

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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| Saturday 30th September | <i>(first Mass of Sunday)</i> |
| 18.00 St Edmund's | Bridie McConnor † |
| Sunday 1st October | 26th Sunday of the Year (p566) |
| 08.30 St Edmund's | For the Parish |
| 10.30 St Edmund's | Rita & Trevor Heaton's Intention |
| 10.30 Our Lady's, Lawshall | Michael Dove † |
| 16.30 St Edmund's | <i>Adoration & Benediction</i> |
| 18.00 St Edmund's | David Fleming † |
| Monday 2nd October | The Holy Guardian Angels |
| 07.30 St Edmund's | Katie Thomas' Intention |
| Tuesday 3rd October | Feria |
| | No Mass at St Edmund's |
| 09.30 Our Lady's, Lawshall | Michael Dove † |
| Wednesday 4th October | St Francis of Assisi |
| 10.00 St Edmund's | Trevor Hackeson † |
| 10.30—12.00 | <i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i> |
| Thursday 5th October | Feria |
| 19.30 St Edmund's | Mary Walsh † |
| Friday 6th October | Feria |
| | HARVEST FAST DAY |
| 09.30 St Edmund's | John Gooch † |
| 10.15 Our Lady's, Lawshall | Emma Welman's Intention |
| Saturday 7th October | Our Lady of the Rosary |
| 0.00 St Edmund's | Lydia Meakins † |
| 18.00 St Edmund's | In Thanksgiving - <i>Priscilla Lupton</i> |

MASSES AT 'MONTANA' GREAT BARTON

Sunday 10.30; Mon - Sat 08.15;

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL LANGUAGE MASSES

Saturday 7th October Malayalam Mass at 16.00 at St Edmund's.

Saturday 21st October Polish 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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Sunday 1st October 2017 - 26th Sunday of the Year - Year A

HARVEST 2017

I have always loved autumn in this country. This week the leaves have really begun to turn to their autumnal colours with green gradually giving way to yellows, reds, and gold. Soon they will fall as winter approaches, but for a few weeks we can enjoy the beautiful colours of autumn.



Autumn is also the time of harvest festivals. The sugar factory here in Bury St Edmunds has begun its work of refining sugar from the beet that has been harvested. The smell is unmistakable! The fields have been harvested of their summer wheat and crops. In the beautiful Suffolk countryside we cannot but be aware of the wonderful harvest brought in by the farming communities of which we are a part.

Autumn is thus a time to be THANKFUL. It is a time to show our appreciation of all those involved in the production of the food which we enjoy and which sustains our physical life. It is also a time to give THANKS TO GOD the true source of these, and indeed all, blessings. It is a time to remember the great privilege we have of participating with God's creative and sustaining will—bringing forth from the earth those things which sustain and enrich our lives. We are STEWARDS of God's creation. When we act according to His will—we bring forth good fruit in abundance. Acting in any other way brings a poor reward!

Next week, the 10.30 Mass at St. Edmund's will be celebrated as Harvest Thanksgiving—with the special participation of our children. It will be a Mass at which we give thanks and commit ourselves to use the fruits of the earth well and share its abundance especially with the poor. You are invited to bring gifts of food, both fresh and non-perishable which will be auctioned in the Crypt after Mass. The funds raised will be used to provide eggs and rice-soup for the children in the schools of our twin parish in Siem Reap. You are welcome to bring your gifts to any Mass and present them at the Offertory with the gifts of bread and wine.

Please remember to keep this coming Friday as a special day of prayer and fasting in thanksgiving and solidarity with the poor and hungry in our world.

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, Frank Hibbert, Patti Hickson, Donald Hunt, Sally Jean Jones, Priscilla Lupton, Francis Nisbett, Dee Peters, Virginia Randall, Richard Reid, Bernard Reynolds, Mary de Roeper, David Smeeth-Cardy, Evelyn Stirling, Jason Stronza, Yohanan Suraj, Shelagh Szulc, Robin Taylor, Katie Thomas, Susan Toole, Tim Udall, Pauline Wells, Romayne Wright and Jim Whyte. May the Lord bring them comfort and healing.

FOR FRANK HIBBERT who died this week. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME: Mary Gorzelak, Joan Peyton, Judith Henson, Daisy Maynard, William Bowles, Joan Casey, Anna Donovan, Patrick Barber-Lomax, Bridget Barrett, Terrence Whitbread, Bridget Brink, Mary Ackerwood, Robin Wood.

THANK YOU for your generosity last week. You gave **£1828.38** in the collection and **£625** by standing orders and **£152.96** from Lawshall.

The fund-raising for a new chair for Kieran that will be better suited to him is on-going. Any donations can be handed in at the Presbytery.



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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: *If you are able to help with Children's Liturgy, please contact Fr Mark. Until we have more help CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month only.*

Can You Help? – We are putting together a team of helpers to assist in the planning and co-ordination of the catering for the various Parish events. If you can help and would like to be a part of the team please contact Yvonne on 0771 8047684 or email ycheesman@hotmail.com

New Years Eve – we are looking for somebody to create a playlist and man the music for our Family New Years eve party in the Crypt. May suit one of our younger parishioners. If you are interested please contact Yvonne 0771 084 7684 for details.

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.



TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT through the City of Norwich on **Friday 27th October.** We gather at 20.00 at the Castle Mound and process to St John's Cathedral. 21.30 the All Night Vigil begins led by young people. Everyone welcome for all or part of the night. Saturday 28th October, 10.00 Mass. This year's special intention for the silent procession is for sanctity of all human life. For more information www.rcdea.org.uk. If enough people are interested, a coach will go from St Edmund's Church. Please sign the list in the porch as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 1st OCTOBER

BOOK SALE (books donated by Rosamund Kirby-Johnson †) after each Mass in aid of projects in Cambodia.

SHARED LUNCH for those who would otherwise be on their own, after coffee after 10.30 Mass approx 13.00. Sign the list in the porch and bring along some food to share.

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

MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER

19.30 FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING in the Presbytery.

TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER

NO MASS at St Edmund's today.

WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER

16.30 CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet in the Presbytery.

FRIDAY 6th OCTOBER HARVEST FAST DAY

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 8th OCTOBER

18.45 CONFIRMATION PARENTS' MEETING after Sunday Evening Mass in the Crypt. If your child wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next June, please make sure you, and they attend this meeting.

ST EDMUNDS LADIES CLUB: The next meeting will be in the Crypt on **Tuesday 10th October**, 7.30pm when there will be an important item of business to be presented. This will be followed by our speaker Bryan Thurlow who will present *Music Hall Memories*.

CHOCOLATE CHURCH! For years 7 and 8 only. **Thursday 12th October**, 19.30 - 20.45 in the Crypt. Cost £3. Come along, make chocolates and share faith and friendship. 20 places available. Please book a place by contacting Anita Fildes on 07530 658943 or anitafildes@gmail.com (Let us know if you are gluten, nut, soya or dairy free).

ST EDMUNDS GARDENERS next gather on **Saturday 14th October** 11.00 - 13.00.

ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS are invited to a retreat at Clare Priory on **Saturday 14th October** led by Mgr. Tony Rogers. Beginning 10.00 with Mass at the Priory (optional); 10.45 Coffee/tea; 11.00 Talk; 12.30 Shared Lunch- please bring 'finger food' to share; 13.30 2nd Talk; 15.00 Finish & home! Please contact Janet Taylor asap if you wish to attend. 704360.

POSITIONS VACANT: Please see the notice board in the porch for details of Night Carer & Day Carer at 'Montana', Carer for a gentleman in town and PreSchool and Sunshine Club Manager.