

# NEWSLETTER

**13 SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

## Barren or elderly women.

The first reading from 2 Kings reminds us of the Old Testament where barren and elderly women are not ignored by God.

They give birth to a son a sign of God's plan for his people. The paradigm is of course the birth of Isaac to Abraham and Sarah. Isaac will be the first of the descendants of Abraham who as we know 'as many as the stars of the heavens'-the promise of God's covenant.

We have the stories of the birth of Samuel and Samson which are significant for the roles each would play in carrying out God's plan for his people, Then in Luke's Gospel we have such a birth to Zechariah and Elizabeth which tells us of the significance of John the Baptist.

The story we have in our first reading has none of the wider significance. In the many miracle stories of Elijah and Elisha cycle in the Second Book of Kings.

However, the phrase 'This time next year you will hold a son in your arms' echoes the promise the Lord makes to Abraham at the oak of Mamre in Genesis. The son of the woman of Shunem has no role in God's plan that we know of, yet his birth is significant a sign of God's favour. Jesus' words in the Gospel 'Any one who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward' this matches the action of the woman towards Elisha.

The first reading matches with the Gospel, and it reminds us to contemplate the importance of receiving those whom the Lord sends bringing his word. In our first reading the woman of Shunem receives a great reward for her action, Jesus promises that such will be God's generosity and favour to those who welcome those he sends, because in receiving those sent by him, it is the Lord himself who is received.

The reward is salvation, and this what Paul is saying in his letter in our second reading in his letter to the Romans, its most certainly God's plan for all his people. Amen

## *ST EDMUND PRIMARY SCHOOL 1873-2023*

This year 2023 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Edmund's

We as a parish thank all those who have gone before us, by their efforts have made it all possible, in reaching this mile stone.

We thank the Head Teacher and staff who have worked tirelessly to prepare the young people for Secondary School and beyond. We thank too the priests who have served here in this parish and who have given their support to the staff and the school. Do continue to remember St Edmund Primary School in your prayers and we wish the school every success for the future.

Dear Friends,

A gentle reminder to those with young children attending 6 pm & 9am Masses. We have a sound system in our hall that enables you to listen to mass, should your child play up in the church. Thanks for your understanding.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### July 1st, 2023

6pm - Alexander Miranda  
(Anniv)

### July 2nd, 2023

9am— Pro Populo

11 am - Ints of Fr Christopher

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  
& Friday  
at 9.15 am

## Readings for this & next Sunday

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

1st Reading— Zechariah

9; 9-10

Psalm 144; 1-2, 8-11, 13-14

response v 1

2nd Reading -

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel – Matthew 11; 25-30

We advertise a second collection next weekend - 8/9 July 2023.  
The gift aid donation envelopes are on the table if you wish to use them.  
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SUNDAY  
2023**

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**Monday to Friday 9am-2pm**

**Closed on Bank Holidays**

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Safeguarding Representative

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

loose: £382.39 envelopes: £180.00 contactless collection last weekend: £195.00 total: **£757.39**

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.