



ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE

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Divine Office: Psalms Week 2

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27TH SEPTEMBER 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 SUNDAY MASS) Sunday 27 th September	18.30 09.30	Eileen O'Callaghan (RIP) Stephen Donald David McCaffrey (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, Phyllis Walsh, Geraldine Mullan, Quinton Luis, all who are sick and the families who care for them. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Atwell DeSouza, John, Thomas & Amelia Mullan all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, all who have recently died and the families who mourn.
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.15 18.00	People of The Parish Marie & Zygmunt Tacij (RIP)	
Monday 28 th September St Wenceslaus, Martyr	09:15	Loraine Muir (RIP)	
Tuesday 29 th September Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL	09:15	Mary Phillips (RIP 1 st Ann.)	
Wednesday 30 th September St Jerome	09:15	June O'Toole (RIP)	
Thursday 1 st October St Thérèse of Lisieux	09:15	Bernadette Lynch (RIP)	
Friday 2 nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	09:15	Brendan O'Connell (RIP) (Abstinence)	
Saturday 3 rd October	10.30	Fred Bowden (RIP & Anniv.)	
(FIRST SUNDAY MASS) Sunday 4 th October	18.30 09.30	Catechists People of the Parish	
27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	11.15 18.00	Private Intention Linda Bligh (RIP)	

During the month of September we pray for the priest and people of Sunbury-on-Thames

MESSAGE FROM FR NIGEL

There is no doubt that Covid-19 is in the ascendancy again, and with the increased security measures you will now have the opportunity to use a QR code to record your attendance at Mass and as an alternative there will be the opportunity to record contact details for each household at all Masses. I thank our stewards and cleaners for their hard work and you the parishioners for your continued support of our stewards. More volunteers would lighten their load.

Today's gospel seems as appropriate for our times as it did for the times in which it was written. I remember when I was a child my grandmother often said when I hadn't done something I said I was going to do that "The road to hell is paved with good intentions". How right she was. In the media we read of countless examples of those who have authority over us, telling us what needs to be

done but somehow not doing it themselves. I find their position reminds me of the chief priests and the elders. For Matthew the link between knowing what has to be done and actually doing it is huge, and at this time we need to ask ourselves "How is this piece of scripture going to be lived out in our lives in the coming weeks?" I'm sure we all know that often our best intentions remain just that, but if we take a moment and accept that we need God's help we will find that nothing is impossible.
Fr Nigel

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day takes place this year on **Friday 9th October**. We will not be having a separate collection but if you wish to donate to CAFOD please put your money in the CAFOD envelopes and leave in the donations box. We also hope to have a CAFOD contactless donation terminal. Alternatively you can donate online direct to CAFOD at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>

COVID PRECAUTIONS

We will now record details of all who attend church during the Covid-19 pandemic either by entering details in the register or through the NHS Covid-19 App. The privacy impact of those whose personal data is recorded in the register is minimal because the register is kept securely and the information is only divulged if required by the Government and is only kept for 21 days and then shredded. Thank you for your understanding and support.

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). We are now approaching the maximum capacity on Sunday mornings and to fit in the maximum will take some organization, so you may not be able to sit where you prefer. If demand exceeds supply, we will bring in a booking system but there is still room at the evening masses. Please enter from side aisles and fill from the centre first to maximise numbers. We depend on volunteer cleaners and stewards for this all to happen, and more are needed so please help if you can. Please maintain social distancing with anyone outside of your household, even outside the church. 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 and there is plenty of room at weekday masses. Confessions can now take place by appointment.

WAYS TO GIVE

CONTACTLESS GIVING IS HERE!

We are part of a pilot for contactless giving using a debit or credit cards. Initially this will not include gift aid, but retrospective claims will be possible. The machine is 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 for collection in church.

GARDENING

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

KEEP IN TOUCH

The Chronicle will be published each week on 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 a page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/StEdmundWhitton/ If you have any need please do not hesitate to call Fr Nigel **07809 667562**.

BAPTISM

There is currently a limit on 30 people to attend a Baptism and the Rule of 6 applies to any gathering after. New appointments are now being made; please contact the Parish Office for an application form.

CATHOLIC MEDIA

Regrettably, current restrictions have made it impracticable to continue stocking newspapers and magazines in the church. We would like to suggest and recommend readers consider continuing their support for these valuable publications and the people whose jobs depend on them. This can be done by subscribing directly via the publications respective websites: www.thecatholicuniverse.com
www.irelandsown.ie
www.catholicherald.co.uk

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open Monday to Friday (10-12) for mass requests, enquiries etc., or you can send email to whitton@rcdow.org.uk or deliver a letter to the Presbytery.

SECONDARY TRANSFER

For details about the Certificate of Catholic Practice please contact the school office who are kindly managing Fr Nigel's diary for this.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

We sing at Christmas about 'Good King Wenceslaus' but who was he? If saints have been falsely characterized as "other worldly," the life of Wenceslaus stands as an example to the contrary: He stood for Christian values in the midst of the political intrigues which characterized 10th-century Bohemia. Also known as Vaclav, he was born near Prague, and was taught Christianity by his grandmother, St. Ludmila. An anti-Christian faction murdered the Duke and St. Ludmila, and took over the government. Wenceslaus was declared the new ruler after a coup in 922. He encouraged Christianity. Boleslaus, his brother, joined a group of dissenters. They invited Wenceslaus to a religious festival, trapped and killed him on the way to Mass.