



St Edmund's Newsletter

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Sunday 8th July 2018 - 14th Sunday of the Year - Year B

A PROPHET IS ONLY DESPISED IN HIS OWN COUNTRY!

In recent weeks we have been celebrating the Ordination to the Diaconate of Alan Hodgson and his confreres, Michael Brookes, Paul Spellman in Rome, and also Jude Balnas at Oscott College in Birmingham. This last week Piotr Wygnanski has been admitted to Candidacy at Palazzola. On my Ordination Anniversary, 20th July, Deacon Andrew Eburne will be ordained Priest at the Cathedral in Norwich.

Whilst they come to us now from the various seminaries to which they have been sent by Bishop Alan, their vocations were conceived, nurtured and encouraged in parishes, communities like our own. I know the prayerful support, friendship and love that Alan experienced here in what he now refers to as his 'beloved Bury' continues to be vital to him as he moves into his final year of preparation for Ordination as a Priest for our Diocese.

With this in mind, I read this Sunday's Gospel reading with a different slant this year. It is this community, the community that gathers Sunday by Sunday at Bury St Edmunds, Lawshall and Great Barton that is the seedbed of our future priests. Whilst we have a number of Ordinations to look to in the coming year, these new priests need to spend a number of years as Assistant Priest, so we are going to feel the shortage in a way that we have not done so up to now. Fr Gerry is not the only priest who is going to enter a well-earned retirement in the coming months! If we are to pray for vocations for the priesthood, we also need to look close to home, to our own communities (and families), to encourage, nurture and challenge those young men whom God may be calling. You never know, God may first manifest that call, through you!

We already have men in our parish, young and not so young, who are generously exploring, under guidance, the possibility that God may be calling them to be priests and permanent deacons. There may be more! Let's make sure, we recognise and encourage these vocations. Let's ensure that prophets (and vocations) are not despised in our Parish—but are inspired and valued by us.

With every blessing, Fr Mark

PARISH CLERGY:

Canon Mark Hackeson
Fr Alvan Ibeh *smmm*
Rev Alan McMahon

Parish Priest
Assistant Priest
Deacon

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

Saturday 7th July (first Mass of Sunday) (p747)
18.00 St Edmund's For the Parish

Sunday 8th July **14th Sunday of the Year**
08.30 St Edmund's Pat Austin - In Thanksgiving
10.30 St Edmund's Rose Emmeline's Intention
10.30 Our Lady's, Lawshall Marion Kitchenman †
13.30 St Edmund's Adoration & Benediction
18.00 St Edmund's Wayne Hackeson †

Monday 9th July **Feria**
07.30 St Edmund's Samuel Matthew's Intention

Tuesday 10th July **Feria**
No Mass today at St Edmund's

Wednesday 11th July **St Benedict**
10.00 St Edmund's Bishop Michael Evans †
10.30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
14.00 Our Lady's, Lawshall Marie March †

Thursday 12th July **Feria**
16.30 W. S. Hospital Special Intention
19.30 St Edmund's In Thanksgiving

Friday 13th July **Feria**
No Mass today at St Edmund's
11.00 'Montana' Gt Barton Mass of Anointing Kathleen Quinn †

Saturday 14th June **Our Lady on Saturday**
10.00 St Edmund's Bernadette Booker †

MASSES AT 'MONTANA' GREAT BARTON

Sunday 10.30; Monday - Saturday 08.15;

FORTHCOMING SPECIAL LANGUAGE MASSES

Saturday 15th July Malayalam Mass at 11.30 at St Edmund's.

Saturday 21st 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

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

FOR OUR SICK: Sue & Tony Aldous, Imelda Brown, Ann Campbell, Gerald Curry, Pat Dowson, Bea Edgar, Helen Edrupt, Nicolette Finch, Malcolm & Janis Fincham Jacques, Sr Flora, Marion Fitzgibbons, Winnie Gare, Teresa Gleeson, Rita Grimer, David Higgins, Patti Hickson, Donald Hunt, Gabrielle Lamont, 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, Tessa Walton, Robert Watkinson, Pauline Wells, Romayne Wright, Jim Whyte. May the Lord bring them comfort and healing.

FOR MAUREEN WOOD WHO DIED RECENTLY & THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE AT THIS TIME. Derek Johnson, Winifred Hornsby, George Machen, John Birch, Terence Burke, John Orbell, Thomas Atherton, Kathleen Ryan, Bishop Michael Evans, Joan Wallace, Johanna Shepherd, Nora Garza, Kathleen Quinn, Norah Smith, Ann Joyce, Alan Leech, Frederick MacManus.

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.



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

THANK YOU for your generosity in the last week. You gave **£1,511.20** in the collection and **£655** in standing orders and **£144.10** from Lawshall.



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.



