ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE

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If you have any concerns about Safeguarding of children and vulnerable people in our parish call **07779 288 867**

SUNDAY MASS: (Vigil Mass) Saturday 6.30pm
9.30am Family Mass
11.15am Sung Mass
6.00pm Mass

MASS THIS WEEK: Please check times below
Confessions: Saturday 11-11.45am (after Novena) (and on request)
Divine Office: Psalms Week 3

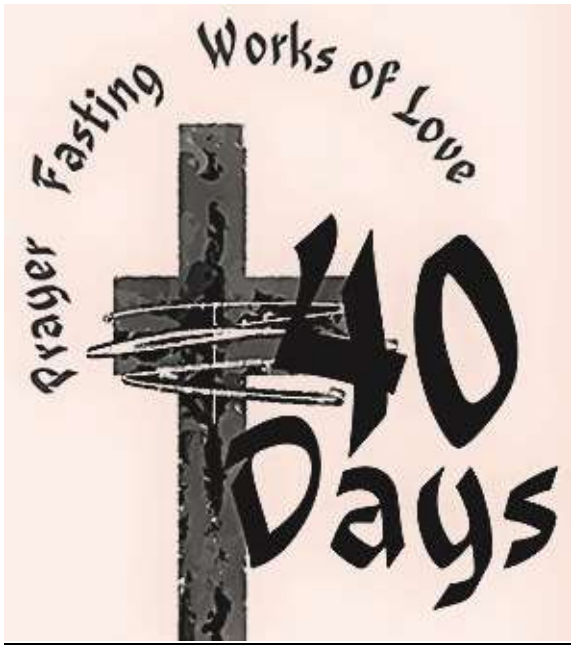
3RD SUNDAY OF LENT — *19TH MARCH 2017*

We meet in Christ's name from many different backgrounds and circumstances to acknowledge our complete dependence on him and to receive from him the strength we need to serve him faithfully in the world.

Saturday Vigil	18.30	People of The Parish
Sunday 19th March	09.30	Ciara Maguire (RIP)
3rd Sunday of Lent	11.15	Emelina Pietrasanta (RIP)
	18.00	Linda Bligh (RIP)
Mon 20th March	09.15	Molloy Family (Deceased)
ST JOSEPH		
Tues 21st March	09.15	Private Intention
Holy Hour	19.30	
Wed 22nd March	09.15	Fred Bowden (RIP)
Thurs 23rd March	09.15	Private Intention
Fri 24th March *(Abstinence)*	09.15	Kieran Phelan (RIP)
Sat 25th March	10.30	Giuseppe & Maria Annunziata D'Imperio (RIP)
ANNUNCIATION		
Vigil	18.30	People of The Parish
Sunday 26th March	09.30	Mary Duffy (RIP)
4th Sunday of Lent	11.15	Anna Cornwall (RIP)
Laetare Sunday	18.00	June O'Toole (RIP)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Patricia Fox, Daisy Bell, Gary Davies, Michael Garvey, Pat Scammell, Bridget Martin, Ann Frampton, Mary Hepworth, Ann Rutzler, Colm Brennan, Brigid Lonergan, Justina Nathan, Estha D'Souza, Roy Edwards, Michael Macleod, Kevin O'Neill, Bill Holleran, Aileen Raven-Hill, Jim Tobin, Bernadette McLoughlin, Parul Peters, Ken Stalder, Steve Simpson, Barry Clarke, Vera Gambling, Veronica Lapworth, Vivienne Johnson, Pauline Jackson, Mollie Cundy, Neri Fernandes, Anna O'Keeffe, Rose Fox, Kathleen Curren, Patricia Corry, Christian Gibbins, William Dempsey, *and the families who care for them.*
Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Ron Hall, Fred Bowden,** and **Erin Fernandes,** all those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and the families who mourn.

During the month of March we pray for the priest and people of Hampton-on-Thames



LENTEN DEVOTIONS
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament weekday mornings from 8am to 9am.
Hour of Adoration Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm
Daily prayers from 'COME FOLLOW ME' Monday to Thursday after Mass.
Stations of the Cross on Fridays after Mass.

