

## MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

<b>Saturday 13th January</b> 18.00 St Edmund's	<i>(first Mass of Sunday)</i> Michael Sisk & Family Intention
<b>Sunday 14th January</b> 08.30 St Edmund's 10.30 St Edmund's 10.30 Our Lady's, Lawshall 18.00 St Edmund's	<b>2nd Sunday of the Year</b> (p707) For the Parish Fr Bill Mason † Hugh Thomas † Andrew James Hall †
<b>Monday 15th January</b> 07.30 St Edmund's	<b>Feria</b> Eileen & Leonard Neal †
<b>Tuesday 16th January</b> 08.50 - 09.20 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 09.30 St Edmund's	<b>St Fursey</b> Patrick Neville
<b>Wednesday 17th January</b> 10.00 St Edmund's 10.30 - 12.00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	<b>St Anthony</b> Fr Bill Mason †
<b>Thursday 18th January</b> 19.30 St Edmund's	<b>Feria</b> Vale & Louisa's Intention
<b>Friday 19th January</b>	<b>Feria</b> NO MASS TODAY
<b>Saturday 20th January</b> 10.00 St Edmund's 18.00 St Edmund's	<b>Feria</b> Frank Hibbert † Margaret Mulligan †

### MASSES AT 'MONTANA' GREAT BARTON

**Sunday 10.30;** Sat 08.15. *Mon - Fri Communion Service 08.15;*

### FORTHCOMING SPECIAL LANGUAGE MASSES

Saturday 20th January Polish Mass at 16.00 at St Edmund's.  
Sunday 21st January Malayalam Mass 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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Twinned with St John's Parish, Siem Reap, Cambodia

## Sunday 14th January 2018 - 2nd Sunday of the Year - Year B



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TO OUR TWIN PARISH

Happy New Year to everyone! For me New Year has become almost synonymous with a visit to our friends in Cambodia. This year is no exception—and I am looking forward to the busy schedule which has no doubt been prepared for us by Fr Totet, the Parish Priest of our twin parish in Siem Reap. The days there begin early with Mass normally at 6.15am followed by breakfast and what is often a two hour journey to one of the poor communities where we in Bury St. Edmunds help to support education programmes (kindergartens and student centres) and health programmes like that of Betty at Ta Om and elsewhere. Thanks to your generosity and that of other parishes and individuals we will not go empty-handed. Over Christmas and with the additional on-going support of those who give regularly to our twinning fund, we will be able to offer funding for the salary and training of *at least* one teacher for a whole year, eggs and rice soup to feed supplement the poor diet of the children who are educated in the increasing number of education projects in the parish and the gifts for those children provided by our own children at Christmas.

This year we will also be making a special visit to see Fr Peter Sok Na and pass on your greetings and support to him—and I hope to his father and the rest of his family. If you have any messages for him, then please let me have them at the Presbytery before Wednesday of the coming week.

Donations for the training and provision of teachers and for the support of the children can still be handed in at the Presbytery.

Once again, many thanks. I will endeavour to ensure message from Cambodia is in next week's Newsletter!

*With every blessing, 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, 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, Susan Toole, John Triggs, Tim Udall, Pauline Wells, Romayne Wright, Jim Whyte. May the Lord bring them comfort and healing.

**FOR MONICA GITTINGS & HUGH THOMAS** who died recently. May they rest in peace and the Lord bring comfort to their families and friends.

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Annelie Woodward, Phyllis Cowley, Ursula Hennessey, Ronald Crosby, Jean Auchincloss, Gabrielle Fenner, Fr James Barnes Cook, Thomas Herbert, Fajmee Bowling, Kathleen Gross, Michael Manno, Fr Francis Thoburn, Josephine, Davey, Olive Taylor, Hilda Prigg, Jordan Lazarus, Ann O'Brien, Frederick Baker, Robert Fitzpatrick, Bridget Manuel, George Seaborn, Pauline Helm, Stephen McCourt, Rose Revell.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity last week. You gave **£1504.39** in the collection and **£625** in standing orders and **£155.10** from Lawshall. The collection for '**Building Bridges' Twinning Project**' came to **£106.92**.



