

NEWSLETTER

**THIRTY SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Giving to God Our Whole Livelihood

Praise the Lord my soul, from whom all good things come and who lives now and forever; it is to him that you are to refer all things as the beginning and end of all that is good. It is with much gratitude that you are to offer him heartfelt praise, so that his gifts of heavenly grace may again and more abundantly come upon you until you arrive at the source of eternal life, the land of everlasting light, and glorious vision of the divine presence.

Indeed, there is nothing better for you, nothing more salutary or sweeter or more joyful or more worthy or higher or more perfect or more blessed than loving God more ardently and praising him most sincerely. This I say a hundred times, and I repeat it a thousand times more. There is no duty more commendable, no occupation more worthwhile than to love and praise God your Creator and Redeemer, and this with your whole heart, with your whole mind, and with all your strength. Do this as long as you breathe, move, and think. Do this in word and deed, day and night, morning, noon, and evening, every hour every moment. Always hold fast to God, completely and entirely, as much as you are physically and mentally able, so that God may be all in all to you, that he may be always and eternally loved, blessed, praised by you, highly exalted above all and before all, and that you may be united to him for ever.

Therefore, faithful soul exult in the Lord your God as the Blessed Virgin Mary exulted in Jesus, her Saviour....., give yourself to God-all that you have, all that you do, all that you know, and all your talents-and you will be dearer to him than ever before and richer, too. Say with Saint Paul, *having nothing we have everything* in God(2Co6:10). Though poor, base, and despicable to this world, nevertheless, rich and *happy at all times* in the Lord(5Th9:50)., assured that there *is a crown of righteousness reserved for us*(6 Tm8:2).
Venerable Thomas A Kempis

Parish Mission Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen

MASS INTENTIONS

November 9th, 2024

6pm - All Souls

November 10th, 2024

9am— All Souls

11 am - Sandra Lashmar
(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.

***No Morning Mass
on Wednesday,
13th November***

**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 faithfully serve you, perfectly 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— Kings 17; 10-16,
Psalm 145;7-10 Response v 2
2nd Reading - Hebrew 9;24-28

Gospel - Mark 12; 38-44

1st Reading— Daniel 12;1-13,
Psalm 15;5,8-11 Response v 1
2nd Reading - Hebrew 10: 11-14, 18

Gospel – Mark 13; 24-32

ST EDMUND OF ABINGDON, Patron of our Parish, whose Memorial we will celebrate on 16th November. (on Friday, 15th at 9.15 Mass with school children).

Edmund Rich (c1174-1240) was a holy scholar unexpectedly elected Archbishop of Canterbury in 1233. The appointment, however, brought him only trouble and strife.

Edmund was born in Abingdon, the eldest of three brothers and two sisters. After their father died, they were brought up by their devout and ascetic mother, Mabel. Edmund, as her favourite, was required at all times to wear sackcloth, while on Sundays he was not permitted to eat until he had sung through the entire psalter. When, at 14, the boy was sent to study in Paris, Mabel kept him short of funds, but helpfully sent supplies of sackcloth!

From around 1196 to 1202 Edmund taught in Oxford, counting Roger Bacon among his pupils. Dedicated to poverty, he would throw the fees of hard-up students out of the window. He also financed the building of a chapel for the Virgin Mary in Oxford, and put his father's property at the disposal of a hospital.

Mabel's death by no means curtailed her influence. Around 1202 she appeared in a dream to inform Edmund that he was wasting his time on secular studies, when he should be contemplating the Trinity. Edmund returned to parish to read theology, which he subsequently taught in Oxford. In 1222, however, he assumed a more practical role as treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral. Four years later he was selected by Pope Honorius III to preach the crusade.

Such was Edmund's reputation in Rome that Pope Gregory IX quashed the election of three candidates to the archbishopric of Canterbury before the canons accepted that they were supposed to choose the treasurer of Salisbury. As archbishop, Edmund undoubtedly had the best intentions, alike in caring for his flock and reforming the Church. He was, however, too remote and unworldly a figure to be an efficient administrator. Although he started well, helping to make peace between Henry III and his barons, he soon became enmeshed in quarrels about the jurisdictions of royal and ecclesiastical courts.

