



# ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE



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Divine Office: Psalms Week I

**33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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.

<b>33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	PRIVATE MASS	People of The Parish	<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b> Leona Chris, 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, all who are sick and the families who care for them. Please pray for the repose of the souls of <b>Cyril Davey, Atwell DeSouza, Quinton Luis</b> and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, all who have recently died and the families who mourn.
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b> ST EDMUND OF CANTERBURY	PRIVATE	Linda Theobald (RIP)	
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b> St Hilda	PRIVATE	Holy Souls	
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b> Dedication of Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul Apostles	PRIVATE	O'Toole & Crossfield Familes (Deceased)	
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PRIVATE	Maureen Myles (RIP)	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> <i>Friday abstinence</i>	PRIVATE	Holy Souls in Purgatory	
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b> Presentation of BVM	PRIVATE	June Honeyball (RIP)	
<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	PRIVATE	People of The Parish	

**During the month of November we pray for the priest and people of Twickenham**

### MESSAGE FROM FR NIGEL

We will all have been glued to the press coverage this week of the advances that are being made in producing a vaccine against Covid-19, and the Pfizer vaccine in particular carries no ethical issues. Despite those advances and the current lockdown, there is still a great deal of uncertainty over what our family Christmas celebrations might look like this year. We are preparing for a Christmas like no other, and with this in mind, I wanted to encourage us all to be thinking now about having a Christmas Crib in our homes. Some of us may not have a crib, and if not, now is the time to get hold of one (or to make plans perhaps to make one with our Children during Advent). A crib can be a beautiful centre point for Christmas in our home, and as we prepare in the midst of uncertainty for this Christmas, we might all give thought to planning how we can place the comforting and prayerful presence of the crib at the centre this year.

Fr Nigel

### HOLY SOULS

For the whole of this month we have our November List placed near the altar, the departed will be remembered at each mass. The November plenary indulgences for those who visit a cemetery have been extended this year to cover the whole month of November.

### KEEP IN TOUCH

The Chronicle will be published each week on [parish.rcdow.org.uk/whitton/](http://parish.rcdow.org.uk/whitton/) and circulated to all on the parish email list (to be added please email [whitton@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:whitton@rcdow.org.uk)). We also have a St Edmund's Parish page on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/StEdmundWhitton/](https://www.facebook.com/StEdmundWhitton/) If you have any need please do not hesitate to call Fr Nigel **07809 667562**.

### GUIDELINES FOR COMING TO CHURCH

Public masses are suspended for the duration of 'lockdown' by order of HM Government. It is hoped to be able to open the church each day for a time of private prayer provided there are sufficient volunteers to clean and steward.

## **WAYS TO GIVE**

### ***CONTACTLESS GIVING IS HERE!***

We now have contactless giving using a debit or credit cards. 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](https://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.

### **PRIMARY/RECEPTION SCHOOL ENTRY**

Due to current government restrictions, CCP form signing will not be done in the usual way. If you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice for an application for a Catholic Primary School [Reception] please download the form here: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/whitton/school-admission/> Please complete the top part and deliver the form together with a self addressed envelope and a parent's contact telephone number to the presbytery. I will return the signed and sealed form to you as soon as possible. (If you are only applying to St Edmund's, I will forward the certificate directly to the school.)

### **MISSIO**

Red boxes cannot be collected in the usual way because of Covid-19, but you can open your own box and send a cheque or online donation to MISSIO. [missio.org.uk](https://missio.org.uk)

### **BAPTISM**

Suspended for duration of lockdown, but new dates can be arranged by emailing the parish office.

### **SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION**

Please return your envelope if you took one. The collection will remain open for another week. You can donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](https://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill.

### **RIGHT TO LIFE**

Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs are bringing forward a Bill to change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Can you help get your MP to support the Bill? Please will you visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](https://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) -it only takes a couple of minutes to send a message to your MP.

## **SAINT OF THE WEEK**

16th November is the feast of our patron St Edmund, Oxford scholar and Archbishop of Canterbury, who died in 1240. St Edmund had a long and somewhat turbulent career, as many medieval bishops did, and we have a mass of detailed information about his life because the cause of his canonisation was started very shortly after his death, which means that materials to support the cause were gathered from his contemporaries and those who had known him well. St Edmund was born in Abingdon around 1174, into a prosperous middle-class family. His parents were named Reginald and Mabel, and Edmund was the eldest of a large family. It was entirely through Edmund's parents' commitment to his education, and his own hard work, that he later achieved a position of eminence. It was Edmund's mother Mabel who was the guiding and inspiring influence of his early life, especially his education. His father died when Edmund was young, and Mabel encouraged her sons' education, supporting them first at Oxford and then at Paris. When he became a Master of Arts and began lecturing at Oxford, he was known for going to hear mass daily before giving his lectures. In 1222 Edmund became treasurer of Salisbury Cathedral, and began increasingly to preach outside Oxford; in 1233 he was selected to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury. His time as archbishop involved mediating in various political crises and disputes between Henry III and his barons, as well as conflict between Edmund and the monks of Canterbury; but it lasted only seven years. In 1240, on his way to Rome for a council with the Pope, he was taken ill on the journey. He died, and was buried at Pontigny.

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### **AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.