**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.

**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.



**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. **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.



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



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

tricky BONE, EVEN THE Hyena cannot handle. Watching our friends fail, yet we could have helped them succeed, is actually a BONE. Finding it very hard forgiving others is a very big and hard BONE. Feeling jealous and envious over the success of others, is indeed a poisonous BONE. Seeing yourself always as a failure is a big BONE. These are only few examples, the list is endless.

Let us drop whatever BONE we have so that we have a prosperous 2018 and years ahead. Bones lag us behind from reaching our God- destined potential. I pray that God will give as many of us that will be ready to drop our own BONE or BONES the courage and grace to do so. Have a blessed week ahead. .

*Fr Alvan (fralvanibe@yahoo.com)*



## St Edmund's Youth Ministry

Get together

**Saturday 27th January 16.00—18.00**  
**in the Presbytery.**

*Please note change of date and venue*

**Ages 14+ are all welcome. Bring a friend**

Getting to know each other, shared food, music, games and a film

## St Edmund's Catholic Primary School

Westgate Street, Bury St Edmunds

Was your child born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2014?

If so you need to apply for a school place **by tomorrow 15th January.**



## Holy Land Pilgrimage 10 – 17 September 2018

Last few places available for our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Walk in the footsteps of Jesus in this amazing land.

Deadline end of January 2018 to sign up.

Please contact [office@pilgrimagepeople.org](mailto:office@pilgrimagepeople.org) or 0800 612 3423 for more details

## WEEKLY FOOD FOR THOUGHT FOR YOUTHS

### Theme: Drop the Bone

With Joy my dear friends I welcome you to the second Sunday in the Ordinary Time of the Church's year. We continue to thank God for the New Year. Time has already started running and remember it waits for no body. So whatever goal we have set out to achieve this year, the time is now. Let us not think that we have the whole time in the world because it is still January.

I received this message from a friend and I thought it wise to share it with you as it is actually a very good lesson as we all move towards our different goals for the New Year.

*"A dog has taught me an important lesson in this encounter. I was in a car commuting from home to my daily errands. The car was speeding at about 80kms per hour. Suddenly, I saw a dog running so fast trying to overtake the car so that it could cross the road. I was frightened that the car would be overrun the dog. I was praying that the dog would increase its speed and cross the road safely. The car was fast approaching the dog. Then, I saw the dog suddenly increased its speed and was able to cross the road successfully.*

*"Pheew", I sighed, thanking God it was not hit by the car. But there was something I noticed that fell off before the dog suddenly increased its speed. I asked the driver to stop and reverse, so that I could see what fell off from the dog.*

*When I saw what fell off, one of the greatest lessons sunk into my thick skull. THE DOG LET GO OF THE BONE.*

*It was that simple. It reached a point where the dog had to let go of the bone in order to gain speed and save its live. "Man, this dog is Smart" I thought."*

Interesting story right? Now what is the lesson for us in this story in this New Year? If you are going actually going to achieve your goal this 2018 with speed, **You must let go of the bone.**

There are bones we have held onto in 2017. If we succeed letting go of the 2017 "BONES", then we will do wonders in 2018 and years beyond. There are many types of bones which for sure have held us back. Let us make the painful decision of letting go of the bone and not carry it over. Let us drop them immediately. The time is now.

What actually can constitute a Bone in our lives? I will mention a few of them.

Failure to seek new thoughts or new ways of doing things is a BONE. Doing things in the same unsuccessful manner, year in year out is a BONE. Thinking that money alone is the source of your happiness, that is the HARDEST BONE. Going to work late and acting irresponsibly is a BONE. Not worshipping God, that is a

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY 14th JANUARY

15.30 WEDDING PREPARATION MEETING in the Crypt.

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 15th JANUARY

19.30 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING in the Presbytery.

20.00 ENCOUNTER JESUS - Come and spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Enjoy 45 minutes of praise followed by 45 minutes of quiet adoration. 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.

### WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY

16.30 CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet in the Presbytery.

### FRIDAY 19th JANUARY

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

### SATURDAY 20th JANUARY

19.00 PIZZA EVENING after 18.00 Mass in the Crypt. £1 per slice, free doughnuts. All welcome.

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

### SUNDAY 21st JANUARY

15.30 BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING in the Presbytery.

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

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 'THAT ALL MAY BE FREE'. Beginning with a service on **Sunday 21st January** at 18.30 at United Reformed Church, Whiting Street. All are welcome to unite for Prayer and Worship on this first evening then for lunch each day 12.30—13.30 as follows:

**Mon 22nd** at the Cathedral; **Tues 23rd** Garland St Baptist Church, **Wed 24th** Trinity Methodist Church, **Thurs 25th** St Edmund's, **Fri 26th** United Reformed Church, **Sat 27th** St John's Church. Please bring a packed lunch—tea/coffee provided. **ALL WELCOME!**

**POLISH EVENING** in the Crypt on **Saturday 3rd February 19.30.**

Food, music, dancing, Tickets from Liz Bowden 768038. Adults £15, Children 5-11yrs £7, Under 5yrs free.

Come join in the fun and food - All welcome.



**PLEASE CHECK THE LETTER RACK FOR CHRISTMAS CARDS & POST**

## THE WORD OF GOD

## John 1: 35 - 42

35 On the following day as John (the Baptist) stood there again with two of his disciples, 36 Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' 37 Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. 38 Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 39 'Come and see,' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour. 40 One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. 41 Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah,' - which means the Christ - 42 and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.



### REFLECTION

Our reading this Sunday is taken from the later verses of the first chapter of John, which is generally read during the Christmas season. These verses cover the early days of the ministry of Jesus. We have a last glimpse of John the Baptist, who heralds Jesus for a second time as 'the Lamb of God'. Jesus is the one who is to lay down his life like an innocent lamb 'for the sins of the world'. This is the purpose of his coming into the world, the purpose of the Son of God 'becoming flesh' and 'living among us'.

Attention quickly moves away from John the Baptist to the conversation between Jesus and the two disciples. They follow Jesus, but he challenges them with the question 'what are you seeking?' This is translated here as 'what do you want?' They counter this question with another, 'where do you live?' Jesus invites them: 'Come and see!'

The time they spend with Jesus makes a deep impression on them. Andrew cannot contain his enthusiasm. He is convinced that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. He calls his brother Simon Peter. When Jesus meets Simon Peter, he does not hesitate to enlist him among the disciples and immediately gives him the new name, Cephas, which means Rock.

These verses are marked by the enthusiastic response of the first disciples to Jesus and their eagerness to spread the news about him. This eagerness is an echo of the first reading, in which Samuel is called as a boy to be a prophet. When the good news of salvation comes, when the encounter with the word of God arrives, it cannot be contained or suppressed. It is imperative to let others know!

'What are you seeking?'

What would be your response to Jesus' question?

How often do you invite others to 'come and see' something of your life of faith?

We pray that, as another year begins, we may meet Jesus with new enthusiasm.

Let us have the courage to make Jesus known to others, as the first disciples did.

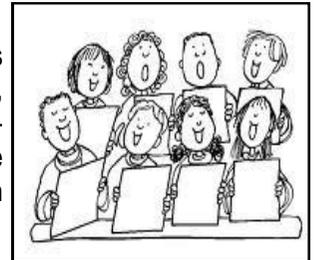
**Reflections on the Sunday Gospels, written by Fr. Adrian Graffy**

**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.*

### SATURDAY VIGIL CHOIR

The Saturday choir welcomes new members to help us with the work of raising the heart and mind to God, glorifying Him through music and enabling the assembly to take a full part in the music of the Mass. Please see Andrew or Anthea after Mass or contact the Parish Office 754358



**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.



### CONGRATULATIONS

to Shirley & George Grimshaw who have recently celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary.

***Ad multos annos!***