



St Edmund's Newsletter

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Twinned with St John's Parish, Siem Reap, Cambodia

Sunday 13th January 2019 - BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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| Saturday 12th January | <i>(first of Mass of Sunday)</i> (p836) |
| 18.00 St Edmund's | Francis Thoburn † |
| Sunday 13th January | BAPTISM OF THE LORD |
| 08.30 St Edmund's | Helen Saunders Intention |
| 10.30 St Edmund's | Mary Leongson † |
| 10.30 Our Lady's, Lawshall | Raymond Ward † |
| 15.00 St Edmund's | <i>Adoration & Benediction</i> |
| 18.00 St Edmund's | For the Parish |
| Monday 14th January | Feria |
| 07.30 St. Edmund's | Eileen & Leonard Neal † |
| Tuesday 15th January | Feria |
| 09.30 St. Edmund's | Julie Burn † |
| Wednesday 16th January | St Fursey |
| 10.00 St Edmund's | Mareid Byrne † |
| 10.30—12.00 <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> | |
| 14.00 Lawshall | Jim Leard † |
| Thursday 17th January | St Anthony |
| 19.30 St Edmund's | Lydia Meakins † |
| Friday 18th January | Feria |
| 09.30 St Edmund's | Ellen Bailey † |
| Saturday 19th January | Our Lady on Saturday |
| 10.00 St Edmund's | Elizabeth Austin † |

MASSES AT 'MONTANA' GREAT BARTON

Sunday 10.30; Monday - Saturday 08.15;

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL LANGUAGE MASSES

Saturday 19th January Malayalam Mass at 13.30 at St Edmund's.
Saturday 19th January Polish Mass at 16.00 at St Edmund's.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

SOLIDARITY

The journey began in the dark and cold of early Thursday morning, and ended in the sultry 32 degrees of Siem Reap. The journey involved transferring over 200kg of the medical supplies, educational resources, white school shirts, baby clothes, toys and books, pencils, pens and children's Christmas gifts that you had all so generously provided. To my surprise, all the cases and bags containing these arrived with us despite the very short 45 minute transfer in Bangkok!

Over the next two weeks we will have the pleasure of passing on your gifts to the people and places that may best make use of them here amongst our Cambodian brothers and sisters.

We have had a warm welcome and a delightful lunch on arrival, prepared by Fr Totet and his staff. You will be remembered particularly at Mass on Sunday.

Your wonderful act of solidarity in our twinning, in friendship, welcome, prayer and openness to accept in return is often referred to in these days after the reign of Pope St John Paul II, as 'Solidarity'. But today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord reminds us that our solidarity with those in need is always secondary to His solidarity with us and a response to the same. On the banks of the Jordan, Jesus



does not stand aloof from the sinners who are responding to John the Baptist's call to repentance. No, He joins them and enters the waters Himself. In so doing He turns what was a means of expressing the desire to turn from sin into the means by which forgiveness, cleansing and new life is achieved. In baptism, God has cleansed us and set us on the path to walk with Him into eternal life.

With every blessing,

Fr Mark

PARISH CLERGY: Canon Mark Hackeson Parish Priest
Father Jay Magpuyo Assistant Priest
Rev Alan McMahan Deacon

*Also resident in the parish: Fr John Warrington
Retired Clergy: Fr Gerry Quigley, Fr Peter Marsh, Deacon Chris Heath.*

