

## MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

### Sunday 18th June

#### Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Year A (Missal p477)

08.30	St Edmund's	Deirdre Caley
10.30	<b>Moreton Hall School</b>	For the Parish
10.30	Our Lady's, Lawshall	Freddie Hatherall †
18.00	St Edmund's	Stan Whelan †

### Monday 19th June

07.30	St Edmund's	Richard Hearth †
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### Tuesday 20th June

09.30	St Edmund's	Brian Mabeean
09.30	Our Lady's, Lawshall	Tom's Intention

### Wednesday 21st June

10.00	St Edmund's	Sheila Dooley †
10.30	<i>Adoration, Confessions and Benediction</i>	

### Thursday 22nd June

19.30	St Edmund's	<b>SS John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</b>
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### Friday 23rd June

09.30	St Edmund's	<b>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>
10.15	Our Lady's, Lawshall	Jeremiah Linehan
		Brid McCool's Intention

### Saturday 24th June

10.00	St Edmund's	<b>Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>
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Fr Michael's Intention

### MASSES AT 'MONTANA' GREAT BARTON

Sunday 10.30; Mon - Sat 08.15;

### FORTHCOMING SPECIAL LANGUAGE MASSES

Saturday 1st July Malayalam Mass at 16.00 at St Edmund's  
Saturday 15th July Polish 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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## Sunday 18th June 2017 - Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ - Year A

### THE GIFT OF BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

*'The same night that He was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and He said, "This is my body, which is for you."*

In these words, St Paul begins his account of the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper, actions to which he himself was not an eyewitness. For

Paul as for us, the key to understanding the significance of the Last Supper, lies in what followed the succeeding day. Jesus' words look towards fulfilment in His self-sacrifice on the Cross—without that fulfilment they would have remained just aspirations and, I suspect, we would probably not even know about them.

It follows therefore, that when we eat and drink '*as a memorial of*' Him, we are taken not to the Upper Room, but to Calvary and to the mystery of Christ's Sacrifice of Himself on the Cross—out of love for us. This is true love—a love which we are invited to ponder on this Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ—a love in which the Lover *not only speaks sweet words, but actually does give* Himself for His beloved. The Body and Blood of Christ are *not just present* to His disciples, but are *given for them* on Good Friday. In the Eucharist therefore, we encounter the *gift* of the Body and Blood of Christ in all its fullness, the Sacrifice of the Cross.

For most people amongst whom we live this encounter with the Body & Blood of Christ is not experienced. It is our task to bring about that encounter—to evangelise. We must take the Eucharist as our model. The encounter with Christ is not just to be words, but in words-that-are-made-flesh. Their initial meeting with Christ will not appearance of bread and wine—but in our lives of sacrificial love.

*With every blessing, Fr. Mark*



## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

**FOR OUR SICK:** Sue & Tony Aldous, Sheila Bedingfeld, Imelda Brown, Gerald Curry, Pat Dowson, Bea Edgar, Nicolette Finch, Malcolm & Janis Fincham Jacques, Sr Flora, Monica Gittings, Teresa Gleeson, David Higgins, Frank Hibbert, Johann Hopfensperger, Patti Hickson, Rosamund Kirby-Johnson, Priscilla Lupton, Patrick McDermott, Michael McBrien, Dee Peters, Barbara Pratt, Richard Reid, Bernard Reynolds, Nora Richardson, Mary de Roeper, David Smeeth-Cardy, Evelyn Stirling, Jason Stronza, Yohanan Suraj, Shelagh Szulc, Robin Taylor, Susan Toole, Tim Udall, Anne Watkinson, Pauline Wells and Romayne Wright. May the Lord bring them comfort and healing.

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME:** Suzanne Caird-Daley, Eileen Blowers, Phyllis Patterson, Doris Handley-Howard, Freda Taylor, Janina Leczycka, Maria Udall, Frederick Hatherall, John Hunting, Wanda Turner, Olive Styles, Margaretta Bowering, Alice Friend, Norman Crapnell, Victoria Desira.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity last week. You gave **£1,302.23** in the collection and **£625** by standing orders and **£164.80** from Lawshall. Today, Day for Life, there will be a retiring collection for 'Life Charities'.



BUILDING FUND DRAW WINNERS - MAY 2017: Mr & Mrs P McCarthy £100; Miss M Whatling £59

**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 house-bound, 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.



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

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.** Please sign the list in the porch to compose prayers to be read at Mass. There are guidelines available to help you.

**BURY TO CLARE** Sponsored Walk with our Altar Servers on Saturday 15th July, raising funds for a new chair for Kieran. Everyone will be welcome to join them on the walk (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult) or to sponsor the walkers or donate to the funds. Further details to follow.

**LIFE & SPUC** joint petition to the Secretary of State for Health requesting the withdrawal of Marie Stopes International's licence following the report from the Quality Care Commission on malpractice in their abortion centres. Please support by signing the petition in the porch.

## **THIS WEEK**

### SUNDAY 18th JUNE

**DAY FOR LIFE.** There will be a retiring collection for Life Charities at the Masses at St Edmund's Church

**CORPUS CHRISTI - 10.30 Mass & Procession will be celebrated at Moreton Hall Prep School.**

For the whole parish, a Celebration for our First Communion Children. All Welcome; bring a chair/rug to sit on and a picnic!

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

### MONDAY 19th JUNE

**20.00 - 21.30 ENCOUNTER JESUS** - Come and spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. 20.00—21.30 **Monday 19th June**, 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 21st JUNE

**16.30 CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meet in the Presbytery. All welcome.

### FRIDAY 23rd JUNE

**15.30 - 16.30 FAITH CLUB.** A course for Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 to **learn**, to **understand** and to **celebrate** our faith, each Friday until 14th July, after school in **the Crypt** from **15.30 to 16.30**. If you wish your child to join please let us know by contacting Anji on 704441, Nadin on 07479 685367 or Hedwige on 07774 068052.



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### SATURDAY 24th JUNE

**16.00 - 18.30 ST EDMUND'S YOUTH MINISTRY** get together, in the Crypt for ages 14+. Bring a friend. Get to know each other, shared food, music, games, film show.

**19.00 - 23.00 INDIAN EVENING** Parish Fundraiser in the Crypt for the whole parish. £12 adults and £6 for children 5yrs - 14yrs. Please take a booking form and menu from the back of church and return it to the Presbytery asap.

### SUNDAY 25th JUNE

**13.00 SHARED LUNCH** following coffee after 10.00 Mass for those who would otherwise be on their own for Sunday lunch. Please bring food to share.

**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