



ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE



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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

22ND MARCH 2020

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.

Sunday 22 nd March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare)		People of The Parish	PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Baltasar Domingues, Ann Doherty, Ann Singleton, Richard Pereira, Katherine Pereira, Vartkes Keshishian, Emily Cleary, Mary Hegarty, Arthur O'Neill, Sam Bell, Connie Hewson, Ricky Langham, John Simpson, Roy Edwards, Rachael Boyle, Thomas O'Driscoll, Phillip Dear, Peter & Anne Rutzler, Nick Rutzler, Freida Batshon, Min Wilde, Jacqueline Turner, Frances Kelly, Teresa Gilbert, Geordie Powell Snr, Gary Davies, Michael Garvey, Pat Scammell, Bridget Martin, Mary Hepworth, Colm Brennan, Brigid Lonergan, Justina Nathan, Kevin O'Neill, Jim Tobin, Parul Peters, Charmaine Peters, Ken Stalder, Steve Simpson, Veronica Lapworth, Mollie Cundy, Neri Fernandes, Anna O'Keeffe, Rose Fox, Patricia Corry, Christian Gibbins, and the families who care for them. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Esther D'Souza, Chris Bairstow, Fulvio D'Amico, Pat Rayner and of all those whose anniversaries occur at this time and the families who mourn.
Monday 23 rd March		Special Intention	
Tuesday 24 th March		Janine Engelfred (RIP)	
Wednesday 25 th March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD		Giuseppe D'Imperio & Maria Annunziata (RIP)	
Thursday 26 th March		Marese Skehan (RIP)	
Friday 27 th March <i>Abstinence</i>		Alice Conway (sick)	
Saturday 28 th March		Chaz Maine (RIP)	
Sunday 29 th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (DOWRY OF MARY)		People of The Parish	

During the month of March we pray for the priests and people of Hampton-On-Thames

MESSAGE FROM FR NIGEL

St Edmund's Church will be open each day from 8am to just before dusk. Come in, visit the Blessed Sacrament, light a candle, pray. There will be a private mass said each day.

This is a reminder, perhaps, that the words on Ash Wednesday, *remember that thou are dust and to dust thou shalt return*, were not said in jest but as a salutary reminder of the fragility of human life and the need to remain in a state of grace; investing not only in this life but in the one to come. Use the days ahead to say prayers and remain close to God.

The current situation is troubling and I know many are anxious. This is perfectly understandable but remember this phase is temporary, and only being imposed for the safeguarding of all. We must try to ensure the NHS is not too overburdened and that is what this is all about. One day things will go back to

normal with most having survived. Take heart in that fact.

Finally don't watch too much news, the tone is not good and they only report on worst cases and death. To this end, limit your exposure to social media too! If we only surround ourselves with Coronavirus facts our inner-dialogue is affected and fear is an inevitable result. We need hope instead. So limit such time, make something, play with children if you have them, walk the dog, read a good book, cook something, say your prayers, keep smiling and phone a friend.

I have asked Chiara to co-ordinate our support for each other so contact her with offers of help or requests. chiaraaletti@rcdow.org.uk

Keep faith and pray!

Fr Nigel

PARISH OFFICE

For the present, the Parish Office is open the usual hours for mass requests, etc., on Monday 9-1, Tuesday to Friday 10-12.

SENIORS

We regret that all meetings are cancelled until further notice. Look after yourselves and have a good Easter. Jean 020 8898 4484

HOLY BAPTISM

Baptisms and baptism preparation meetings for parents are suspended until further notice.

MARY'S MEALS

KSC will be collecting Mary's Meals Backpacks on Palm Sunday, April 5th. Please leave donations in the church, which will be open 9am-6pm.

WHITTON FOODBANK

The Whitton Foodbank (Friday mornings at the Whitton Community Centre) has a request for the following items: women's shampoo, shaving foam, washing up liquid. Please leave them in the containers at the back of church. Thank you. The Foodbank is open on Friday mornings at Whitton Community Centre for collection, on production of a voucher obtainable from the Parish Office.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2020

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal. Donation envelopes may be left at the Parish Office, online donations can be made.

DAILY SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS

Let's pray together. For Lent we are introducing daily "spiritual gatherings" to virtually gather together and pray for all those affected by the coronavirus (Covid-19). We will spiritually gather in prayer every day at 3pm and you can join us wherever you are with the prayer you like best. Please spread the word, God bless you.

CATECHETICAL ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMMES

Due to the latest Government announcements concerning the Covid-19 emergency all our catechetical activities and programmes (Liturgy of the Word, FHC, Confirmation, Soul Bistro, ABC) are currently suspended until further notice.

THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY

In the present circumstances it has been decided to cancel the scheduled mass in Westminster Cathedral for those celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year.

DOWRY OF MARY

In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was 'set apart for her among the nations'. This year, the Christians of England are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple.

History shows us that when the people pray a surrender to God's will for their lives, society is transformed. By taking up this personal dedication in 2020, you can be a part of the renewal of this nation, drawing ourselves closer to the will of our loving God, through Mary.

The National Day for this rededication is Sunday 29th March. A public mass will no longer be possible, but our statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be placed in the sanctuary throughout that day. You will find the dedication prayers at **Behold2020.com**

MASS INTENTIONS

As there will only be one mass said on Sundays, which is for all the people of the parish, the booked masses have been transferred to weekdays. The Parish Office will contact those concerned.

KEEP IN TOUCH

The Chronicle will continue to be published each week on the regular Parish website: **parish.rcdow.org.uk/whitton** Also we have a St Edmund's Facebook page and group **www.facebook.com/StEdmundWhitton/**

NO MEETINGS

WEEKLY FINANCES - LAST WEEK

Offertory Envelopes	£ 364.40
Loose	£ 344.91
Building Fund	£ 79.00
Bankers Orders	£ 948.00 weekly
Building Fund Winner	No: 93 Mr A. Toombs

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

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MISSIO RED BOXES contact: Lucia 07739 746667