ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE

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Divine Office: Psalms Week 3

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME *9TH AUGUST 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.

(FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY) **Sunday 9th August** **19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	**18.30** **09.30** **11.15** **18.00**	**People of the Parish** **VJ Perez (RIP)** **Mary Stuart (RIP)** **Healthcare Workers**
Monday 10th August ST LAWRENCE	**09:15**	**Dora O'Donoghue (Int)**
Tuesday 11th August St Clare	**09:15**	**John Malotte (RIP)**
Wednesday 12th August St Jane Frances de Chantal	**09:15**	**Keith Power (RIP) (Anniversary)**
Thursday 13th August Ss Pontian & Hippolytus	**09:15**	**Dec'd members O'Toole & Crossfield Families**
Friday 14th August St Maximilian Kolbe	**09:15**	**Holy Souls** ***(Abstinence)***
Saturday 15th August	**10.30**	**Elouise Littlewood (RIP)**
(VIGIL MASS) **Sunday 16th August** **ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM**	**18.30** **09.30** **11.15** **18.00**	**Elaben Patel (RIP)** **People of the Parish** **The Sick** **Linda Bligh (RIP)**

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, 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, Phyllis Walsh, all who are sick at this time and the families who care for them.

Please pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, all who have recently died and the families who mourn.

During the month of August we pray for the priest and people of Stanwell

MESSAGE FROM FR NIGEL

We are all familiar with the phrase *"life is a roller coaster";* life has its ups and downs. Life is sometimes stormy and sometimes calm. The disciples were not so different from the rest of us because they too suffered crises and loss of faith. In today's gospel, Our Lord emphasises the central place of faith in the life of his disciples. They are constantly challenged, *"Why do you doubt"?* And we too must not doubt him, neither must we doubt his word and his teaching. He and his word come to us in the life of the church that he founded.

Fr Nigel

HOW YOU CAN HELP BEIRUT

Your support of the CAFOD Beirut Emergency Appeal will provide the people of Beirut with the things they need to survive – medical supplies, emergency food, hygiene kits and shelter. Local organisations and volunteers are already on the frontlines, assisting in hospitals and helping the injured. Donate at **http://tiny.cc/CAFODBeirut**

THE GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK

Help and support during an unplanned and/or crisis pregnancy, regardless of beliefs, nationality or legal status is available at: www.goodcounselnetwork.com or on 020 7723 1740 **A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE** is on Friday 14th August. Catholics believe that every life matters - and not least the baby in the womb, so please pray on the 14th for an end to abortion and for the lives and souls of all affected.

KEEP IN TOUCH

The Chronicle will continue to be published each week on St Edmund's Parish website: **parish.rcdow.org.uk/whitton/** and circulated to all on the parish email list (to be added email **whitton@rcdow.org.uk**). We also have Facebook: **www.facebook.com/StEdmundWhitton/** .
Are you living alone? Are you over 70? Would you like a call, someone to chat to? Please do not hesitate to call us. Please call Fr Nigel **07809667562**.

WAYS TO GIVE

CONTACTLESS GIVING IS HERE!

We are part of a pilot trial for contactless giving using a debit or credit card. Initially this will not include gift aid, but in phase two retrospective claims will be possible. The machine will be placed by the entrance nearest the car park.

It is also easy to give online from your bank account. The parish account is **WRCDT ST EDMUNDS CANTERBURY WHITTON, 40-05-20, 61094564**. Another way to give is through **Virgin Money Giving**. Simply go to **tiny.cc/StEdmundVM.**

Your generous donations are helping us to keep the church running. Planned Giving envelopes for those in the scheme are now available.

WELCOME BACK TO YOUR CHURCH.

The maximum number we can accommodate for each mass is 100, there is 1m+ distancing with face coverings required by law (other than exemptions like small children) To fit in the maximum will take some organization, so you may not be able to sit where you prefer. Please enter from side aisles and fill from the centre first to maximize numbers. If demand exceeds supply, we will bring in a booking system. We depend on volunteer cleaners and stewards for this all to happen, and more are needed so please help if you can.

Worshippers should maintain social distancing with anyone outside of their household, even outside the church.

We must all continue to play our part, follow the rules, protect our vulnerable people and control the spread. If someone comes to church and is then tested positive for the virus, the church must be closed for 72 hours**. If you are feeling unwell, please refrain from coming to Mass.** The Sunday Obligation is still suspended, but if you are not at Sunday Mass you should spend some time in prayer and religious reflection. Confessions can now take place by appointment.

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at **cafod.org.uk/coronavirus** to help CAFOD scale up its coronavirus response through our global Church family.

PARISH OFFICE

For the present, the Parish Office is closed and will not be opening before September. For mass requests, enquiries etc., you can send email to **whitton@rcdow.org.uk** or deliver a letter to the Presbytery.

GARDENING

If you are able to help look after the church grounds, volunteers are needed. Times to suit you, safe distancing guaranteed!

BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

We are now contacting those families who have booked a Baptism due during the lockdown period to arrange fresh dates. There is currently a limit on 30 people to attend a Baptism. The return to large and festal occasions such as First Holy Communion or Confirmation Masses is still distant.

DIAL A MASS

For those who do not use the internet, the Diocese of Middlesbrough, have developed the Dial-a-Mass service so Catholics can phone and listen to the Mass. For the cost of a local call you can hear Mass, which will last under an hour. The number to call is **01642 130 120** This is being funded nationally by the Knights of St Columba, please pass this number on to those who do not have internet access.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

During World War II, **Fr Maximilian Kolbe** hid as many as 2,000 Jewish people and persecuted Poles in his Polish monastery. In 1941, Maximilian was arrested by the Nazis, who soon sent him to Auschwitz concentration camp. In July of that year, several prisoners escaped, and as punishment, the camp commander picked 10 men to be starved to death. Franciszek Gajowniczek, a husband and father, was one of these sentenced to death by starvation. Maximilian Kolbe offered his life in the man's place. Each day, he celebrated Mass for the other starving prisoners and prayed and sang with them. When he outlived many of the other men, he was killed by lethal injection. On October 10, 1982, Pope John Paul II canonized Maximilian Kolbe as a “martyr of charity.” Present at the ceremony was Franciszek Gajowniczek, the Auschwitz prisoner whose place Maximilian had taken in giving his own life.