



ST. EDMUND'S CHRONICLE

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SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

17TH MAY 2026 AD

Year A and Year 2

Divine Office : week 3

Sat 16 th May (Novena day 2) Vigil of Sunday	17.30	Confirmation Thanksgiving	<p>Please remember in your prayers: Bernie G, Beth, Yvonne C, Pat C, Tony B, Simon G, Helen F, Rose E, Carlos D'S, Sean C, David, Samuel S, Ann J, Kieran C, Mike C, Annie R, Mrs B, Simon D, Cis P, Sarah F, John K, Beryl M, Liz E, Valerie B, Mary N, Florenja J, Bridget L, Eileen M, Pauline G, Leona C, Baltasar D, Ann D, Ann S, Katherine P, John S, Anne R, Min W, Jacqueline T, Michael G, Bridget M, Justina N, Kevin O'N, Jim T, Ken S, Steve S, Veronica L, Rose F, Patricia C, Eileen B, Linda H, <i>and all who are sick and those who care for them.</i> May the Lord support and help them.</p> <p>Please pray for the repose of the Holy Souls of: Kieran Clay, Gregory Leigh, Joan Bradley, Rudy Mentilla, Rose Piper, Mark Rayner, Margaret Gorrino, Paul Briden, Terry Bharij, David Grace, Jeanette Dean, Bernadette Boylan, Michael Bradley, all who perish in places of conflict, and <i>all who have recently died, those whose anniversaries fall at this time, and those who mourn.</i></p> <p>I believe in the Resurrection of the Body and in the Life of the world to come. Amen</p> <p>Response: I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the Land of the Living</p> <p><u>Vocations Prayer Intentions</u> Week 3 : <i>For Seminarians in their formation</i></p>
Sunday 17th May Seventh Sunday Novena to the Holy Spirit (day 3)	9.30 11.30 13.30	FHC Thanksgiving Pro Populo Українська Літургія / Ukrainian Divine Liturgy	
Monday 18th May Novena to the Holy Spirit (day 4)	8.00 9.15	Thanks-giving Adoration for Priestly Vocations Rudy Mentilla (RIP)	
Tuesday 19th May Novena to the Holy Spirit (day 5)	8.00 9.15	Thanks-giving Adoration for Priestly Vocations Private Int.	
Wednesday 20th May (day 6)	-	-	
Thursday 21st May Novena to the Holy Spirit (day 7)	8.00 9.15	Thanks-giving Adoration for Priestly Vocations Margaret & Charles Jackson (RIP)	
Friday 22nd May No Meat St Rita's Day Novena to the Holy Spirit (final day 8)	8.00 9.15 19.00 19.00	Adoration for Priestly Vocation Lorraine Muir (RIP) (Latin) Joan Bradley (RIP) CONFESSIO – visiting priest	
Saturday 23rd May Votive of St Charbel Makhlouf of Lebanon Novena to the Holy Spirit (final day 9)	10.30 11.00 11.00	Jose A. Fernandes (RIP) Marian Novena Confessions	
Vigil / PENTECOST EVE	17.30	Eve Joliffe (Int)	

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FAMILIES

On Saturday, many of our young people received The Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion for the First Time. Congratulations! Thank you to all those who work so hard for this special day.

CLASS TEACHER VACANCY

St Edmund's School is currently looking for a Class Teacher for September 2026, please visit the school website for further details:

www.st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk/Vacancies/
or contact the school via

office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk

Closing date: *Monday 1st June 2026 - 9am*

REGINA CAELI

Throughout Eastertide, instead of the *Angelus*, we stand and pray to Our Lady, saying :

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
For He, whom you did merit to bear, alleluia!
Has risen as He said, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God, Who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

May the Divine Assistance remain always with us, + and may the souls of the Faithful Departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace. **Amen**

We sing this same prayer in Latin after each Holy Mass:

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia!
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia!
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia!
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia!

HOME BLESSINGS

During May and June, I shall bless homes in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus. This week, we begin with those who are sick and/or unable to join us in church in God's House.

From Monday 25th May until Tuesday 30th June, on week days (in the afternoons and evenings), I shall bless the homes of any parishioners who live in our parish. If you have never had your house blessed or dedicated to the Sacred Heart, it is important to receive this blessing. If you would like your home, please email whitton@rcdow.org.uk with your address ; 2 possible days ; a telephone contact number.

