



ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE

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SUNDAY MASS AND DAILY MASSES ARE NOT BEING SAID IN PUBLIC

Divine Office: Psalms Week I

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER *DIVINE MERCY* *19TH APRIL 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 19 th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)	PRIVATE (11:15) (15:00)	People of The Parish Divine Mercy Prayers	<p>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Baltasar Domingues, Ann Doherty, Ann Singleton, Richard Pereira, Katherine Pereira, Emily Cleary, Mary Hegarty, Arthur O'Neill, Connie Hewson, Riky Langham, John Simpson, Roy Edwards, Rachael Boyle, 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, all who are sick at this time and the families who care for them.</p> <p>Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pat Rayner, Thomas O'Driscoll, Sam Bell, Sarah Reilly, Joyce Nunns, Vartkes Keshishian, Nick Rutzler, all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, all who have recently died and the families who mourn.</p>
Monday 20 th April	PRIVATE (18:00)	Linda Bligh (RIP)	
Tuesday 21 st April St Anselm	PRIVATE (18:00)	Terence & Florence McShane (RIP)	
Wednesday 22 nd April	PRIVATE (18:00)	Sydney & Ethan Peters (RIP)	
Thursday 23 rd April ST GEORGE	PRIVATE (18:00)	Maureen & Bernard Langham (RIP)	
Friday 24 th April Ss Erkenwald & Mellitus <i>Abstinence</i>	PRIVATE (18:00)	Bernard Daly (RIP)	
Saturday 25 th April ST MARK	PRIVATE (18:00)	Daniel Joseph Allen (RIP)	
Sunday 19 th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	PRIVATE (11:15)	People of The Parish	

During the month of April we pray for the priests and people of Hampton Hill

MESSAGE FROM FR NIGEL

'The whole community remained faithful....'
 This phrase begins the readings this Sunday. What a wonderful encouragement - and challenge - to us! This year we have not been able to gather for any of our Easter celebrations; Eucharist is now a 'spiritual' experience, rather than a physical gathering and sharing, and this looks likely to continue for some time to come. So, we may well ask ourselves, what does it mean in this situation to, 'remain faithful'. I imagine most of us are living in very changed circumstances. Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us of all the graces and blessings we have received. It is quite normal for us to ask, "Where were you God when we, were going through this?" God's answer is that He is with us holding us up, helping us get through and even grow stronger

in our faith when it is challenged. God sees the pain. He is crying with us, just as Jesus cried at the tomb of Lazarus. He tells us to use our challenges to draw closer to Him. We can, and we do. The God who is wounded by love comes to meet our wounds. He makes our wounds like his own glorious wounds. There is a transformation: my wretched wounds resemble his glorious wounds. Because he is mercy and he works wonders in our weakness. Let us, like Thomas, implore the grace to acknowledge our God: to find in his forgiveness our joy, and to find in his mercy our hope. Jesus looked at Thomas and said, "Do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas then said, "My Lord and My God." Then Jesus said something extremely important for us all to remember, he said, "You

believe because you have seen. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

From the Acts of the Apostles we glimpse mercy in action. The early Christians were so filled with the Holy Spirit that "no one claimed any of his possessions as his own." Rather, they "distributed to each according to his need." The reading from Acts, then, calls our attention to the corporal works of mercy: feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and so on, as pictured in the stained glass of St Edmund's. But ultimately mercy results not so much from human effort as from God's free gift. During the this time of Easter, we ask God to open our hearts so that we might receive into our hearts his Mercy - his Holy Spirit.

Fr Nigel

HOLY BAPTISM

Baptisms and baptism preparation meetings for parents have been suspended until further notice. New arrangements for cancelled baptisms will be made in due course.

CARDINAL'S LENTEN APPEAL 2020

Cardinal Nichols thanks you for your generous support for the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal, which is make funds available for projects helping those most affected by the pandemic and associated measures. Online donations <https://rcdow.org.uk/donate/cardinals-appeal/>

DAILY SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS

Let's pray together and continue our 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

There will only be one mass said on Sundays, which is for all the people of the parish. Daily mass intentions can still be booked whitton@rcdow.org.uk

WAYS TO GIVE

It was not possible to distribute the new weekly giving envelopes and there are currently no cash collections. Standing orders from bank accounts are still being received, and it is possible to give in this way by a new standing order, which can be created online directly with your bank. The parish account details are **WRC DT ST EDMUNDS CANTERBURY WHITTON, 40-05-20, 61094564**. You can Gift Aid this, please email whitton@rcdow.org.uk to be emailed the form. We will soon have a Virgin Money Giving account that will be an alternative way to make donations.

KEEP IN TOUCH

The Chronicle will continue to be published each week on St Edmund's Parish website: parish.rcdow.org.uk/whitton We also have a St Edmund's Facebook page and group: www.facebook.com/StEdmundWhitton/ Are you living alone? Are you over 70? And taking time out during this difficult time? Would you like a call, someone to chat to and someone who may be able to help with things that you would normally do out and about yourself. You may not feel you need to chat or have a little support right now but during the weeks ahead if you do please do not hesitate to call us. Please note the contact number below and give us a call during the coming weeks. Please call Fr Nigel **07809667562**.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. *Amen* – **Prayer of St Alphonsus**

DIVINE MERCY

Let ourselves be embraced by the mercy of God; Let us trust in his patience which always gives us more time.

Let us find the courage to return to his house, to dwell in his loving wounds, letting ourselves to be loved by him.

We will feel his tenderness and we too will become more capable of mercy, patience, and forgiveness. *Pope Francis*

On Divine Mercy Sunday, Fr Nigel will be saying Divine Mercy Prayers at 3pm in church.

CATECHETICAL ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMMES

These are currently suspended until further notice. First Holy Communion and Confirmation are expected to take place this autumn.

WHITTON FOODBANK

The Whitton Foodbank (Friday mornings at the Whitton Community Centre) is open for collection of food parcels, on production of a voucher obtainable from the Parish Office. Please phone or email in advance.

PARISH OFFICE

For the present, the Parish Office is closed. For mass requests, enquiries etc., send email to whitton@rcdow.org.uk