CARDINAL'S LENT APPEAL Cardinal Vincent has asked that this year the Lenten Alms collection be directed to the Cardinal's Appeal Fund. Please take a leaflet, read and pray about this. There will be a second collection this weekend for the Cardinal's Appeal Lenten Alms.

GOSPEL Your family is invited to take part in an exciting gospel workshop on **Saturday 25th March** at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, 2-4.30pm, with Karen Gibson, internationally renowned gospel workshop leader. Tickets are available from www.fosrr.org.

SUMMER FAYRE There will be planning meeting for the Summer Fayre in the Presbytery at 8pm on Tuesday 4th April. If you can help in any way to make this a successful event please come along.

BAPTISM PREPARATION
The next meeting for parents of children to be baptised will take place on **Monday 3rd April at 8pm** in the Presbytery. Please complete a baptism form, available at the back of the church and bring it with you to the meeting.

THE MUSTARD SEED An evening of renewal will take place at St Margaret's Church, Twickenham on **25th March** at 7.45pm. This is an opportunity to grow in faith in the power of the Holy Spirit. There will be a Speaker, lively worship, teaching and prayer. Refreshments available. Future dates: 22nd April, 27th May, 24th June.

CHURCH CLEANING The next cleaning of the church will take place on **Thursday 30th March** after morning mass. Please help if you can.

PASTORAL CARE If you, or someone you know, would like to receive Holy Communion at home while housebound or ill, please contact the Parish Office.

0FFERTORY ENVELOPES: New envelopes, which start on 9th April are at the back of the Church. Please take yours. PLEASE NOTE: some envelopes have been re-numbered.

ALTAR SERVERS Clare Lee is now co-ordinating the altar servers' rota. To assist with communication, and ensure there are sufficient servers for each Mass, email and WhatsApp groups will be set up for each server team. If you or your child serves, and you would like to be added to one of these groups, please add your contact details to the list in the Sacristy. If you no longer wish to serve, please email: **clarelee239@gmail.com** to be removed from the rota.

3RD WHITTON (ST EDMUNDS) have vacancies for boys & girls in Beavers (6-8 yrs) and Cubs (8-10.5 yrs). Information at: www.3rdwhitton.org.uk or email: scouts@dial.pipex.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The next session for First Holy Communion is on Saturday 25th March in the School Hall for children and in the Church Hall for Parents.
9.45am-11.45am

CONFIRMATION: Session 6 is on Thursday 30th March in the Church Hall. 7.40-9.00pm

MATRIMONY THANKSGIVING MASS Cardinal Vincent invites couples celebrating 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th (and every year thereafter) wedding anniversaries in 2017 to a joyful Thanksgiving Mass for Matrimony on **Saturday 3rd June 2017** at 3pm in Westminster Cathedral. During the liturgy, couples will be invited to renew their marital commitment. Please complete a form from the back of the church and return to the presbytery **before 24th March** if you are celebrating an anniversary and would like to attend.

KSC Thank you to all those who supported the KSC race night as we raised £770 towards buying a Youth Bible for the all the confirmation candidates. Advance notice that we are launching the MARY'S MEALS BACKPACK APPEAL next week.

DIARY
LEGION OF MARY every Wednesday 10am in the Presbytery
KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA 4th Tuesday 8pm in the Presbytery
UCM 2nd Thursday each month in the Hall (Mass 7.30pm)
MOTHERS' PRAYERS GROUP alternate Tuesday afternoons (Contact Mary McGhee 07786 737 437)
MOTHERS & TODDLERS every Wednesday 1.30-3pm in the Hall
EDMUNDIAN PLAYERS Tuesday evenings 8-10pm in the Hall (Phone Angela 020 8894 1269)
SENIORS meet 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 1.30pm in the Hall
CHURCH CLEANING - Alternate Thursdays 10-11am
GHANAIAN ASSOC – MEET EVERY 1ST Sunday of the month at 12.30pm after 11.15am Mass in the Parish Hall. Contact Anita Torto-Owusu on 07719 791635

WEEKLY FINANCES - LAST WEEK

Offertory Envelopes	£534.16
Loose	£527.74
Building Fund	£91.68
Bankers Orders	(£736 weekly)
Building Fund winner:	No. 192 Mr. E Walsh

If you require new envelopes or standing order and gift aid forms, please ask. *Thank you for your support.*
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