

# NEWSLETTER

**TWELVE SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

**Christ is King and Priest forever.**

Our Saviour was truly made the Anointed One according to the flesh, becoming true king and true priest. He was both so that nothing might be lacking in the Saviour. Notice therefore that he became king, when he says: "I was set by the Lord as king on Sion, his holy mountain." Learn that he is also priest from the witness of the Father: "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek." Aaron was made the first priest of the law by being anointed with chrism, but the Father did not say, "after the order of Aaron", in case it might be thought that our Saviour's priesthood also was derived. The priesthood which Aaron possessed was hereditary; but the Saviour's priesthood is not passed on to anyone else because he will continue for ever after the order of Melchizedek."

He is therefore our Saviour according to the flesh, and both king and priest, but his anointing is spiritual and not bodily. The kings and priests of the Jews were given their position by bodily anointing with oil. One man was not both: each was either king or priest. To Christ alone belong perfection and fullness in all things, for he came to fulfil the law also.

Although they could not as individuals be both at the same time, they were called "Messiahs" or "anointed ones" because they had received bodily anointing as kings or priests. Our Saviour, on the other hand, who is truly Christ, the Anointed One, was anointed by the Holy Spirit, that he might fulfil what was written of him: "Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows." That he was anointed more than those who share the same name "Messiah" lies in the fact that he was anointed with the oil of gladness, which properly means the Holy Spirit.

We learn that this is the case from our Saviour himself. When he took and opened the book of Isaiah, and read: "The Spirit of the Lords is upon me, because he has anointed me, " he said that the prophecy was fulfilled then in the presence of his hearers. Peter too, the chief of the apostles, taught that the chrism which shows our Saviour to be the Anointed One is the Holy Spirit himself, which is also the power of God, when in the Acts of the Apostles he spoke to that most faithful and merciful man, the centurion. Among other things, he said: "Beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached, Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power, went about doing great and wonderful things, and healing all that were oppressed by the devil."

You notice that Peter said Jesus was anointed according to the flesh with the Holy Spirit and with power. And so this same Jesus truly became Christ, the Anointed One, according to the flesh, being made by the anointing of the Holy Spirit both king and priest for ever.

*Faustinus Lucitoranus*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**June 22nd, 2024**

6pm - Ints of Bishop J Curry

**June 23rd, 2024**

9am— For the Sick  
& Housebound

11 am - Pro Populo....

**Friday - 28th June**

9.15 am - Ints of Fr Christopher

Confession on Saturday between  
5.15-5.45 pm

or by appointment.

*At present there is only one  
weekly mass  
on Friday morning.*

**Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Come , O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the help of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, faithfully serve you, and worthily praise your Holy Name. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

**A Prayer after  
Communion**

Grant O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things. We may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

**Readings for this & next Sunday**

1st Reading— Job 38;1,8-11,  
Psalm 106; 23-26, 28-31 Response v 1  
2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 5;14-17

Gospel - Mark 4; 35-41

1st Reading— Wisdom 1;13-15, 2;23-24,  
Psalm 29:2, 4-6, 11-13, Response v2  
2nd Reading - 2Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15

Gospel – Mark 5; 21-43

### Calm in the Knowledge of Jesus' Love

In your trials, don't give up turning to God with filial trust. If you call upon Jesus with faith and trust, I assure your, your prayer will be heard by him. Remember Jesus is sensitive to our ills and has compassion on all our suffering.

In days of trial, rekindle your confidence. Recall that God has promised his aid to those who persevere in prayer. You should pray to Jesus like this: "Yes, my God, precisely because your delay in answering me, the more will I surrender myself with the greater trust and ardour into your paternal arms". Jesus has promised to help us in all circumstances. He will never be the first to abandon us. If Jesus delays in hearing your and seems to refuse you the grace you seek, you must convince yourself that this is in the plan of his fatherly love for you. He wants to try your, to increase your faith and your merits and form you by making your practise patience. Adore his plans and bless him always.

"Think of me", Jesus tells us, "and I will look after your and everything that concerns you." Abandon yourself to God and he will lead your wherever he wants. Knowing that he is leading your, you should remain peacefully in his hands.

Blessed Clelia Merloni

### **SEA SUNDAY ON 13&14 JULY - second collection**

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is on 14 July when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting "SEA" to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please, give generously. Thank you

Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea) is the maritime agency of the Catholic Church. Its teams of chaplains provide practical help and pastoral care to seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world.

### A prayer for the Year of Encounter

Mary, model of encounter,  
you heard God's call.  
Teach us to listen deeply  
in our polarised world.

Mary, woman of courage,  
you sang joyfully of God's justice.  
Inspire us to challenge inequality  
and call for fullness of life for all.

Mary, seeker of sanctuary,  
you fled violence and persecution.  
Be with us as we seek peace  
and respect for human dignity.

