

# NEWSLETTER

**TWENTY FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

*Understanding the Passion*

The passion, our passion, sure we are not waiting for it. We know it must come and of course we intend to live it with a certain grandeur. We are waiting for the bell to ring that will inform us that the time has come for us to sacrifice ourselves. Like a log in the fireplace, we know that we have to be consumed. Like a piece of wool cut with scissors, we have to be separated. Like young animals that are sent to slaughter, we have to be destroyed.

We are waiting for our passion but it does not come, in its place there comes small patience. Patience, those small pieces of the passion, whose job it is to kill us gently for your glory, to kill us with out our getting the glory.

From dawn they come to greet us, our nerves, either too much on edge or too numb.....it is the urge to be silent when we ought to speak, and the urge to speak when we ought to be silent. It is the desire to go out when we have to stay in, and the urge to stay in when we have to go out. It is our disgust with our daily ration of life and the neurotic desire for all that is not ours.

This is the way our patience come, in serried ranks or in single file, and they always forget to remind us of the fact that they are the martyrdom for which we were preparing. And scornfully we let them pass by, as we wait for a cause that would be worth dying for.

If every redemption is a martyrdom, not every martyrdom involves the spilling of blood. From the beginning of our lives to the very end, one by one, grapes may be picked from the bunch. This the passion of patience.

*Venerable Madeleine Delbrel*

**A prayer to God for a restful sleep.**

Dear God as I lay down to rest this night. I thank you with all my heart for walking with me, through another day.

All my successes, my thoughts, my victories I offer in your name and mercy.

I lift up to you all my worries, fears and anxieties, I know that you will grant me the Grace to see them through.

As my eyes grow heavy and I drift into restful slumber. I take comfort in knowing that I am safe, loved and healed in your warm embrace.

Clear my mind and expand my faith in you O Lord. Restore my strength throughout the night, that I may make full use of tomorrow to glorify your name.

Guard me in my sleep and guide me when the morning comes.

Your humble servant

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sept 21st, 2024**

6pm - Pro Populo

**Sept 22nd, 2024**

9am— For the Sick

& Housebound

11 am - Susanne Josephine Mott RIP

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.

**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 faithfully serve you, love 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— Wisdom 2;12,17-20,

Psalm 53:3-6, 8, Response v 6

2nd Reading - James 3: 16-4; 3

Gospel – John 8; 12

1st Reading— Numbers 11; 25-29,

Psalm 18; 8, 10, 12-14 Response v 9

2nd Reading - James 5;1-6

Gospel - Mark 9; 38-43, 45, 47-48

*A Prayer to Our Blessed Mother*

Dearest Mother I.....,I am filled with utmost gratitude for all the graces that you have brought into my life. I claim your blessings in the name of our Lord, and besiege you to provide for all my needs tangible and intangible. Nurture my spirit that I may grow closer to the love of your Son, and ignite my gifts so that I may serve God's kingdom better. Grant me your unfailing protection and surround me with a multitude of blessings all the days of my life in Jesus name. Amen. *St. Benedict*

**The Catechetical Program 2024**

(Application Forms now available on the table in the lobby)

**Confirmation:**

If you are in year 9, and wish to make your Confirmation, the course will be held at 4pm- every Saturday. The start date will be announced shortly. **Deadline for applications - Monday 4. November 2024.**

**RCIA ( The Rite of Christian initiation of adults)** the course will start in October, and will be held every Tuesday evening. If you are interested to learn more about the Catholic Faith, fill out the form and then hand in your details to the parish office ASAP or to Fr Christopher after Mass. **Deadline for applications - Monday 7. October 2024**

**First Holy Communions:**

Should you wish to have your child make their First Holy Communion (from your 3 onwards), please take a form, fill it in and hand one part into the parish office. The part with information for parents should be cut off by you and read properly as contains important information about the course. The dates of the course will be announced shortly. **Deadline for applications - Monday 4. November 2024**

***World Day of Migrants and Refugees***

The 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is kept on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Pope Francis has chosen as this year's theme, 'God walks with his people', and the full text of the Pope's message and resources to support the day can be found at: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/news/2024/giornata-mondiale-migrante-e-rifugiato-2024-tema-messaggio-papa.html> The World Day will also be marked in this diocese by the celebration of the annual International Mass in the Cathedral on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm at which the Cardinal will preside. All are welcome at this Mass in which the ethnic chaplaincies in the diocese will have a leading role.

**CARITAS:**

Asks us to pray for Ukraine and to share the information about their programme dedicated to providing refuge for those fleeing the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and safeguarding the well-being of Ukrainians already residing in the UK.

Website:

<https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

E-mail:

[homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk)



Our Lady, Door of Mercy, pray for us

**Prayer for Ukraine**

Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God,  
we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine,  
for their government,  
and all who suffer as a result of war.

Be with them as you stood beside your Son,  
suffering on the Cross at Calvary.  
Give them strength and courage  
through faith, hope and justice.

May we, in our turn,  
support them through prayer and generosity  
that human lives may be saved,  
that the injured may be healed,  
that the dead may rest in peace,  
that there will be peace after war.

Amen.

**SJOG**  
Homes for Ukraine

**caritas**  
social action network



[sjog-homesforukraine.uk](https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk)

Help Daniel  
**CARVE**  
his way to a better future

**FAMILY FAST DAY**  
**FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2024**

Give today so that people around the world can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential

**£10** can teach someone to read

**£60** can provide training like carpentry and sewing for those who missed out on school so they can earn a living

**£400** can buy all the tools, equipment and teaching materials for six months of carpentry training

Use this QR code or go to  
[cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope)

**CAFOD**  
FAMILY FAST DAY  
LOOK OUT FOR YOUR COLLECTION  
ENVELOPE IN CHURCH!

Catholic Agency for Overseas Development **CAFOD**



## Pregnant? Worried?



Find real help and support in a crisis pregnancy, today. Whatever the problem is, we really can help.

**Tel: 020 7723 1740**

Email: [info@goodcounselnetwork.com](mailto:info@goodcounselnetwork.com)  
[www.goodcounselnetwork.com](http://www.goodcounselnetwork.com)

The Good Counsel Network is a Catholic, Pro-Life group based in London. We provide friendship, creative solutions, help and support to women in crisis pregnancies and afterwards, regardless of their beliefs, nationality, legal status etc.  
We can also help women suffering after an abortion. Please get in touch.

## 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 date of the next Baptismal Course for parents who want to baptised the child will be announced shortly.** 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

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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**

**Mr Tomasz Daszkiewicz - Data Protection**

Parish Officer

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

loose: £239.00 envelopes: £196.00 contactless collection last weekend: £284.00 total: **£719.00**

Standing orders in **in January- £3286, in February - £2589, in March - £2715,**  
**in April - 3769, in May - 2152, in June - 3800, in July - 2565, in August - 2416**

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 refreshed our kitchen and toilets. .

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 **£5415** towards our works so far. Thank you for your support and generosity. Fr Christopher

**Altar Servers**

**If our young people, have made their First Holy Communion, and would like to become an Altar Server. Please give your details to the Parish Office by email or to me just after Mass. Joseph Adesete our MC would be carrying out the training after the 11 am Mass.**

*Thank you, Fr Christopher*

