ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE

St. Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church
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If you have any concerns about the 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 4

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *28TH JANUARY 2018*

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.

First Mass of Sunday **Sunday 28th January 2018** **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**18.30** **09.30** **11.15** **18.00**	Mary McCarthy (RIP) People of The Parish Roman McCarthy (RIP) Tom Deegan (RIP)
Monday 29th January	**09.15**	Tom Deegan (RIP)
Tuesday 30th January	**09.15**	Tom Deegan (RIP)
Wednesday 31st January St John Bosco	**09.15**	Roman McCarthy (RIP)
Thursday 1st February	**09.15**	Tom Deegan (RIP)
Friday 2nd February **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** *Friday abstinence*	**09.15**	George Molloy (RIP)
Saturday 3rd February Ss Laurence, Dunstan & Theodore	**10.30**	Tom Deegan (RIP)
First Mass of Sunday **Sunday 4th February** **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	**18.30** **09.30** **11.15** **18.00**	Tom Deegan (RIP) Judith Vasanthakumar (RIP) 10th Ann. People of The Parish Linda Bligh (RIP)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Frances Soiza, Jacqueline Turner, Valerie Holmes, Maureen Smith, Teresa Gilbert, Esther D'Souza, George (Geordie) Powell, Denis Kilbane Sr, Gary Davies, Michael Garvey, Pat Scammell, Bridget Martin, Ann Frampton, Mary Hepworth, Ann Rutzler, Colm Brennan, Brigid Lonergan, Justina Nathan, Roy Edwards, Michael Macleod, Kevin O'Neill, Aileen Raven-Hill, Jim Tobin, Parul Peters, Ken Stalder, Steve Simpson, Vera Gambling, Veronica Lapworth, Vivienne Johnson, 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 **David Fenner, Tom Deegan, Roman McCarthy** & **Margot Gibson,** all those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and the families who mourn.

During the month of February we pray for the priest and people of Ashford

BAPTISM

The next preparation meeting for parents of children seeking baptism will be held in the Presbytery on Monday 5th February at 8pm.

24 HOURS OF ADORATION AT ST EDMUND'S

A wonderful opportunity to stop and just "be" in the presence of Jesus. Friday 2 February 10am – Saturday 3 February 10am. Praise and worship 7-8pm - all welcome (including children). For more information or to add your name to the rota please call Mary: 07786737437. "In the Mass and in Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the heart of Jesus Christ" – Pope St John Paul II.

MISSIO RED BOXES

Lucia Bramble-Boyd has taken over from Mary Phillips as local secretary for Missio. Thanks to Mary for her generous service. If you have a red box that needs collecting, please contact:
Lucia **07739 746667**

DIOCESE EDUCATION SERVICE

The Diocese of Westminster Education Service is hosting an evening to engage with Catholic teachers and leaders working outside Catholic education on Tuesday 6th February, 6.30pm in Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street,
London SW1P 1QN.

SENIORS

Next meeting is Friday 2nd Feb in the hall. We have a speaker. Further meetings; 16 Feb, 2 March (Merits), 16 March Party. Looking forward to seeing you. Newcomers very welcome. £2 including tea/ coffee and biscuits.
Jean 8898 4484, Mary 8288 9252

GOING IN TO HOSPITAL?

If you are admitted to hospital please indicate on entering that you wish for your details to be passed to the Catholic Chaplain and request that they visit you!

ADOREMUS LIVERPOOL 2018

Adoremus is an initiative of the Catholic Bishop's Conference to create a special opportunity to reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the Church and the importance of Eucharistic Adoration. Every parish can send up to four representatives willing to attend the events from the 7-9th September 2018.

MARY'S MEALS LENTEN PROJECT.

The KSC will be co-ordinating the parish backpack appeal. Please see a leaflet for details of suggested items to include in a donated backpack, or visit: **www.marysmeals.org.uk** for details. Donated items in the backpack can be either quality second hand or from a value range. Donated back packs to be collected at all Palm Sunday Masses (Saturday 24th/Sunday 25th March)

TWICKENHAM CHRISTIAN MEN'S BREAKFAST

Enjoy a delicious hot cooked breakfast and a talk by Chris Key, a St Margaret's parishioner, on his struggle with depression and views on how life can be made better for those with mental health problems. Saturday 3rd Feb 2017 8:15-10:00 at St Margaret's Church.

LITTLE CHILDREN

When you bring your children to Mass, you not only share with them a very special part of your life, but you bring new life and energy to the entire parish community. If their new life and energy is getting too much, it's ok to take them into the porch for a bit until they (or you) have calmed down!

If you have a toddler, you are welcome to bring toys to distract them, but it's a good idea to bring things that can't be used to make a noise. Best of all, come and sit at the front where they can see!

We appreciate every child is different and bringing children to Mass is not always easy. If you are finding it particularly hard today, be assured you are not alone.

RICHMOND'S PASSION PLAY

Rehearsals begin Friday 9th February 7.15pm Raleigh Road United Church, Raleigh Road & Stanmore Gardens, Richmond, Surrey TW9 2DX. No experience needed, just lots of enthusiasm, everyone is very welcome.

FR NIGEL IS ON HOLIDAY

Fr Nigel will be returning on 1st February. In his absence, masses will be said by Fr Joseph Donkor and Fr Paul Richardson.

JOB VACANCY – ST EDMUND'S SCHOOL

The Governors of St. Edmund's School are seeking to appoint a School Meals Supervisory Assistant. The post is for 1 ¼ hours each day, Mon-Fri 11.55-1.10pm commencing as soon as possible. Please contact the school office on **020 8894 7898** or email **g.nicholl@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk** for an application pack.

The Word This Week

Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a 'new teaching' today, but what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It's the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we have recognised that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.

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
MOTHERS & TODDLERS every Wednesday 1.30-3pm in the Hall
CHOIR every Friday night from 8 pm in Church
EDMUNDIAN PLAYERS Tuesday evenings 8-10pm in the Hall Phone Angela 020 8894 1269
SENIORS meet 1st and 3rd Friday of month from 1.30pm in the Hall
CHURCH CLEANING - Alternate Thursdays 10–11am
GHANAIAN ASSOC -EVERY 1st Sunday of the month at 12.30pm after 11.15am Mass in the Hall. (Anita Torto-Owusu on 07719 791 635)

WEEKLY FINANCES - LAST WEEK

Offertory Envelopes	£353.30
Loose	£308.98
Building Fund	£63.00
Bankers Orders	£690 weekly
Building Fund winner:	No: 4 Mr C. Bligh

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