



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 1

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7TH 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 7 th January 2018 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	18.30 09.30 11.15 18.00	Tom Deegan (RIP) People of The Parish Salvatore Frangiamore (RIP) Linda Bligh (RIP)	PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: 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 Tom Deegan, Roman McCarthy & Margot Gibson, all those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time and the families who mourn.
Monday 8 th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	09.15	Ethan Peters (RIP)	
Tuesday 9 th January	09.15	Tom Deegan (RIP)	
Wednesday 10 th January	09.15	Nita O'Brien (RIP)	
Thursday 11 th January	09.15	Tom Deegan (RIP)	
Friday 12 th January	09.30 12.00	School Mass Funeral Mass – Tom Deegan	
Saturday 13 th January	10.30	Tom Deegan (RIP)	
First Mass of Sunday Sunday 14 th January	18.30 09.30 11.15 18.00	Tom Deegan (RIP) Annie McGovern (RIP) People of The Parish Tom Deegan (RIP)	

During the month of January we pray for the religious living and working in the Deanery

24 HOURS WITH JESUS

A huge thank you to all who took part in this very special time of prayer! Any feedback is very welcome. Please do let Fr Nigel or Mary (07786737437) know if you would like to be on the rota for the same or a different slot for February 2nd 2018 (The feast of the Presentation in the Temple). Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, pray for us!

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.

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

There are boxes at the back of the church to exchange Christmas Cards. Please check if there are cards left for you as unclaimed cards will be removed after this weekend. (Donations to MISSIO welcome).

EDMUNDIAN PLAYERS

The Edmundian Players pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' will take place in the church hall: 19th 25th 26th 27th January (Evenings) and 20th, 21st 27th (Matinees). Tickets are on sale at the back of the church after all masses. Box office 07765 605374 (6-9pm)

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please complete a Parish Registration Card and introduce yourself to Fr Nigel.

OVER 60s LUNCH

Saturday 13th January from 1pm in the School Hall. All over 60 welcome. Please complete a form from the back of church and return to the presbytery by 6th January. (Please note this is Saturday)

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The collection at the Christmas Masses goes towards the salary of your parish priest. While it does not go directly to his own pocket, this collection (along with the corresponding one at Easter, plus donations for funerals, baptisms, mass intentions etc.) forms part of the fund from which the salary is drawn. So thank you for your generosity and support not just at Christmas, but throughout the year!

The Word This Week

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the 'Time of Manifestation', or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us Gentiles.



CONFIRMATION 2018

The Enrolment Mass is on Saturday 13th January at 6.30pm in the Church followed by an introductory meeting for parents and candidates.

SENIORS

First meeting of 2018 is on 19th January in the hall, all welcome. £2 including tea/ coffee and biscuits. Wishing you all a Happy New Year - Jean & Mary. Jean 8898 4484, Mary 8288 9252

WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to Elijah Malabuna Nzoko, baptised in St Edmund's on 30th December.

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

GOING TO HOSPITAL?

In light of data protection please indicate on entering hospital that your details are to be passed to the Catholic Chaplain and please ask the Catholic Chaplain to visit you!

THANK YOU!

A lot of work goes into making our Christmas celebrations special, as indeed a lot of work goes into our parish life and mission over the whole year. Our community is enriched by the time, talents, and generosity of a great many people. In some cases, this contribution is clear to see, while others contribute in hidden but equally significant ways.

So, thank you very much to those who contribute or have contributed in any way to our parish. Thank you from me, your parish priest, and thank you from us, your parish community.

What you do and, significantly, the faithful way you do it, is essential and greatly valued. While we know that the real reward of our faithful service is in heaven, we can be thankful now for the work which God is doing among us.

BAPTISM

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

DIARY

LEGION OF MARY every Wednesday 10am in the Presbytery
KNIGHTS OF S^T 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	£239.45
Loose	£344.12
Building Fund	£79.90
Bankers Orders	£690 weekly
Building Fund winners:	31 Dec: No: 21 Mrs B De Souza
	7 Jan: No: 157 Mr M Davis

If you require new envelopes or standing order and gift aid forms, please ask. **Thank you for your support.** (If you have made a gift aid declaration but no longer pay income or capital gains tax please let us know.)