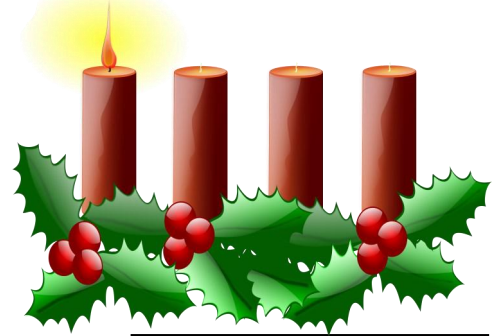


# NEWSLETTER

**1 SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

**A d v e n t**



How often, when are watching a programme on Television, it’s been interrupted by a caption that says, Breaking News. Our minds, speculates what it might be. These past weeks we have had Breaking News about Lebanon, Gaza or Trump appointment to the Justice Department has withdrawn from his appointment.

We certainly don’t give it much thought. In our Gospel, Jesus reminds us, *‘Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect’.*

Giving ourselves over to foolishness or even thinking more about the coming festivities without taking stock of ourselves to prepare for the Lord’s coming. Giving ourselves over to all kinds of demands for our attention makes unfocused to the One who deserves our full attention

If we don’t learn to look for Him and our Parish Mission affords us that opportunity now, his arrival might cause us dismay, perplexed, or even frightened.

Having our Parish Mission at the begging of Advent affords us time of grace-filled opportunity to rediscover the joy of watching and waiting for him. An attentive silence and prayer during Advent enables us to receive the Good News and prepare for Christmas.

*Fr Christopher*

**Parish Mission**

Dear Friends, We extend a warm welcome to Frs. Peter Morris and Royston Price, who will be leading us in the Parish Mission. Through their talks guiding us to reflect on our lives and relationships. To reconcile ourselves with God and neighbour. I invite you all to come and listen to them at the evening talks at 7pm, and opportunity will be available to make confession or to speak to them. May our Blessed Mother be with us during our Mission and lead us to her Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel**

Dear Saint Michael, I thank you for your unending protection in my life and the Immense love you have shown me. Keep me always connected to the divine currents that flow only from our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Light up my life and dispel the darkness that threatens to consume us. Today I declare that I am a child of God and I will call upon his name. I acknowledge Christ as the true source of all power and happiness in my life. I call upon the Holy Spirit to fill me with fire and purpose, that I may spread His love and deeds to those that I encounter. I pray that you may help me put energy into my work and appreciate that work is worship to God. May I never be in the dark but always rely on God as my protector, saviour and guide.

Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us. Amen.

*Saint Benedict*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**November 30th, 2024**

6pm - All Souls

**December 1st, 2024**

9 am — All Souls

11 am - Ints of Parish Mission

From Monday, 2nd of December to Friday, 6th December there will be a Mass every morning at 9.15 with school children attending.

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 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— Jeremiah 33;14-16,  
Psalm 25(24);4-5b,8-9, 10, 14 R.  
1b

2nd Reading - 1Thelessalonians 3:  
12-4:2

Gospel – Luke 21; 25-28, 34-36

1st Reading— Baruch 5; 1-9,  
Psalm 126;1b. 2c-3, 4-5. 6.  
R.3

2nd Reading - Philippians 1;3 -  
6, 8-11

Gospel - Luke 3; 1-6

### PARISH MISSION 'A Celebration of our Faith'

Our Mission is from 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> 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 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*

#### Bring and Share.

Dear Friends, To celebrate, the end of our Parish Mission from 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> December. Our Social Committee has suggested a Bring & Share of food on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 24**, after the 11 am Mass. It is indeed an excellent opportunity for us to meet one another and catch up with those we know. Please, put this date in your diary. I look forward to welcoming you on the day. God bless you all.

#### The Catechetical Program 2024

##### First Holy Communions:

**Parents Meeting with book purchasing (£20 per book) every child will need two.**

Wednesday 4th December 2024 6pm.

#### Assisted suicide vote result

Dear Christopher,

I just wanted to update you to let you know that, unfortunately, MPs have just voted by 330 votes to 275 in support of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill.

This means that the Bill will now proceed on to Committee Stage.

A large number of MPs from across the political spectrum came together to give powerful speeches against the Bill during the debate today. They made it clear that this dangerous and extreme change to our laws would put the vulnerable at risk and see the ending of many lives through assisted suicide.

I want to thank you for your untiring support during this campaign. Thank you for sending countless emails to your MPs over the past weeks. Thank you for sharing with your friends and family. Thank you for attending MP surgeries and local events. You could not have done more.

Although the Bill has passed Second Reading, the vote was far closer than commentators originally predicted and this is just the first stage of a long journey through the Commons, followed by the Lords, for this dangerous assisted suicide Bill before it becomes law.

We are now going to redouble our efforts to ensure we fight this Bill at every stage and ensure that it is defeated to protect the most vulnerable.

Thank you once again for all you have done. *Catherine Robinson* **Right To Life UK**

#### ***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. Amen. *St Benedict*



# PARISH MISSION

ST EDMUND, MILLWALL

**LED BY  
FR ROYSTON PRICE CSSR  
& FR PETER MORRIS CSSR**

**2ND-6TH  
DECEMBER**

**MONDAY: PRAYER**

**TUESDAY: OUR LADY**

**WEDNESDAY: DEATH  
AND ETERNAL LIFE**

**THURSDAY: HEALING  
AND THE EUCHARIST**

**FRIDAY: GIFTS AND  
SERVICE**

7pm Service each night,  
lasting around an hour.

Masses during the day.

Opportunity for Confession.

Save the date now and  
come along, as your  
attendance will make all the  
difference!





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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:**

loose: £228.25 envelopes: £182.00 contactless collection last weekend: £417.00      total: **£827.25**

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, in October - £2349,**

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, We have just finished a special collection for refurbishment in our church & premises, that was a success as we collected almost £12,000. I want to thank you for your support and to remind you, that we are doing it as a 100% money donated as a special collection is staying with the parish while money collected as general offertory must be shared with the Diocese through monthly payable Assessment (that reaches 30% of the income in that category).

Today I want to start a special collection for NEW LECTONARY & MASS BOOKS. From 1st Sunday of Advent we have to use a new addition of Lectionary & Mass books as the new translation has come into use. That is why we have spent £825 on Lectionary and £990 for our Mass books so far. But this is not the end of the expenditure as the mass books must be changed twice a year for three years. It means that we will need £6,000 for year books in total. I ask you for a specific donations towards the books. 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 Mass Books.

We need to collect **£6,765** towards the new lectionary & books. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Fr Christopher

**A Day With Mary** is taking place at **St George's Cathedral, Southwark** on **Saturday 14 December (10.15am to 5.15pm)**. Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark Diocese, John Wilson. Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>