

NEWSLETTER

**TWENTY SIXTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

The service of the poor is to be preferred to all else

We should not judge the poor by the clothes and their outward appearance nor by their mental capacity, since they are often ignorant and uncouth. On the contrary, if you consider the poor in the light of faith, then you will see that they take the place of God the Son, who chose to be poor. Indeed, in his passion, having lost even the appearance of man, foolishness to the Gentiles and a scandal to the Jews, he showed he was to preach the gospel to the poor in their works: ‘ He has sent me to preach good news to the poor’. Therefore we should be of same mind and should imitate what Christ did, caring for the poor, consoling them, helping them and guiding them.

Christ chose to be born in poverty and took the poor men as his disciples; he himself became the servant of the poor and so shared their condition that whatever good or harm was done to the poor, he said he would consider done to himself. Since God loves the poor, he also loves the lovers of the poor: when someone loves another, he loves too those who love or serve that other. So we too hope that God will love us on account of the poor. We visit them then, we strive to concern ourselves with the weak and the needy, we share their suffering that with the apostles we feel we have become all things to all men. Therefore we must strive to be deeply involved in the cares and sorrows of our neighbour and pray to God to inspire us with compassion and pity, filling our hearts and keeping them full.

The service of the poor is to be preferred to all else, and performed without delay. If at time set aside for prayer, medicine or help has to be brought to some poor man, go and do what has to be done with an easy mind, offering up to God as prayer. Do not be put out by uneasiness or a sense of sin because of prayers interrupted by the service of the poor; for God is not neglected if prayers are put aside such work may be completed.

Therefore, when you leave prayer to help some poor man, remember this-that the work has been done for God. Charity takes precedence over any rules everything ought to tend to it above all; since it is itself a great lady, what it orders should be carried out. Let us show our service to the poor, then, with renewed ardour in our hearts seeking out above all any abandoned people, since they are given to us Lords and patrons.

St. Vincent De Paul

MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 28th, 2024

6pm - Pro Populo

Sept 29th, 2024

9am— For the Sick
& Housebound

11 am - Fr John Elliott
(Anniv)

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— 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

1st Reading— Genesis 2;18-24,
Psalm 127 Response v 5
2nd Reading - Hebrew 2: 9-11

Gospel – Mark 10; 2-16

Welcome

Dear friends, we welcome Fr. Royston Price, Redemptories priest, to St Edmunds on the weekend of 5th and 6th October. Fr. Royston will be celebrating and speaking at all Masses.

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 beseege 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 - cannot be emailed)

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**

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

ARE YOU PLANNING TO MARRY?

Well, that's wonderful: congratulations on your coming marriage. We hope and pray you will have many happy years together.

The process for arranging a marriage is fairly straightforward – provided you start in the right place – which is with me. It doesn't matter where you intend to marry or who is going to conduct the service, the documentation starts with me.

But, please, contact me early in the process – don't go steaming ahead with all the other arrangements and contact the Church last of all.

Above all, be careful of so-called 'wedding planners'. Do not believe what they have to say about Church requirements; they frequently give misleading advice.

To start the process off, just send an email to the office asking for an meeting with me. During that time you will be able to ask the questions and I will then be able to tell you what further information you need to supply and what else you need to do. I will tailor the process to your situation. *Fr Christopher*

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


LOOK OUT FOR YOUR COLLECTION
ENVELOPE IN CHURCH!

CAF 7408

Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development**CAFOD**

Second collection for Cafod during all masses next weekend. Donation envelopes already on the table in the church's lobby.

*Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH 2024

12pm High Mass

The Rosary Shrine

St. Dominic's Priory, Southampton Road, NW5 4LB

Followed by the following
at Blackfriars Hall:

Autumn Lunch

1:30 PM

Welcome Drink:

Complimentary Raspberry Citrus Cocktail upon arrival

Caramelised Onion Soup with Crusty Bread

Hearty Beef and Root Vegetable Stew

with Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Tiramisu

Coffee and Tea

2 Courses for £14.99, 3 Courses for £16.99

Tiramisu £2.99 (available from 3pm onwards)

All funds raised will go directly toward raising a Star for Radio Maria

The Chosen

3 PM

Bring your favourite snacks and drinks to share.
Have a seat with your newly acquired friends
and enjoy the finale of Season 4!

RSVP

by October 1st

Scan this QR Code

**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


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
Counting of the Collection

Dear Friends, To comply with guide lines set by the Diocese, they require us to create a Rota of Counters to Count the collection. Therefore we are appealing for volunteers who would be willing to count the collection after the 11 am Mass on a Sunday or on an alternative date.

You need to count in pairs, with another member of our community. It will take probably half an hour, once a month if we have enough volunteers to cover each week. We also ask students of six forms to step forward. If you are interested, please give your details into the Parish Office.

Hope we will hear from you, *Fr Christopher with Parish Finance Committee Members.*

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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: £223.00 envelopes: £310.00 contactless collection last weekend: £190.00 total: **£723.00**

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.

WRCDDT 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 **£5985** 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