For the visit, you should prepare a prayer space with a crucifix-cross and two candles. The blessing takes about 10mins and is a time of great joy.

ST CHARBEL OF LEBANON

St Charbel is a great saint of peace, loved by many people from all different faiths. St Charbel was born in Lebanon and became a Maronite monk (of the Eastern Traditions of the Catholic Church).

We have his icon by the confessional room. Many Catholics offer a novena to this very holy saint each month. We especially ask for his prayers for peace in the world, as we offer a 'votive Mass' in his honour on Saturday (23/05)

PAUL BRIDEN RIP

Maureen & Tony would like to thank everyone for their kind words, sympathy and Mass cards following the sudden death of their son Paul. A Mass for your intentions will be said on Sunday 17th May at 6pm.

BUILDING WORKS

We continue to invest our resources to maintain the church building, the grounds, the field and the hall. We currently have several projects underway to make the buildings more accessible, and also we are obliged to install certain items (like 'fire doors') to keep us compliant with the legal regulations and the insurance requirements. Other areas are showing wear-and-tear and need to be addressed before they develop into large issues. We hope to progress with many building works over the summer, to minimise the inconvenience. If you have any inspirations to develop the mission and evangelisation in our parish, please speak with Fr Jonathan. *All ideas welcome!*

Thank you for all your ongoing generosity. We always pray for all our benefactors and parishioners (living and departed) who made sacrifices to help build and maintain our lovely parish. Your donations allow us as a parish to maintain this holy place and to be open each day, *for the Greater Glory of God and the Salvation of Souls.*

ASCENSION THURSDAY – 14th May

The Ascension of Our Lord was a Holy Day of Obligation, when all Christians were called to gather in God's House to celebrate. Extra confessions are available after each Mass this Sunday, if you need the sacrament of Mercy and Reconciliation.

VOCATION NOVENA

His Grace, the Archbishop of Westminster, has asked all parishes to pray:

(1) in *thanksgiving* for the priesthood; (2) for those men training to be priests (called “*Seminarians*”); (3) for an increase of *vocations* to the Priesthood. In particular – to have *one hour of Adoration* each week for vocations and for parish groups to pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood.

As a parish, we are answering this by dedicating our daily adoration for this intention; and our weekly Saturday Novena to Our Lady for this intention. *Each parish group is encouraged to plan how they can respond to this call to prayer.*

<https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/what-is-a-vocation/>

<https://rcdow.org.uk/vocations/religious-life/>

<https://carmelitesnottinghill.org.uk/>

VOCATIONS PRAYER INTENTIONS

Week 1 : *For men to be open to God’s Call to the priesthood.*

Week 2: *For those currently discerning the priesthood*

Week 3: *For Seminarians in their formation*

Week 4: *For your parish’s priests and all clergy serving the diocese*

VOCATION SPEAKER

In June, we are blessed to welcome a guest preacher (God willing). A Dominican Friar will visit us to preach during the Holy Mass.

You can find out more about Dominican Friars and Dominican Sisters:

<https://english.op.org/>

<https://english.op.org/about-us/>

<https://english.op.org/about-us/dominican-family/dominican-sisters/>

Is God calling you to the Religious Life?

St Dominic *pray for us.*

St Martin de Porres *pray for us.*

St Catherine of Siena *pray for us.*

St Rosa of Lima *pray for us.*

CONFIRMATION 2027 AD

Registration for Confirmation Classes is now open!

These classes are for :

-young people who will be in Year 10 (and above) from Sept 2026;

-and who attend Holy Mass regularly in this Parish.

Registration for Confirmation Classes is open from 9th May 2026 until 14th June 2026. Once registered, you will receive your Mass attendance card.

To join the next classes, **you must register before 14th June 2026** and have started using your Mass attendance card.

Once the registration is closed, it is closed.

Faithful attendance of weekly Sunday Mass here at St Edmund’s is an essential part of the confirmation course.

All details of times and dates of classes will be given in September - after registration closes, once we know the numbers and needs of the new group. Date of ‘Confirmation Day’ is determined by the local deanery parishes. This information will be shared in due course. Registration forms are available from Fr Jonathan after the Holy Mass.