Under pressure from the King he also opposed the marriage of Henry III's sister Eleanor and Simon de Montfort, stating that Eleanor had taken a vow of chastity after the death of her first husband. Yet, when in 1238 he went to argue his case in Rome, he found no support. Back in England, Edmund quarrelled with the monks of Christ Church, Canterbury, who objected to his scheme of establishing a college for his staff at Maidstone, and appeared indifferent to the archbishop's sentence of excommunication.

So, in the autumn of 1240, Edmund once more set out to plead his cause in Rome, only to die at Soisy in northern Burgundy. He was buried at nearby Pontigny, formerly a refuge for Thomas a Becket and Stephen Langton. Canonisation followed in 1246.

Catholic Herald

The Catechetical Program 2024

Application time for first communion & confirmation course is now over

Confirmation:

If you are in year 9, and wish to make your Confirmation, the course will be held at 4pm- every Saturday.

The first session of Confirmation Course will happen on 23rd November.

The whole programme will be emailed to participants.

RCIA (The Rite of Christian initiation of adults) the course will start in November, 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.

First Holy Communions:

Dates for First Holy Communion:

Parents Meeting:

Wednesday 4th December 2024 6pm.

Sessions:

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| 1. 12. January 2025. | | 1. 9. March 2025 |
| 2. 19. January 2025. | | 2. 16. March 2025 |
| 3. 26. January 2025. | Reconciliation:
Saturday 8th
March 2025. | 3. 23. March 2025 |
| 4. 2. February 2025 | | 4. 30. March 2025 |
| 5. 9. February 2025 | | 5. 27. April 2025 |
| 6. 2. March 2025 | | 6. 18. May 2025 |

**First Holy Communion:
Saturday 24. May 2025.**

The Assisted Suicide Bill.

The proposed Bill is calling for a change in the law to permit assisted suicide. No doubt it would contain safe guards, that supporters of the bill would say are included. Having seen other nations who legislated for Assisted Suicide has moved away from the original guide lines has widened making assisted suicide medical killing or euthanasia.

For all people of faith life is a gift of God the creator, our life flows from God and will find its fulfilment in God the Father. 'The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord', (Job 1: 21).

I would encourage you to get involved in the consultation, and write to your local MP. You can attend the discussion on this Proposed Bill on Sunday 24th November 2024, 3-5pm at Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, W1K 3AH

Livestreaming available by visiting www.farmstreet.org.uk/livestream

For more details please contact info@catholicunion.org.uk

THE SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priest offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to 72 retired priest, at a cost of £976,00. Caring for our brother priest in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope on the table in the church's lobby. Please, take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular donation and become a **Patron** by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. If so, please, take a leaflet home today. And please, continue to pray for wellbeing of all our clergy; active, retired and ill. Thank you.

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

It is a tradition in the Church that November should be a time when we pray particularly for the souls of the faithful departed.

One of the ways we pray for the dead is to prepare a list of all the people special to us who have died and put that list in to the parish, asking everyone to pray for them. The result is that we are all praying for each other's dead friends and relatives.

If you wish to put forward a list of people you would like the community to pray for, write out the list (using, if you wish, the special lavender coloured paper provided) and put it in one of the Holy Souls envelopes you will find in the lobby of the church. If you wish to make an offering, put the money also in the envelope; this money will be used to fund Mass intentions for Holy Souls during the coming year. Either hand the envelope to me, or to our Sacristans, or into the collection basket at Mass.



From the 1st November we will put a special basket in front of the Altar. *Fr Christopher*

PARISH MISSION 'A Celebration of our Faith'

Our Mission is from 2nd -6th December 24 led by Fr. Peter Morris & Fr, Royston Price.

Please remember the Parish Mission in your prayers and if you know of anyone who would benefit from the Mission then encourage them to come along with you. Thank you, *Fr Christopher*

Parish Pilgrimage 2025

The Year 2025, has been designated as a year of prayer by the Holy Father Pope Francis. Northern Star Travel Ltd. is organising the Parish Pilgrimage to San Giovanni, Rome & Assisi from the 14-23 February 25. If you are interested to join the parish group then see the Itinerary on the Parish website in our previous Newsletter. To pay the deposit contact Adrian Duffy on 01617732115 and should we have insufficient numbers to go on Pilgrimage, the money would be refunded. You can now take a booking form from a table in the church's lobby.

Thank you. *Fr Christopher*

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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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: £254.00 envelopes: £204.00 contactless collection last weekend: £555.00 total: **£1013.00**

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,
in September- 4660,

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.

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 **£6935** 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

