CATHOLIC PARISH OF MILLWALL

15 November 2026

NEWSLETTER

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

St Edmund, a peacemaker in troubled times

Brethren, the life of St Edmund of Abingdon reminds us that God raises up faithful servants not only for prayer and learning, but also for the work of reconciliation and peace. Born in Abingdon around 1175, Edmund devoted himself to the pursuit of wisdom and holiness, becoming one of the most respected scholars of his age. Through study, teaching and prayer, he prepared himself for the mission God had entrusted to him.

When Edmund left the university for service in the Church, he did not seek honour or privilege for himself. Instead, he accepted responsibilities with humility and dedication, serving faithfully and preaching throughout the country. His life teaches us that true greatness is found not in worldly success but in faithful service to God and his people.

At a time when England was divided by conflict and unrest, Edmund was chosen to be Archbishop with the difficult task of bringing peace. The king and the barons were bitterly opposed, and violence threatened the nation. Yet Edmund worked tirelessly as a peacemaker, negotiating truces, defending justice and courageously speaking the truth, even when it placed him at personal risk. Through his efforts, reconciliation was achieved and civil war was brought to an end.

His example reminds us that Christ calls his followers to be instruments of peace. It is easy to support peace when harmony already exists, but far more challenging to seek reconciliation when divisions run deep. Like Edmund, we are called to heal wounds, promote understanding and stand firmly for what is right, trusting that God can bring good even from situations of great difficulty.

Edmund's holiness continued to inspire people after his death near the Abbey of Pontigny in 1240. Reports of miracles led to widespread devotion, and he was canonised only six years later. Known in England as St Edmund of Abingdon and in France as St Edme, he remains a witness to the power of faith, courage and service. May his example encourage us to seek wisdom, pursue peace and place our trust always in God.

Source : https://www.abingdon.gov.uk/abingdon_people/st-edmund-abingdon

Baptism course for parents

The next baptism course for parents will take place on the Friday 27 November at 19:00hrs GMT on Zoom.

Please contact **millwall@rcdow.org.uk** if you are interested in joining.

MASS INTENTIONS

November 14th, 2026

6pm - Pro Populo

November 15th, 2026

9 am - Rev J-B Huyen (Anniversary)

11 am - Anna Than (Anniversary)

For weekday mass intentions please, see the notice board on the left hand side of the main door of the church

Holy Hours and confession on Saturday between 4.30-5.30 pm

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– Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31	1st Reading– Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Psalm 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R. 1a	Psalm 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. R. 1
2nd Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6	2nd Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel Matthew 25:14-30	Gospel Matthew 25:31-46


Come join us
ADVENT GET TOGETHER
SUNDAY, 29TH NOV 2026
AT ST EDMUND'S RC CHURCH
AFTER 11AM MASS TILL 2PM
Hot dogs, mince pies, yule log,
Irish coffee, mulled wine,
hot chocolate and more...
PRICE: £5/ADULT, *KIDS FREE
*KIDS STILL NEED TICKETS
SO WE CAN CATER FOR
FOOD & DRINK ACCORDINGLY

2026 Sick & Retired Priests' Fund

14th & 15th November

This weekend we have our Second Collection for the Sick & Retired Priests Fund. Archbishop Richard Moth and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support. By giving to the Sick &Retired Priests Fund today, you are helping to ensure all of our sick & retired priests are cared for at their time of need. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest, or that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery.

If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available on the table in the lobby of the church. The envelopes and posters feature a QR Code that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. Thank you for your generosity and please pray for me and for all my brother priests in active ministry, retired or ill.

Foodbank Collection Appeal

We are pleased to begin supporting the **Docklands Settlements Foodbank** and invite parishioners to help by donating **non-perishable food items** for local families and individuals in need.

Please note that **only food donations can be accepted at this time**. Unfortunately, clothing and other items cannot be received.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us support our local community.

From Pope Leo XIV's November 2026 prayer intention, **"For the Proper Use of Wealth."**

Lord of life, all we have comes from You: the fertile land, the talents we've received, the effort of those who came before us. Nothing is ours alone — everything is a shared gift. But so often, Lord, we let the wealth we seek or attain harden our hearts, lock us in selfishness, and make us forget the most vulnerable. Forgive us for storing up instead of sharing, for using goods as power rather than as service. You remind us that true wealth is not found in what we keep, but in what we give with love. A heart detached from possessions transforms the world: it opens paths of justice, tears down walls of indifference, and sows hope among the poor.

Pope Leo XIV

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Mr Tomasz Daszkiewicz - Data Protection Parish Officer

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS:

loose: £294.47 envelopes: £177 contactless collection last weekend: £469
total: £940.47

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

Thank you for your Generosity

We have created a specified fund for utility bills, building maintenance & church floor. We encourage you to give specified donations towards one of the funds. As we need to share our general donation with the diocese, we find it difficult to meet our parish needs. Your donations towards a specified fund let us keep 100% of the money in our parish. If you give by a card, just chose: utility bills, building maintenance or church floor on the screen, if you transfer by bank: type 'utility bills', 'building maintenance' or 'church floor' in description, or you can give money in a prepared envelope that can be found on the table in the church's lobby.

If you pay taxes, please, fill out the Gift Aid form (do not hesitate to ask any question you have). Thank you.

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**

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 sauce 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