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

FOR OUR SICK: Sue & Tony Aldous, Imelda Brown, Gerald Curry, Mark de Roeper, Mary de Roeper, Pat Dowson, Bea Edgar, Helen Edrupt, Nicolette Finch, Malcolm & Janis Fincham Jacques, Sr Flora, Marion Fitzgibbons, Winnie Gare, Louise Green, Rita Grimer, David Higgins, Patti Hickson, Jacqui Holmes, Donald Hunt, Gabrielle Lamont, Barbara O'Neill, Priscilla Lupton, Francis Nisbett, Stefan Oliver, Dee Peters, Richard Reid, Bernard Reynolds, Claire Robinson, David Smeeth-Cardy, Evelyn Stirling, Yohanan Suraj, Jason Stronza, Shelagh Szulc, Robin Taylor, Susan Toole, Robert Watkinson, Pauline Wells, Romayne Wright, Jim Whyte, Thankamma Xavier. May the Lord bring them comfort and healing.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS WEEK. James Quinn, Alojzy Moskwa, Annelie Woodward, Phyllis Cowley, Ursula Hennessey, Evelyn Riordan, Jean Auchincloss, Gabrielle Fenner, Fr James Barnes Cook, Thomas Herbert, Fajmee Bowling, Kathleen Gross, Claudio Macayon, Michael Manno, Josephine Davey, Olive Taylor, Hilda Prigg, Ann O'Brien, Jordan Lazarus, Frederick Baker, Robert Fitzpatrick, Bridget Manuel, George Seaborn, Pauline Helm, Stephen McCourt.

MARY TURNER, CLAUDE WHITING & TIM UDALL who died recently. May they rest in peace.

THANK YOU for your generosity last week. You gave **£1517.79** in the collection and **£655** by standing orders and **£226.00** from Lawshall.
Building Bridges collection came to £324.81.



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 an emergency, **i.e. imminent danger of death**, please ask a member of staff to ring the switchboard & bleep the Catholic Chaplain. We have the pager with us at all times.

It is now mandatory for patients admitted to the West Suffolk Hospital to be asked if they have a faith and whether they would like a visit from a chaplain. THIS DOES NOT ALWAYS HAPPEN! So please insist that the question is asked and your response duly noted and acted upon.

Most remarkable is Luke's description of the Spirit 'in bodily form', whereby the evangelist insists on the reality of the Spirit's presence. The vision is seen by all, and the voice similarly to be heard by all. The words are inspired by the Servant Song which is our first reading from the Book of Isaiah: 'Here is my servant, in whom my soul delights.'

Why did Jesus seek baptism from John?

How similar is John's baptism to that of Jesus?

Let us seek a renewal of the grace of our own baptism.

Let us prepare to accompany Jesus in Luke's story of his ministry throughout the coming weeks.

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

A message from Fr John Warrington

Happy New Year. Many thanks for your continued love and prayers and for all your Christmas and New Year wishes. Just to give an update on my health. I am continuing to have dialysis three times a week at the West Suffolk Hospital which is going well, this is ongoing and permanent for the foreseeable future and could lead to a kidney transplant. I have now been referred to the Kidney Transplant Clinic at Addenbrooks Hospital and am waiting for an appointment to learn all about the processes involved with a kidney transplant, so I will keep you posted. Alongside this I had a CT Scan concerning my acute type B aortic dissection which effects my main artery about two months ago which showed it was healing well and my consultant at Addenbrooks Hospital, Cambridge doesn't need to see me for a year which is really good news.

Due to my ongoing medical care I need to take things very slowly and carefully and would ask you not to request too much of me and to check with me if I am able to help with something. I hope to begin to start celebrating Masses in the coming weeks.

Wishing you every blessing and love and prayers,

Fr John

WORD OF GOD

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

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feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, 16 so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' 21 Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'



REFLECTION

The final feast of the Christmas season is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Having celebrated his birth and his manifestation as the Messiah for all nations, it is appropriate to conclude the season with the event which begins his public ministry.

Our gospel reading contains two verses about the work of John the Baptist. John was a major figure during Advent, for it was he who prepared the way for the coming of Christ. Now we see him as the one who offered baptism to Christ in the Jordan. John clarifies that he himself is not the Christ. He knew he was a servant, one who would point the way to someone 'more powerful'. John was a strong and effective preacher of forgiveness and new life. Jesus will show his power above all by his mighty works of healing. John alludes to the Spirit who will accompany the work of Jesus and to his new kind of baptism.

