



ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE



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SUNDAY MASS AND DAILY MASSES ARE NOT BEING SAID IN PUBLIC

Divine Office: Psalms Week 3

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

24TH 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 24 th May SEVENTH 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 25 th May <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	PRIVATE (18:00)	Valerie Holmes (RIP) Ann.	
Tuesday 26 th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	PRIVATE (18:00)	John Joe Ryan (RIP)	
Wednesday 27 th May ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	PRIVATE (18:00)	Beatrix & Dominic West (Wedd. Ann.)	
Thursday 28 th May	PRIVATE (18:00)	Noel Ryan (RIP)	
Friday 29 th May <i>Abstinence</i> <i>St Paul VI</i>	PRIVATE (18:00)	Mary Stuart (RIP)	
Saturday 30 th May Vigil of Pentecost	PRIVATE (18:00)	The Dying	
Sunday 31 st May PENTECOST	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

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 easy 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. Thank you for those who have been paying their weekly collection via standing order or who have used the *Virginmoney giving* website. Your generous donations are helping us to keep the church running and ready to be opened once we are all through this pandemic.

PARISH OFFICE

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

PRAYER FOR CREATION

Laudato Si' tells us that "everything is connected" and tragically, this health catastrophe has much in common with the ecological catastrophe. Pope Francis has called for a time of global prayer this Sunday 24th May 2020 to pray for creation.

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**

MESSAGE FROM FR NIGEL

It hardly seems possible that we are nearly at the end of May. The weeks, even in lockdown, seem to fly by. We are now in that period after the Ascension when Our Lord takes His leave from the earth, but he promises His disciples and us – “I am with you always”. He also promises to send the Holy Spirit as our guide, our counsellor. The lockdown is slowly easing, the days are longer, we have more time to appreciate our surroundings. We can be grateful for these small things – they are gifts from God to us and we can enjoy them as such. I feel what we have experienced as Catholics over these weeks of lockdown has made us appreciate the precious gift we have when receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord in person. This made me think about the places where they don't have churches or clergy to say Mass. I find that unimaginable and hope that we are never in that place. Despite lockdown, many can still ‘attend’ Mass virtually and we can receive Spiritual Communion, and the Mass is still being offered each day in St Edmund's; but please remember in your prayers our fellow Christians who are denied even this privilege. We wait in hope for our churches to open their doors and for us to be able to receive the sacraments once again. God bless until we meet in church, what a joyous day that will be.

Fr Nigel

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.

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**.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Philip Neri abandoned the chance to become a businessman, moved to Rome from Florence, and devoted his life to God. Philip was a sign of contradiction, combining popularity with piety against the background of a corrupt Rome. At the urging of his confessor, Philip was ordained a priest and soon became an outstanding confessor himself. He arranged talks, discussions, and prayers for his penitents in a room above the church. He sometimes led “excursions” to other churches, often with music and a picnic on the way. Some of Philip's followers became priests and lived together in community. This was the beginning of the Oratory, the religious institute he founded. almost despite himself, a congregation of priests who now continue his work and joyful spirit in Oratories around the world. By the time Philip Neri died, on May 25, 1594, the spiritual climate of Rome had been renewed. Philip Neri was a saint who was needed for his troubled times. But he wasn't the only one. During his lifetime, other men and women — saints with very different strengths and personalities — were also responding to God's call. Ignatius of Loyola founded the Jesuits; Francis Xavier brought the gospel to the Far East; Teresa of Àvila reformed the Carmelites; Charles Borromeo tended plague victims and worked for Church reform at the highest levels; Camillus and his congregation reformed hospital health care. Just as God raised up a range of saints to meet the needs of Philip's day, he is at work today, calling and empowering disciples of varying temperaments and abilities to renew the Church and convert the world.

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

The effects of coronavirus on developing countries where CAFOD works are devastating. 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/.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

The impact of the Covid-19 virus on Christians in the Holy Land is devastating because so many rely on the income from pilgrimages and tourists. The FHL Pentecost Challenge aims to raise funds before Pentecost on 31 May. 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