory purchase of land for all schools even though in this case the land would be probably be owned by the Department of Education as they would own the school building

This is also the only way it seems of getting new sports facilities for the fastest-growing place in the UK

Background is here; <https://www.facebook.com/.../permalink/3613742442099161/>

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST EDMUND, MILLWALL




CHURCH BBQ



**SUN 2nd July
12:15PM – 2:30PM**

Tickets:
Adults £10
Senior £5
Children £5
Children under 5 FREE

Bring your appetite, bring your family, and let's have a fantastic time together!

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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: £325.08 envelopes: £202.00 contactless collection last weekend: £156.00 total: **£683.08**

Standing orders in February - **£5706.00**; , in March - **£3820**, in April **£4002**.

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

Altar Servers

Those of our young people who made their First Holy Communion on 20th May 23; You are now eligible to become an Altar Server.

If interested, Give your details into the parish office, and we will arrange training for you. This would take place after the 11am Mass on Sunday.

Thank you, *Fr Christopher*

Attention all parents who wish to baptise a child.

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, 15th June 2023 @7-9pm on zoom..** Please, drop an email to the office 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).

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

Dear Friends, In light of the recent Audit carried out here at St Edmunds. We are looking for Volunteers who would be willing to count the collection immediately after the 11am Mass.

If interested please give your details via email to the parish office. You will be given training and you would be on a Rota.