

## MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK



<b>Saturday 11th November</b>	<i>(first Mass of Sunday)</i>
18.00 St Edmund's	Fr Bill Mason †
<b>Sunday 12th November</b>	<b>Remembrance Day</b> (p586)
08.30 St Edmund's	Antoine & Victoria Desira †
10.30 St Edmund's	<b>REQUIEM FOR WAR DEAD</b>
10.30 Our Lady's, Lawshall	Deceased of the De Roeper Family
<b>15.00</b> St Edmund's	<i>Adoration &amp; Benediction</i>
18.00 St Edmund's	Ivy Marion Head
<b>Monday 13th November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
07.30 St Edmund's	Louisa & Vale's Intention
<b>Tuesday 14th November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
09.30 St Edmund's	Ada Mingay †
09.30 Our Lady's, Lawshall	Joan Green †
10.30 'Montana' Gt Barton	Requiem Mass - Winifred Gallagher
<b>Wednesday 15th November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 St Edmund's	Eddie Booker †
10.30—12.00	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
<b>Thursday 16th November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
19.30 St Edmund's	Gregory Butler †
<b>Friday 17th November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
09.30 St Edmund's	Taylor Family †
10.15 Our Lady's, Lawshall	Mary Josephine Dove †
14.00 Worlington Parish Church	Requiem Mass - Reginald Secondé
<b>Saturday 18th November</b>	<b>Feria</b>
10.00 St Edmund's	Carmen & Angelo Caruana †
18.00 St Edmund's	Vale & Louisa's Intention

### MASSES AT 'MONTANA' GREAT BARTON

**Sunday 10.30;** Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri, Sat 08.15; **Tue 10.30**

### FORTHCOMING SPECIAL LANGUAGE MASSES

Saturday 18th November Polish Mass at 16.00 at St Edmund's.

Saturday 19th November at 16.00 at St Edmund's.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Wednesday after 10.00 Mass; Saturday 10.30—11.00 & by appointment



# St Edmund's Newsletter

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## Sunday 12th November 2017 - 32nd Sunday of the Year - Year A

### REMEMBRANCE & PRAYER

100 years ago, at the end of the Battle of Passchendaele, the city lay in ruins and many thousands of people, military and civilians were dead. Today we remember the suffering of the Great War and subsequent wars including those which continue today in various parts of the world. We remember those who have died, those were maimed and those still living with the



consequences of war, the injured and their families and those who mourn. We give thanks for those who generously gave and continue to give their lives for the freedoms which we enjoy. However, as we gaze at images such as that above, the destruction and horror should touch our hearts and minds. It should urge us to build a better future for those who will follow us—a future in which a sincere commitment to the dignity and good of humanity, to the establishment of true justice for all people, will give a sure foundation to a lasting peace. As the poppies that grew in the mud of Flanders reminded us of the blood lost in the conflict, so they are a sign of new beginnings—new beginnings and a new peace that germinates and grows in our hearts. We pray in sad remembrance but in hope in the Resurrection and in commitment to the Prince of Peace in whom we trust.

### **ST. EDMUND'S FEAST DAY & DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR**



Next weekend we begin our celebrations of our Parish Patronal Feast. On Sunday morning, the Mayor, Cllr. Terry Clements, will host the annual Civic Mass here at St. Edmund's at 10.30 as usual. Please join us for this Mass, and welcome our guests.

Following the Mass, at 12.30, a Festal Lunch is provided for all who wish to come. It is open to all—no need for tickets. Please invite anyone who would otherwise be alone. In response to Pope Francis' call for a Day of Prayer for the Poor, on this day, we also hope to welcome those in need and provide meals for the homeless and poor in conjunction with other charities in the evening. Donations welcome..

**Fr. Mark**

### PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

**FOR OUR SICK:** Sue & Tony Aldous, Jade Asbury, Imelda Brown, Gerald Curry, Pat Dowson, Bea Edgar, Helen Edrupt, Nicolette Finch, Malcolm & Janis Fincham Jacques, Sr Flora, Marion Fitzgibbons, Monica Gittings, Teresa Gleeson, Rita Grimer, David Higgins, Patti Hickson, Donald Hunt, Priscilla Lupton, Francis Nisbett, Dee Peters, Richard Reid, Bernard Reynolds, Claire Robinson, Mary de Roeper, David Smeeth-Cardy, Evelyn Stirling, Yohanan Suraj, Jason Stronza, Shelagh Szulc, Robin Taylor, Katie Thomas, Susan Toole, John Triggs, Tim Udall, Pauline Wells, Romaine Wright, Jim Whyte. May the Lord bring them comfort and healing.

**FOR FR BILL MASON & SIR REGINALD SECONDE** who died recently. May they rest in peace.

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Laver Oliver, Janet Godfrey, Cyril Rayner, Irene Conway-McGovern, Josephine Fratric, John O'Brien, Dorothy Bugg, Matthew Smith, Vera Gisby, William Donnelly, Patrick Campbell, Guido Ernesto Cordara, Elisabeth Barnes.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity last week. You gave **£1570.51** in the collection and **£625** by standing orders and **£240.75** from Lawshall.