The evangelist Luke presents the baptism of Jesus in a unique way. Jesus, who is in no need of conversion himself, shows solidarity with all those coming to John for baptism. Luke hardly mentions the baptism itself but concentrates on the manifestation of the Spirit and on the voice heard. As so often in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is presented as praying after his baptism. It is as if he is at prayer as he awaits the coming of the Holy Spirit.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 13th JANUARY

ST EDMUND'S SOCIAL CLUB in the Crypt.

Bar open 12.00 - 14.00 & 19.30 - 23.00.

WEDNESDAY 16th JANUARY

16.30 CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet in the Presbytery.

FRIDAY 18th JANUARY

09.00 - 11.00 ST EDMUND'S PARENT & TODDLER GROUP in the Crypt (during term time). Parents/Carers & Toddlers, why not come and join the fun? Just turn up - £1 per session.

15.30 - 16.30 FAITH CLUB in the Crypt. A 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.



SATURDAY 19th JANUARY

19.00 - 23.00 THE CRYPT SESSIONS - DJ nights in the Crypt. Come along to hear and dance along to some great music £3 entry All proceeds to charity. Details from l.green125@btinternet.com

SUNDAY 20th JANUARY

16.30 - 17.45 CONFIRMATION CLASSES continue in the Crypt for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next summer.



ST EDMUND'S SOCIAL CLUB in the Crypt.

Bar open 12.00 - 14.00 & 19.30 - 23.00. 19.30 Bingo.

ENCOUNTER JESUS - Monday 21st January. Come and spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. From **19.45**, enjoy 45 minutes of praise followed by a time of quiet. All are welcome to come and pray in a relaxed atmosphere for the whole time or just a few minutes - whatever you can manage. Details from Clare 07868 371557.



HELP NEEDED to take down the Christmas tree from the altar. If you are able to help after 10.30 Mass, it would be very much appreciated.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

A warm invitation to the Service that begins the week of prayer for Christian Unity, at **Garland Street Baptist Church 18.30** with speaker Bishop Mike Harrison.

Then each lunch time at the following venues 12.30 - 13.30:

- Monday 21st January at St. Mary's Church
- Tuesday 22nd January at Christ Church Moreton Hall
- Wednesday 23rd January at Trinity Methodist Church
- **Thursday 24th January at St Edmund's Church**
- Friday 25th January at the United Reformed Church
- Saturday 26th January at St. John's Church.

12.30 Lunch, (pleased bring a packed lunch),
followed by prayers concluding at 13.30

EVERYONE WELCOME!

The Saturday Vigil Choir

is a SATB choir with instruments which sings a wide variety of hymns, Mass settings and anthems/worship songs/chants/motets weekly at the Vigil Mass. We welcome new members. If you are interested in joining either ring the Parish Office 01284 754358 or see Anthea or Andrew after Saturday Mass.



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

DIOCESEN YEARBOOK & CALENDAR is now available from the porch - £2 each.

REGULAR NOTICES & PARISH INFORMATION

ST EDMUND'S TODDLER GROUP

**Fridays (during School Term Time)
9am—11am
The Crypt**

Parents/Carers and Toddlers, why not come and join the fun? Just turn up. £1 per session.

Tea/Biscuits/Toys, games, Crafts & Fun



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 the Parish Office 754358.

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 lift to the doctors., contact Sue Fullman 488147 or Mike Sinnott 764236.



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 Church. **Personal toiletries (incl toothpaste) Long Life milk, Pasta Sauce, Breakfast Cereals, incl porridge, tinned vegetables (incl potatoes) and biscuits, fresh sliced bread and tinned meat are needed every day.**

Thank you to all at St Edmund's for your support.

CHURCH CLEANING. Help is always needed. If you can help, please turn up after 07.30 Mass or after the school run. Tea/coffee and warm welcome guaranteed.

