

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday 13th August - 19th Sunday of the Year (missal p544)

08.30	St Edmund's	Mary Thoburn †
10.30	St Edmund's	For the Parish
10.30	Our Lady's, Lawshall	Mary Thoburn †
16.30	St Edmund's	Adoration & Benediction
18.00	St Edmund's	Anne Watkinson †

Monday 14th August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

07.30	St Edmund's	John & Bronach Reid †
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Tuesday 15th August Assumption of the BVM

Holyday of Obligation

09.30	St Edmund's	Maria Booker †
12.00	St Edmund's	Rose Dougan's Intention
<u>19.00</u>	St Edmund's	For the Parish
<u>19.00</u>	Our Lady's, Lawshall	Al O'Dwyer's Intention

Wednesday 16th August Feria

10.00	St Edmund's	Tim Langley †
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Thursday 17th August Feria

19.30	St Edmund's	John Sexton †
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Friday 18th August Feria

No Mass in St Edmund's today

No Mass at Lawshall today

Saturday 19th August Our Lady on Saturday

10.00	St Edmund's	Christian & Jackie Booker †
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MASSES AT 'MONTANA' GREAT BARTON

Sunday 10.30; Mon - Sat 08.15;

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL LANGUAGE MASSES

Saturday 19th August Polish Mass at 16.00 at St Edmund's.

Saturday 20th August Malayalam Mass at 16.00 at St Edmund's.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



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The Word of the Lord

Matthew 14:22-33

22 Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. 23 After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. 25 In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, 26 and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' 28 It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said, 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 29 'Come,' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, 30 but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. 31 Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' 32 And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. 33 The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

REFLECTION

Three of the gospel writers, Matthew, Mark and John, give us an account of Jesus walking on the water. It is an extraordinary miracle, which seems to be a manifestation of the power of Jesus. The Old Testament reading chosen to accompany this gospel is the revelation of God to Elijah in the 'sound of a gentle breeze', the 'still, small voice'. The evangelists place the story of the walking on the water directly after the multiplication of the loaves. Just as the loaves miracle reminds us of the provision of manna in the desert, the walking on the sea recalls God's power over the sea at the Exodus. Matthew's account of the miracle has two special features. When he attempts to walk on the water, Peter is overcome with doubt and is upheld by Jesus. The gospel in which Peter is entrusted with authority also testifies to his vulnerability. In Matthew's version too the story ends with a declaration of faith by the disciples. While in Mark's account they remain confused and questioning, here they declare Jesus to be 'the Son of God'. Matthew is surely indicating how Christians should understand this story. In the reading from St Paul's Letter to the Romans Paul begins to speak about the situation of his Jewish brothers and sisters. He is profoundly grieved that they have not recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah. In the following sections of the letter (Romans 9-11) Paul will explore and explain what God's intentions are in relation to the chosen people.

How do I react when my faith is tested by the storms of life?

Do I trust in the helping hand of the Lord when I am out of my depth?

We pray for confidence and serenity amid the trials of life.

We pray for the Jewish people that they may remain faithful to God's covenant.

Reflection by Rev Adrian Graffy

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, Frank Hibbert, Johann Hopfensperger, Patti Hickson, Sally Jean Jones, Priscilla Lupton, Patrick McDermott, Dee Peters, Barbara Pratt, Virginia Randall, Richard Reid, Bernard Reynolds, Mary de Roeper, David Smeeth-Cardy, Evelyn Stirling, Jason Stronza, Yohanan Suraj, Shelagh Szulc, Robin Taylor, Susan Toole, Tim Udall, Pauline Wells and Romaine Wright. May the Lord bring them comfort and healing.

FOR PATRICIA GAY who died recently. May she rest in peace.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Edwin Phipps, Vytautas Raguckas, Norma Irani, Cecily Coney, Joseph Gleeson, Mary Hynes, Tim Langley, Denis Hannaford, Dorothy Leech, Mary Doggett, Eileen Mary Gill, Diana Cutbill, May Power, Patricia Saunders.

THANK YOU for your generosity last week. You gave **£1286.24.00** in the collection and **£625** by standing orders and **£196.05** from Lawshall. *The fund-raising for a new chair for Kieran that will be better suited to him with a full range of movements including standing up and lying down, is on-going. Any donations can be handed in at the Presbytery.*



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

STOREHOUSE FOODBANK supplies between 4 and 8 families every day with enough food for three meals for three days. Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex of the Church. **Long Life milk, Pasta Sauce, Breakfast Cereals, including porridge, tinned vegetables and biscuits, fresh sliced bread and tinned meat are very much needed every day.** Thank you to all at St Edmund's for your continuing support.



USED STAMPS to raise money for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. Please put your used stamps in the box in the church porch.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 'RIDE & STRIDE' Saturday 9th September.

If you would like to take part in this event by being sponsored to walk or cycle between churches, then please take a sponsor form from the back of the church. If you are going to take part, please sign the list in the porch and include your email or phone number. Volunteers are also needed, to greet visitors to St Edmund's during the day. If you can help, please sign the volunteer list. Hugh O'Neill will organise a ride from the church for anyone who would like to go in a group - all are welcome!!



THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 13th AUGUST

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

TUESDAY 15th AUGUST

THE ASCENSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Holyday of Obligation
Masses at 09.30, 12.00 and 19.00 in St Edmund's; 19.00 at Lawshall.

FRIDAY 18th AUGUST

No Mass at St Edmund's Church today.

10.30 MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP at 11 Bridgeman Walk. Contact Eileen 763580. All welcome, when we pray for our children who have grown away from the Church and all children around the world.

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

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST

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

MASS FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND on Monday 21st August at 12 noon, here in St Edmund's Church which will be followed by light refreshments in the Crypt. If you visit anyone who would like to attend the Mass, can you kindly bring them along. If they need transport, let us know at the Presbytery. If you will like to help in any way either with transport or donation of food or help to make our brothers and sisters feel loved, your help will be appreciated. For further details contact Fr Alvan at the Presbytery.

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 Alison Flath 761588 or Mike Sinnott 764236.



Working with Missionaries of the Poor. Fr Michael Johnstone is again taking a group to Kingston, Jamaica in January to work as Volunteers with the Missionaries of the Poor. Any-one age over 18, male or female is welcome to join the group. Further information from Fr. Michael: email fr.mcjohnstone@gmail.com or Tel. 01603 664118.

PARISH ADVENT YOUTH RETREAT for 14+ at Clare Priory 15th - 17th December 2017. A time to be away from home and be with Jesus and others. A time to discover the power of silence and also prepare spiritually for Christmas. Pick up your forms from the Presbytery, fill and return asap. More details about the retreat will be published soon. For more information, contact Fr Alvan

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.