ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE

St. Edmund of Canterbury Catholic Church
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Parish Safeguarding Representative: Vivien Rimmer **Safeguarding Administrator:** Anne Jones
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 2

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT *9TH DECEMBER 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	**18.30**	Christopher, Mary, Anne & John
Sunday 9th December		O'Callaghan (RIP)
SECOND SUNDAY	**09.30**	People of The Parish
OF ADVENT	**11.15**	Alwyn De Souza (RIP)
	18.00	June O'Toole (RIP)
Monday 10th December	**09.15**	Roman McCarthy (RIP)
Tuesday 11th December	**09.15**	Teresa Mulcahy (RIP)
Wednesday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	**09.15**	Margaret Curran (RIP)
Thursday 13th December St Lucy	**09.15**	Seamus Purcell (RIP)
Friday 14th December St John of the Cross (*abstinence)*	**09.15**	Louis Samuel (RIP)
Saturday 15th December	**10.30**	AP & LM & AJ DeSouza (RIP)
First Mass of Sunday	**18.30**	Alwyn DeSouza (RIP)
Sunday 16th December	**09.30**	People of The Parish
THIRD SUNDAY	**11.15**	Moria Deering (RIP)
OF ADVENT	**18.00**	Members of O'Toole & Crossfield Families (RIP)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Robert Spindler, Pat Sheridan, Rachael Boyle, Thomas O'Driscoll, Phillip Dear, Peter & Anne Rutzler, Nick Rutzler, Freida Batshon, Min Wilde, Mary Phillips, Jacqueline Turner, Valerie Holmes, Frances Kelly, Teresa Gilbert, Esther D'Souza, Geordie Powell Snr, Gary Davies, Michael Garvey, Pat Scammell, Bridget Martin, Ann Frampton, Mary Hepworth, Colm Brennan, Brigid Lonergan, Justina Nathan, Roy Edwards, Kevin O'Neill, Jim Tobin, Parul Peters, Ken Stalder, Steve Simpson, Vera Gambling, Veronica Lapworth, Mollie Cundy, Neri Fernandes, Anna O'Keeffe, Rose Fox, Kathleen Curran, Patricia Corry, Christian Gibbins and the families who care for them.
Please pray for the souls of all those whose anniversaries occur at this time and the families who mourn.

During the month of December we pray for the priest and people of Whitton

SENIORS

Our Christmas party is 21st December at 1.20pm in the hall. Please bring a savoury to share. £2 includes tea & biscuits. Seniors are all invited to join us. **Jean: 020 8898 4484**

BAPTISM

The next meeting for parents of children seeking baptism will be in the Presbytery on Monday 10th December at 8pm. No appointment needed, but preferably do not bring children.

BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES

Now available with name and postcode printed on the box. Please collect from the table at the back of the church.

KNELLER HALL CONCERT 2018

There are no tickets left for the concert on Wednesday 12th December.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WHITTON

Preparations for Christmas day lunch are underway. Volunteers needed on Christmas Eve at St Augustine's to prepare the hall. Meet at midday for about 1 hour. The more people we have, the less time required. Help also needed on Christmas day to greet guests and serve lunch. Drivers also required to give lifts to and from the hall. If you are able to help, please sign the list at the back of the church.
Contact: **Christine Pharro 07821 925030**

EDMUNDIAN PLAYERS

The next production is a Unique Pantomime interpretation of ALICE IN WONDERLAND, 18th – 26th January 2019 in the Church Hall. All the usual characters including the White Rabbit – so don't be late to get your tickets! On sale at the back of Church after all Masses Sat/Sun 15th/16th December.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR REFUGEES

With the Jesuit Refugee Service UK we are collecting Christmas cards for refugees in detention to help them feel less isolated and lonely. You are invited to write a card to help them feel loved this Christmas. More details on the porch noticeboard.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

Sunday 16th December 2018, 2-4pm in the Parish Hall. Christmas crafts including card and tree ornament making for children aged 7-11. A parent/carer must accompany under 7's. You are very welcome to bring some food and drinks to share together. To register, email: **chiaraaletti@rcdow.org.uk**

PARISH CAROL SERVICE

Come and celebrate the Christmas season in song on Sunday 16th December at 7.30pm in the church with a retiring collection to support the building of a new school in Goaso, Ghana, which Fr Joseph will be leading. The social club will be open afterwards – All welcome!

RICHMOND COUNCIL CONSULTATION

Deadline is 9th December regarding Buffer zone at Twickenham Abortion clinic, please read and respond on this important life and death issue: **https://behereforme.org/richmond-consultation/**

ADVENT ADORATION AND RECONCILIATION

8am to 9am each Friday during Advent -silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Also Tuesday 11th December and Wednesday 19th December, prayer and adoration 7pm to 8 pm. Monday 17th December 7.30pm Advent Service of Reconciliation

RICHMOND FOOD BANK

Please see the notice board for a list of items currently needed – please leave donations in the side chapel or in the container at the back of the church – Thank You

MARY'S MEALS

Last week's collection raised £204.76. Thank You for your support.

CURRENT ALTAR SERVERS CEREMONIES

8th Dec 6.30pm, 9th Dec 9.30am, 11.15am and 6.00pm. During each mass, our current servers who have been serving for at least one year will be awarded the medal of The Guild of St Stephen in recognition and appreciation of their service. New servers will receive a certificate and a book. All servers are expected to attend the mass they usually serve at in order to complete and sign the parish altar servers register.

Christmas Tree memorial stars are available from this weekend.

The Word This Week

Again we hear about the coming Day of Christ, and we meet John the Baptist. Just as once before he prepared the way for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. The imagery of this Sunday is particularly rich: the dominant image is of a vast population moving together - the return from exile in the first reading, the going and coming of the sowers in the psalm, the community of the Church preparing together in Paul's letter. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the processional way of the Holy One - flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that *all mankind shall see the salvation of God*.

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

WEEKLY FINANCES - LAST WEEK

Offertory Envelopes	£ 313.14
Loose	£ 547.74
Building Fund	£ 125.20
Bankers Orders	£ 690.00 weekly

Building Fund winner: No: 71 Mr J. Pinnell
(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.)

MISSIO RED BOXES contact: Lucia 07739 746667