YOUTH PARTY

A special thanks to our young people who serve the parish mission throughout the year - and who worked especially hard over Holy Week and Easter!

We are having a party (pizza in the hall ; games ; football in the Field of Peace). Parents / guardians should attend with their own children. (Any volunteers who would like to help prepare the hall and the games – please email Fr Jonathan)

This party is especially for those who altar serve ; read ; sing in the parish music groups ; help with the collections ; etc. Thank you for your ministry and sharing your talents with the parish-community.

TODDLERS GROUP

Open 1.15 - 3.15 every Wednesday in the hall during term time. for pre-school children with their parent/carer. No need to book - please come to sit and enjoy company and a cup of tea. £2 per family and every Wednesday during term time.

RECEPTION PLACES

St Edmund's School is delighted to welcome families joining our school in September for our Reception classes. If you are interested or know of any families wishing to enrol at our school, please contact the school office: **office@st-edmunds.richmond.sch.uk** or **020 8894 7898**

PARISH SPORTS DAY

11th July 2026, 12 – 3pm, we shall use our parish field for a **Catholic Sports Event!**

Our Parish (*St Edmund's Roman Catholic Parish*) will compete with Ukrainian Catholic Parish (*Ukrainian Parish of the Ascension*). Friendly football match, and races, etc.

If you would like to play, please ask your parent/ guardian to collect the consent form from Fr Jonathan.

(Parents/guardians will need to accompany their child throughout. Players will arrive in their sports kit.) *We need to arrange our teams quickly, so please collect your form today.*

PENTECOST SUNDAY –24th May

Pentecost marks 50 Days since the Resurrection of Christ on Easter Morning. Pentecost is the peak of the Church's calendar, as the Holy Spirit descends again upon all the Church, restoring Life and Strength to the Faithful. This year we are blessed to celebrate Confirmation at Pentecost (God willing).

To help us prepare for Pentecost, a visiting priest will hear confessions on Friday 22nd May at 7pm. (Catholics are obliged 'to make their Easter Duty' between Ash Wednesday and Pentecost Sunday.) If you didn't manage to receive God's Mercy and Forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession yet – be sure to attend on 22/05/26

REFRESHER TRAINING For ExtraOrdinary

Minsters of Holy Communion

For all *current* extra-ordinary minsters of Holy Communion (i.e. lay people who help to distribute Holy Communion during the Holy Mass), and those who carry the Blessed Sacrament to parishioners who are unwell, there is a refresher training meeting after each Mass on Sat 6th and Sun 7th June 2026. Thank you for all you do.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA - THANK YOU

Thank you, St Edmund's Parishioners, for your donations for the 'Tea and Coffee mornings' after 9.30am Mass every second Sunday. Because of your generosity over the year, we were able to give a cheque of **£500** to a very worthy local cause - **the Princess Alice Hospice**. This charity gives specialised care to terminally ill people in need South West London - the youngest person is 17, the oldest is 107. If you are interested in joining the Knights, ring **Tom** at **0208 8471700**

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS (May 2026) are ready for collection – please contact the parish office, **before 1st June 2026**. Photos collection will not be available after 1st July 2026.

PENTECOST NOVENA

(From Ascension Thursday to Pentecost Vigil)
*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.*

*O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of your faithful, grant that
by that same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise,
and ever rejoice in your consolation, Through
Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SAVE THE DATES (God willing)

22/05/2026 – PENTECOST CONFESSIONS
23/05/2026 – PENTECOST VIGIL
24/05/2026 – PENTECOST (with Confirmation)
30/05/2026 – WEDDING

14/06/ 2026 – Confirm. Registration CLOSES
13 & 14/06/2026 –
DOMINICAN FRIAR GUEST PREACHER

04/07/2026 immediately after the 5.30pm Mass -
'Thank You' Party for parish young people who are readers/servers/singers/ etc
06/07/2026 – WEDDING
06 & 07/07/2026 – H/C Refresher Training
11/07/2026 – PARISH SPORTS DAY

tbc/08/2026 - Parish Pilgrimage

October 2026 – ADOREMUS IN LONDON