**HELPING HANDS' GROUP** if you are, or know of anyone who is housebound, lonely or in need of practical help, shopping, changing a light bulb etc, or just a visit, or a lift to the doctors etc., contact Sue Fullman 488147 or Mike Sinnott 764236.



**GOING INTO HOSPITAL?** If you are, **PLEASE** let us know other-wise the Chaplain will not know you are there; the only way we can find you is if you tell us, **so please let us know if you would like a visit.** If you or one of your relatives needs a priest in emergency, **i.e. imminent danger death**, please ask a member of staff to ring the switchboard & bleep the Catholic Chaplain. We have the pager with us at all times.

**THE REPOSITORY** is open after Wednesday 10.00 Mass, 10.30 & 18.00 Sunday Masses for **cards**, statues, gifts, Sunday Missals, gifts etc.

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** on **Sunday 3rd December** after morning Masses. If you would like a Stall, please contact Loraine on 01284 702274 or 07599 911812.

**CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES** will be open for the sale of charity Christmas cards in Olivia Benn on Angel Hill, until 18th December, Monday-Saturday, 10am-4pm. The Bury St Edmunds outlet represents 35 local and national charities

**UNUSED CHRISTMAS CARDS WANTED.** Deacon Alan will distribute them, for use by those in custody at HMP Highpoint. Please hand in at the Presbytery if you can help.

**ST EDMUND'S SOCIAL CLUB.** Membership available now. £10 for 14 months. Contact Yvonne on 07718 . Support our Social Club and join now.



### READERS WORKSHOP

*All readers,  
and  
those who would like  
to become readers at Mass,  
are invited to a workshop.*

There will be two opportunities to attend in order to give as many people as possible the chance to come along.

The first will be on **MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER 7pm** meeting in the Presbytery and the second will be held on **SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2pm** (*please note change of date*), again starting at the Presbytery but at 2pm.

After a cup of tea or coffee we will then move to the chapel and the church. As both sessions will be the same, it is only necessary to attend one workshop. **You will have the chance to meet other readers, look again at this wonderful ministry we share, build confidence and share tips and guidance. We hope that every reader, or prospective reader, will do their utmost to attend one of the workshops prior to being re-commissioned later in Advent.**

**Please let Jo know which session you will attend by phoning 01284 755730 or email [jo@donlevyfamily.co.uk](mailto:jo@donlevyfamily.co.uk)**

**VOLUNTEERS TO READ AT SATURDAY EVENING MASS are urgently needed. Please speak to or email Fr Mark!**

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

- *If you are able to help with Children's Liturgy on Sundays during 10.30 Mass, please contact Fr Mark. Until we have more help CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month only.*
- *Help is also urgently needed for the Faith Club, Fridays, 15.30—16.30. Please contact Hedwige 732064 if you can help.*

#### **HELP NEEDED WITH CHURCH FLOWERS!**

Whether you have lots of experience, are a keen amateur, or would like to try—your help would be much appreciated by our team of arrangers at St. Edmund's. Encouragement and guidance given— Please contact Alison Flath on 01284 761588

come, or maybe, that our sicknesses are too far along. Whether God chooses to heal in a particular circumstances is up to Him. It always has been and always will be. But that shouldn't prevent us from acting in faith and humbly asking God to do what He has the power to do. It shouldn't prevent us from asking Jesus to do what he demonstrated over and over again in his life on earth. It shouldn't prevent us from having an encounter with Him.

God is all loving and all good. He does not ignore the requests of His children. In fact, Jesus asks us if we, who are sinful, want to give good gifts to our children, how much more would the Heavenly Father not want to give us what is good (Mt 7:11). Let us trust in God's love and persist in our prayers for healing. Let us always encounter Him in prayers everyday. The psalmist shows us how we can ask the Lord to help us in our need. Indeed, Psalm 86 would guide us ably in our approach to the Lord with our petitions.

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Save your servant, who trusts in you. Gladden the soul of your servant, I lift up my soul. Give ear and hearken to my cry. Amen. Have a blessed week ahead.

*Fr Alvan (fralvanibe@yahoo.com)*

## St Edmund's Youth Ministry Get Together

**Saturday 25th November 16.00—18.00**

In the Crypt. Ages 14+ are all welcome. Bring a friend  
Getting to know each other, shared food, music, games and film show



## CHOCOLATE CHURCH for years 7 & 8

**Thursday 23rd November 19.30—20.45**

In the Crypt, £3, come along make chocolates and share faith and friendship. 20 places available. Please book a place by contacting Anita Fildes [anitafildes@gmail.com](mailto:anitafildes@gmail.com) or 07530 658943 (Let us know if you are gluten, nut, soya or dairy free)

## FAITH CLUB

**Friday 10th November**

**15.30-16.30** in the Crypt.

The new Six week programme for Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6  
to **learn**, to **understand** and to **celebrate** our faith.

If you wish your child to join please let us know by contacting Hedwige 07774 068052.

