



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 AND DAILY MASSES ARE NOT BEING SAID IN PUBLIC

Divine Office: Psalms Week 2

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

7TH JUNE 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 7 th June THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	PRIVATE (11:15)	People of The Parish	PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Baltasar Domingues, Ann Doherty, Ann Singleton, Richard Pereira, Katherine Pereira, Emily Cleary, Connie Hewson, Riky Langham, John Simpson, Roy Edwards, Rachael Boyle, Phillip Dear, Peter & Anne Rutzler, Freida Batshon, Min Wilde, Jacqueline Turner, Teresa Gilbert, 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, Atwell De Souza, all who are sick at this time and the families who care for them. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sam Bell, Joyce Nunns, Nick Rutzler, Frances Kelly, Arthur O'Neill, all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, all who have recently died and the families who mourn.
Monday 8 th June	PRIVATE (18:00)	Eileen Moloney (RIP)	
Tuesday 9 th June St Columba	PRIVATE (18:00)	Maria Widera (RIP)	
Wednesday 10 th June	PRIVATE (18:00)	Linda Bligh (RIP)	
Thursday 11 th June St Barnabas	PRIVATE (18:00)	Michael Blackwood & June Barnet (RIP)	
Friday 12 th June Abstinence	PRIVATE (18:00)	Pat Nolan (RIP)	
Saturday 13 th June St Anthony of Padua	PRIVATE (18:00)	Private Intention	
Sunday 14 th June CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI	PRIVATE (11:15)	People of The Parish	

During the month of June we pray for the priest and people of Shepperton

WAYS TO GIVE

You can now contribute to St Edmund's through a **Virgin Money Giving** account. Simply go to tiny.cc/StEdmundVM. Standing orders from bank accounts are still being received, and it is easy to give online from your bank account, either as a one off payment or by a new standing order. 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 **Virgin Money Giving** website. Your generous donations are helping us to keep the church running and ready to be opened as soon as we are given permission.

PARISH OFFICE

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

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? 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; please do not hesitate to call us. 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**

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, and with the prayer you like best. Please spread the word, God bless you.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Fernando was born into a wealthy family in Lisbon and age fifteen asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra, the then capital of Portugal where he learned theology and Latin. After ordination to the priesthood, he was named guestmaster and was responsible for the abbey's hospitality. Then Franciscan friars set up a small hermitage outside Coimbra dedicated to Saint Anthony of Egypt, and he felt a longing to join them. Eventually he received permission to leave the Abbey so he could join the new Franciscan Order. When he was admitted, he changed his name to **Anthony**. He then travelled to Morocco to spread the Gospel, but became extremely sick and returning to Portugal he return was blown off-course and the party arrived in Sicily, from where they travelled to Tuscany. Anthony was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo after local friars realised his poor health. As he recovered, Anthony spent his time praying and studying. In 1224 Francis of Assisi, entrusted his friars' pursuits of studies to Anthony. Anthony had a book of psalms that contained notes and comments to help when teaching students and, in a time before printing he greatly valued it. When a novice decided to leave, he stole Anthony's valuable book. When Anthony discovered it was missing, he prayed it would be found or returned to him. The thief did return the book and in an extra step returned to the Order as well. He was only 36-years-old when he died and was canonized less than one year afterward by Pope Gregory IX. He is often depicted with a book and the Infant Child Jesus and is commonly referred to today as the "finder of lost articles", and is credited with many miracles involving lost people, lost things and even lost spiritual goods.

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

Your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever to help protect the lives of those in poor communities, and CAFOD is there on the ground giving emergency aid and help. While we are not able to hold physical collections in our church, you can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal/.

MESSAGE FROM FR NIGEL

We have been asked by the Cardinal to prepare for the reopening of our church, firstly for 'individual prayer', which may take place sometime in June. The public celebration of Mass will be further away, certainly not before July. Nationally hundreds of people are still being admitted into hospital each day, thousands are testing positive for the virus and many people have died far too soon. May they rest in peace.

We know this is a nasty virus so please do try to stay safe. When our Church is re-opened it will be very important that we have required guidelines in place so that we can comply with Government Regulations. Although we still await a timetable from the Government, there are important preparations that can begin now. In order to open our church we will need to ensure that we have adequate numbers of volunteers, and my thanks to those who have already volunteered. Our volunteers should be deemed healthy and fit, and at present this excludes those who are deemed vulnerable (over 70 years of age and/or with certain pre-existing health conditions, self-isolating or shielding). This may change.

If you think you can help here at St.Edmund's please contact me. We can only re-open when we have adequate numbers of parishioners to support the process. Initially our church will be opened for only a short period of time each day, so that we can set up a rota of helpers. Perhaps some of our young people can also be involved (e.g. 6th formers, students on holiday from university).

Thank you in anticipation for the generosity of your time, which is much appreciated. Everyone is looking forward to the time when our beautiful church will be re-opened. But for this to happen we need your help. This is the time to show your wonderful community spirit for our church and parish, to make it a place where we can come and pray once more, a place where we can worship God - The Most Holy Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Fr Nigel

BROADCAST MASS

On Sunday 14th June, Corpus Christi, the Sunday Worship Programme at 8.10am on BBC Radio 4, will be a broadcast Mass celebrated by Cardinal Vincent in Westminster Cathedral.