



ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE



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SUNDAY MASS AND DAILY MASSES ARE NOT BEING SAID IN PUBLIC

Divine Office: Psalms Week 2

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17TH MAY 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 17 th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	PRIVATE (11:15)	People of The Parish	PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Baltasar Domingues, Ann Doherty, Ann Singleton, Richard Pereira, Katherine Pereira, Emily Cleary, Arthur O'Neill, Connie Hewson, Riky Langham, John Simpson, Roy Edwards, Rachael Boyle, Phillip Dear, Peter & Anne 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, Jeff De Haas, all who are sick at this time and the families who care for them. 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.
Monday 18 th May <i>St John I (Pope)</i>	PRIVATE (18:00)	Maureen & Roger Sheehy (Intention)	
Tuesday 19 th May	PRIVATE (18:00)	Rosemary Smith (RIP)	
Wednesday 20 th May <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	PRIVATE (18:00 Vigil)	Loraine Muir (RIP)	
Thursday 21 st May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	PRIVATE (18:00)	Sydney & Ethan Peters (RIP)	
Friday 22 nd May <i>Abstinence</i> <i>St Rita</i>	PRIVATE (18:00)	The Dying	
Saturday 23 rd May	PRIVATE (18:00)	Protection of the Unborn	
Sunday 24 th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	PRIVATE (11:15)	People of The Parish	

During the month of May we pray for the priests and people of St Margaret's, East Twickenham

MESSAGE FROM FR NIGEL

How are you? This is a frequent question we hear these days since the 'lock down' began. Parting is never easy, especially at this time, when parents are parted from children, grandparents from grandchildren, friends and loved ones parted from each other and while our church is closed, we are parted from one another.

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus is about to depart. He is going to leave his disciples - his friends. But His departure will not leave them unsupported and unguided. Jesus says "I will not leave you orphans".

Nor does Jesus leave us orphaned, we have the same access to his presence and the same help and guidance of the Holy Spirit as the first Christians had.

The disciples knew that Jesus loved them. We know that Jesus loves us too. He promises to send us the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will live in each one of us and in the life of each family member, and friend. It is often through their support and inspiration that we become aware of this Holy Spirit touching our lives and warming our hearts.

Fr Nigel

WAYS TO GIVE

During our current lockdown our parish income has inevitably reduced. We have in place a facility to pay your usual contributions through a Virgin Money Giving account, simply go to tiny.cc/StEdmundVM. Standing orders from bank accounts are still being received, and it is also possible to give online from your bank account either as a one off payment or by a new standing order, which can be created online directly with your bank. The parish account details are **WRCDT ST EDMUNDS CANTERBURY WHITTON, 40-05-20, 61094564**. You can also Gift Aid this and increase your giving by 25%, please send an email to whitton@rcdow.org.uk for instructions

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**

SAINT OF THE WEEK

In the year 1400, a young man came to the door of the largest hospital in Siena. A plague was raging through the city so horrible that as many as twenty people died each day just in the hospital alone. And many of the people who died were those who were needed to tend the ill. It was a desperate situation -- more and more people were falling ill and fewer and fewer people were there to help them. The twenty-year-old man who stood there had not come because he was ill but because he wanted to help. And he brought not new patients but young men like himself willing to tend the dying. For four months **St Bernardine** and his companions worked day and night not only to comfort the patients but to organize and clean the hospital. Only at the end of the plague did Bernardine himself fall ill -- of exhaustion. But that was Bernardine's way -- whatever he did, he put his whole self into it. Bernardine, who had come to Siena to study, threw himself into prayer and fasting to discover what God wanted him to do. One might have expected him to continue his work with the sick but in 1403 he joined the Franciscans and in 1404 he was ordained a priest. He crisscrossed Italy on foot, preaching for hours at a time, focusing on the mercy of Jesus and the love of Mary. His special devotion was to the Holy Name of Jesus.

PARISH OFFICE

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

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.

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are devastating. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water and healthcare are particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. The poorest and most marginalised communities will be pushed further into poverty. Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal/.

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**.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

The impact of the Covid-19 virus on Christians in the Holy Land is devastating not least because so many rely on the income from pilgrimages and tourists. The FHL Pentecost Challenge aims to raise funds before Pentecost on 31 May. Three supporters have pledged to match fund the first £100,000, so every £1 you donate will have the impact of £2. Please donate at friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/pentecost-challenge

PAUSE FOR FAITH

Fr Stephen Wang is live streaming each day at the 'Pause for Faith' YouTube channel, where you can also see a library of recent videos. It's an informal look at different aspects of our Catholic faith. Themes include how to pray, the lives of the saints, faith formation, coping with lockdown, and a new series of talks about 'What Christians believe in 100 objects'.

YouTube Channel:

www.youtube.com/c/PauseforFaith