Mary, mother of community,  
you joined the disciples at Pentecost.  
Pray that the Spirit will empower us  
as we act together for the common good.  
Amen.

Parry Bach  
Pease Haydn Campling Arne  
Handel

London Docklands Singers  
Marcel Sinfonia

## A Night At The Proms

Handel — Zadok the Priest, The King shall rejoice  
Bach — Jesu, joy of man's desiring  
Haydn — The Heavens are telling the glory of God  
Pease — Four Love Songs  
Campling — Queen Marie of Romania, Choral Suite  
Wood — Hornpipe; Arne - Rule Britannia!  
Parry — Jerusalem

**Saturday 29 June 2024, 7.30pm**  
All Saints Poplar E14 0EY  
Tickets: £18 Concessions: £15 Students: £10  
[londondocklandssingers.org](http://londondocklandssingers.org)

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## BAPTISMS

Parents who wish to have their child baptised, are advised to come to see me first and make no plans until after they have completed the Baptism Course. They need to make an appointment by contacting Katherine at the office on [millwall@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:millwall@rcdow.org.uk). Once I recognize them as practising Catholics, they need to buy a baptismal pack (£10/cash). The next step would be to complete the baptism course that we run every other month.

The date of baptism can be booked with Katherine (Parish Office) but it has to be confirmed in writing. It's a requirement of Canon Law (Church Law) that each child must have godparents; one has to be male and the other female.

A godparent is defined as a confirmed practicing Catholic. That is why we require a reference form from his/her parish priest 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 families to make a contribution to defray the cost by given a donation in the range of £50-100, with others giving more.

Baptisms here at St Edmunds would take place on Saturday's at 11am or at any Mass.

**The next Baptismal Course for parents who want to baptised the child will be on Friday, 12 July at 7pm on Zoom.** If you are interested - start the process by emailing the office now asap.

If you would like to help us to prepare parents for baptism of their children by becoming a catechist, please, contact me by email.  
Fr. Christopher

### A Year of Encounter

With the UK general election due 4<sup>th</sup> July, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies.

*A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](https://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information and helpful re-



### Society for the Protection of Unborn Children' message to us.

The General Elections could be crucial in the fight to protect the sanctity of human life.

The threat of abortion being decriminalised was narrowly averted in the last session of Parliament, when the calling of the General Election put an end to the Criminal Justice Bill, and, with it, the extreme abortion amendments. But whoever wins the election, these proposals are sure to return.

We are also expecting a big push to legalise assisted suicide during the coming sessions of Parliament.

These are key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding whom to vote for. SPUC is running an election campaign encouraging people to use their vote to protect the most vulnerable. In an exciting new initiative, we are launching an online platform that allows people to contact candidates in their constituencies and ask these two questions; 1. Would you vote to support or oppose decriminalising abortion? 2. Would you vote to support or oppose any move to legalise assisted suicide?

To contact your candidates, and to check on their voting intentions, please, go to;

<https://www.spuc.org.uk/General-Election-2024>



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

**Closed on Bank Holidays**

**Mrs Diane Winship - Safeguarding Representative**

**Mr Tomasz Daszkiewicz - Data Protection**

Parish Officer

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

loose: £234.00 envelopes: £277.00 contactless collection last weekend: £243.00 total: **£754.00**

Standing orders in **in January- £3286, in February - £2589, in March - £2715,**  
**in April - 3769, in May - 2152**

As a Charity, we rely on your weekly donations. We will be grateful for your financial support. Your New offertory envelopes will be available at the end of March for collection after Mass or from the parish office. If you wish to have an offertory envelope, then give your details to the parish office, where a new box of envelopes will be made available to you. Alternatively, you could make your donation via bank transfer. The parish account is on our website.

WRCDT CHARITY NO: 233699

**Our Church.** Dear Friends, After a few years of pause in spending money on our premises, the Finance Committee with myself, feel that it is time to address some issues. First, we have started with lights exchange in Sanctuary as they have started to fall off due to their age. We have also replaced majority of bulbs in the church and the hall. Secondly, after 24 years of use, we want to refresh our kitchen and toilets. The kitchen has its new image already and you can see it while having your tea or coffee and the toilets 'refurbishment' was finished as well.

As usual, I would like to ask you for a specific donations towards our works as if we got money into this category, all your donations will stay with the parish, while when the money goes into general donations - we have to pay 30% of the total to the Diocese. If you are a Gift Aider, you can gift aid the donation and it will add an extra value.

Donation envelopes are available on the table in the lobby. You can also chose to donate on our digital plate or by bank transfer but doing it - do not forget to add; donation for electrical works or for decoration.

It all will come with a cost of eleven thousand pounds. We have collected so far **£4365** towards our works so far. Thank you for your support and generosity. Fr Christopher

**This is the last Newsletter before summer holidays.**

I take this opportunity to wish you all happy summer break,  
be safe and hope to see you all when we gather again in September.

May God bless you all, Fr Christopher