*Next, and last meeting of the term: Friday 8th December*



## THIS WEEK



### SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER

**16.30 - 17.45 CONFIRMATION CLASSES** continue in the Crypt.

**20.00 - 23.00 ST EDMUND'S SOCIAL CLUB** in the Crypt. Bar open. Bingo 20.00

### MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER

**19.45 SPUC** meeting in the Presbytery 19.45, prior to lobbying MP on 17th Nov at 14.00 at West Suffolk House.

### WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER

**16.30 CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meet in the Presbytery

### FRIDAY 17th NOVEMBER

**10.30 MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP** at 11 Bridgeman Walk. Contact Eileen 763580.  
All welcome, when we pray for our children and all children around the world.

**15.30—16.30 FAITH CLUB** in the Crypt for Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6  
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**20.00 - 23.00 ST EDMUND'S SOCIAL CLUB** in the Crypt. Bar open. Darts 20.00

### SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER

**19.30 - 23.00 ST EDMUND'S SOCIAL CLUB** in the Crypt. Bar open. Bingo 19.30.

## PARISH & TOWN CELEBRATIONS FOR FEAST OF ST. EDMUND

### SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER

**10.30 CIVIC MASS FOR ST. EDMUND'S DAY**

ALL are welcome to this special annual event in the presence of the Mayor and members of the St. Edmundsbury Council.

**12.30 FESTAL LUNCH IN THE CRYPT: *EVERYONE* IS INVITED:**

St Edmund's Ale Stew with crusty bread, followed by apple strudel. No ticket needed, just turn up! Donations would be appreciated. All very welcome.

### MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER

**18.30 DEANERY MASS FOR ST. EDMUND'S DAY**



**PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE Friday 8th December, 19.00**

*A selection of Music and Readings leading us towards the celebration of Christmas, led by the adults and young people of our Saturday Evening Choir. Followed by Mulled Wine & Mince Pies in the Crypt.*



## THE WORD OF GOD

### Matthew 25:1-13

1 Jesus told this parable to his disciples: „The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: 3 the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, 4 whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, “The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.” 7 At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, 8 and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, “Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.” 9 But they replied, “There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.” 10 They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. 11 The other bridesmaids arrived later. “Lord, Lord,” they said, “open the door for us.” 12 But he replied, “I do not know you.” 13 So stay awake because you do not know either the day or the hour.”



### REFLECTION

This parable, unique to the Gospel of Matthew, is one section of the fifth and final great speech of Jesus, which considers the end of the world and the gathering together of God's people. This final speech also contains the great drama of the judgement: 'Whenever you did this to the least of my brothers and sisters you did it to me.' The parable of the ten bridesmaids is full of symbols. Jesus is described as the bridegroom repeatedly in the four gospels. Earlier in this gospel (9:15), in a reference to his passion and death, he spoke of himself as 'the bridegroom who will be taken away'. This image has its origins in the Jewish Scriptures, where the relationship of the people to God was compared to that of a bride to her husband. The Church, the new people of God, is rightly described as the bride of Christ. It is the role of the bridesmaid to accompany and serve the bridegroom. We all take on this task from the time of our baptism. But will we be ready when the bridegroom appears? The symbol of the lamp brings an even clearer allusion to Christian life and to the sacrament of baptism. We receive the light of Christ when we are baptised, and we are constantly challenged to keep the light burning brightly. This responsibility is reflected in the determination of the sensible bridesmaids not to let

their lamps go out. The foolish bridesmaids, on the other hand, have allowed themselves to be distracted from what is really important in their lives.

Do I see my life as a preparation to meet the Lord?

Do I nourish my life with prayer and the sacraments?

We pray for those who have lost their way on the journey of life.

We ask for a deeper appreciation of the gifts the Lord bestows on us.

*Reflections on the Sunday Gospels, written by Fr. Adrian Graffy*

## WEEKLY FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR YOUTH

### Theme: Encounter with Jesus (II)

With joy I welcome you dear friends to the 32nd Sunday in the ordinary time of the Church's year. Like I said last week, our general theme for this month will be "Encounter with Jesus" and we will look at some people that encountered Jesus in a special way in the scriptures and how it changed their lives and also what it has to teach us today. We should always remember that Jesus wants to have encounter with us. He wants to change our lives for better.

Today we look at the story in Mark 5:21-43 where Jesus cured the woman long afflicted with a haemorrhage and raised to life the twelve year old daughter of Jairus.

The "sleeping" daughter of Jairus, and the bleeding woman who touched Jesus' garment in faith are but two of the best-known healings that Jesus performed. We have heard about these miracles so many times that they may fail to capture our full attention and speak deeply to our hearts. Yet, these two wonders have the potential to fire the imagination and challenge our thoughts about God's healing in in our own individual circumstances.

What do you think about God's ability to heal? How do you approach Jesus when you are confronted with illness? Are you hopeful and expectant like Jarius and the bleeding woman? Or, do you resign yourself to the sickness and accept the traditional explanations of why God allows suffering at all? Many of us hesitate to pray for healing because we don't think our prayers will be answered. Or we may think, "God only heals certain people; He can't concern himself with someone like me."

Jesus told Jairus, "Do not fear, only believe" (Mark 5:36). We too ought not to fear that God may not hear our prayers or that our sins may be too great for God to over-