

NEWSLETTER

Set on the age to come

Be careful to never let your heart be disturbed or get involved in things. That upset it, but always work to keep it calm. In this way the Lord will build in your soul a city of peace, and your heart will be a place of delights. Every time you get upset, Jesus simply wants you to come back to silence and clam yourself again in all your works and thoughts.

Before anything else, place sentinel of peace over your feelings. In this way you will arrive at great things without any struggle, but rather with much tranquillity and certainty. With this sentinel sent to you by God you will keep watch over yourself, you will become accustomed to praying well to humbling yourself, to bearing injury without being disturbed.

Try a little to distance yourselves from worldly distractions, and to spend a few half hours in recollection and prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. You will see how enlightened your mind will be, how much your soul will be refreshed and comforted. In your churches Jesus Christ waits us, calls us and invites us to ask him confidently for everything we want, and he promises to hear us. And we, how can we say that we enter his temple and listen to Jesus' voice if we don't enter it with a true spirit of faith?

Act so that your life is hidden in God with Jesus. When one is hidden with Jesus one is in the company of his holy example, of his adorable maxims, of his very humble Heart. In such company who could be anything but humble?

Since a day will come when Jesus Christ will appear in his glory, then you too will shine in his glory. But for now, you must remain hidden like him in the manger and as he was in his death. Thus, no praise, no glory for us here below! Let us unceasingly desire to want to appear only when he will show himself in the infinite splendour of his glory.

Blessed Clelia Merloni

NEWS FROM CARITAS

Cost of Living Corner!

Our monthly slot with tips for those supporting parishioners struggling with the rising cost of living.

We are working with some other organisations to provide expert online training sessions and support for people in parishes, schools, SVP Conferences and projects, who are assisting those who are struggling financially. At the moment you can sign up for:

Budget Coach training – either in July or September. For volunteers and staff in parishes, schools and projects who want to help people who are struggling to manage their money
For more details and to register

July: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/building-up-firm-foundations-budget-coach-training-1513.php>

Sept: <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/building-up-firm-foundations-budget-coach-training-1512.php>

Loan Shark Awareness: This session is designed to help you to understand exactly what a loan shark is, help you spot the signs that somebody you know may be the victim of a loan shark and how you can help them by working with the experts.

<https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/loan-shark-awareness-training-1514.php>

MASS INTENTIONSJune 24th, 2023

6pm - Ints of Refugees &
Asylum Seekers

June 25th, 2023

9am— Ints of Fr Christopher
11 am - Pro Populo

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 Thursday at 9.15 am

- **SS Peter & Paul (Holy
day of Obligation)**

& Friday

30 June at 9.15 am with
School Children

Readings for this
& next Sunday

1st Reading— Jeremiah

20; 10-13

Psalm 68; 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

response v 4

2nd Reading -

Romans 5:12-15

Gospel – Matthew 10; 26-33

1st Reading— 2 Kings

4: 8-11,14-16

Psalm 88; 2-3, 16-19

response v 2

2nd Reading - Romans 6; 3-4, 8-11

Gospel – Matthew 10; 37-42

BAPTISMS

Baptisms here at St Edmunds would take place Saturday's at 11am or at any Mass. 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 or none 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

Learning Disability Week

Next week is also Learning Disability Week, which will be celebrated at Caritas St Joseph's with an exhibition of art and crafts on Tuesday.

The Outreach team at St Joseph's are currently supporting 19 children with learning disabilities prepare for the their First Holy Communion across 14 parishes in the Diocese. We are also preparing 4 young people to receive their confirmation.

On September 17th 2023 there will be a relaunch of the Kingsland parish Saturday Club including an Inclusive Mass and lunch. The club will be open to all people with learning disabilities and their families in the parishes in the East End. More details to follow.

There are currently Saturday Clubs running in Burnt Oak, Palmer's Green and the Allotment.

Please let us know if there are any young people with learning disabilities in your parish who might need support in preparing for the sacraments in the new year. We can also offer resources and training for catechists through our Symbols of Faith Courses.

For more information on all outreach work from Caritas St Joseph's please contact Paul Christian:

paulchristian@rcdow.org <<mailto:paulchristian@rcdow.org>>



Friday, 7th July 2023

6:30 – 8:30pm

At: George Green School

100 MANCHESTER ROAD, E14 3DW

Entrance: £5/ adult or £2/child

Tickets must be booked in advance & pay by cash on the day.

Contact: Peggy or email: Ed25wsj@gmail.com

Prize for the winning team 🎁

Drinks & snacks can be purchased from the venue.

There'll be games & raffle too.

This event is organised to help local scouts' fundraising goal to participate in the 25th World Scout Jamboree in South Korea, July 2023.



Please, if you wish to attend our BBQ, buy tickets this weekend or the beginning of next week from the office. Tickets will NOT be sold on the day of the BBQ as we need to know, how much food we need to buy. Thank you for understanding.

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!

You can make your payment for tickets by card, but do not forget to pick them up from a person who sells tickets after mass.

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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: £287.29 envelopes: £182.92 contactless collection last weekend: £252.00 total: **£722.21**

Standing orders in February - **£5706.00**; , in March - **£3820**, in April **£4002**, in May - **£2533**

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 will be announced soon**. 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.