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



SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH



I would like to express thanks on behalf of the whole community to **Rick Shepperson** and **Celia Gladden** who have been our Parish Safeguarding Representatives for the last four years. The role they played on our behalf in safeguarding our children and vulnerable adults is an invaluable one. Whilst it behoves ALL of us to behave appropriately and be vigilant, our Parish Safeguarding Representatives ensure that the correct checks are done efficiently and in a timely manner. They also ensure that guidance and support is given to those who work either as volunteers or in a paid capacity within parish community with children and vulnerable adults.

My thanks also go to our NEW SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES, **Andrew and Jo Herlihy.**

If you have any concerns about safeguarding matters in our parish you should contact them immediately:

Andrew & Jo Herlihy
07769 261256
herlyhoops@sky.com

The Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator
can be contacted on
07429 215344

Find out more
www.catholic-safeguarding.org.uk
www.rcdea.org.uk



COME AND JOIN US AT THE END OF TERM BARBECUE



IN THE PRESBYTERY GARDEN
SATURDAY JULY 14th at 7-30pm
Adults £6.50 under 12's £3.50
Proceeds to Parish funds

WAYNE HACKESON RIP

I would like to thank you for your prayers, support and all the kind messages you gave to my brother and our family during his illness and upon his death on 4th June. I know Donna and the children, Hannah and Finn, as well as my mother and myself have felt the effect of your kindness and prayerful concern.

Thank you too for those who supported Hannah in her 'Race for Life' in memory of Wayne and her Grandfather, Reg. She raised well over £2,000 for cancer research.

May he rest in peace.

Fr Mark

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 8th JULY

SEA SUNDAY. There will be retiring collection at all Masses for the Apostleship of the Sea which exercises a vital ministry around the coast and ports of our Diocese.

14.30 SUMMER TEA PARTY: Strawberries and Jazz with Anthony Sharp in the Presbytery Garden. Proceeds to Parish Funds.

12.00 - 14.00 & 19.30 - 23.00 ST EDMUND'S SOCIAL CLUB Bar open. Bingo 20.00

MONDAY 9th JULY

19.30 PARISH COUNCIL meeting in the Presbytery.

19.30 - 23.00 ST EDMUND'S SOCIAL CLUB Bar open. Dominoes 20.00

TUESDAY 10th JULY

19.30 AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BURY ST EDMUNDS warmly invites you to the Friends Meeting House, St John's Street to hear Ben Margolis speak of 'Building a Culture of Welcome in Bury St Edmunds'. Further details from poster in the porch or amnestyburysteds1@yahoo.co.uk

WEDNESDAY 11th JULY

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

FRIDAY 13th JULY

19.30 - 23.00 ST EDMUND'S SOCIAL CLUB Bar open. Darts 20.00

SATURDAY 14th JULY

19.30 END OF SCHOOL YEAR FAMILY BBQ with an American theme, after 18.00 Mass, organised by some of our young American parishioners. Tickets £6.50 adults £3.50 children under 12 yrs. Tickets available after weekend Masses and from the Presbytery & the Crypt bar. Proceeds to Parish funds.



NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE.

On **Sunday 22nd July 2018** at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Everybody welcome to honour & thank Grand parents alive & dead for all they have done for us down through the ages. Celebrant Alan Hopes, Bishop of East Anglia. A day of Faith and Fun for all the family.

DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP 2018

Join others aged 8yrs-14yrs for faith, friends, food and lot of fun at Moreton Hall School. **24th - 27th August.** Go to diocesansummercamp@gmail.com.

THE WORD OF GOD

Mark 6:1– 6

1 Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. 2 With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him?'

3 This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us? And they would not accept him.

4 And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house.' 5 And he could work no miracles there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. 6 He was amazed at their lack of faith.



REFLECTION

This gospel reading gives us an account of the visit of Jesus to his 'home town', which we know to be Nazareth. Just as he has already done in Capernaum, here too he teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. But the reaction of the townspeople is not positive. How can this local man be gifted with so many fine qualities? They are determined to find fault with his wisdom and with his actions. They go on to speak of his family. They know his mother, and they know his relations. His humble origins rule out anything special. 'And they would not accept him.' The sense of the Greek word used here suggests they were determined to find excuses for not accepting him. John's gospel will express this with the momentous words: 'He came to his own, and his own would not accept him.' (John 1:11)

This passage is important in the unfolding drama of the gospel. It was not only the religious and political leaders who were against Jesus. Jesus quotes what seems to be a common proverb in antiquity: 'A prophet is only despised in his own home.' The passage ends with the strange remark that 'he could work no miracles there'. The healing work of Jesus is not forced on those who do not wish to receive it, and who are not open to the new deeds the Lord is doing.

The text from the prophet Ezekiel confirms that, like Jesus, the ancient prophets of Israel often experienced rejection. St Paul, facing 'a thorn in the flesh', hears those comforting words of the Lord: 'My grace is enough for you.' We too should trust the goodness of God in our efforts to witness to Christ.

What does the rejection of Jesus in Nazareth teach us?

What do you think motivated the attitude of Jesus' compatriots?

Let us pray for those who face opposition because they live according to the values of the gospel.

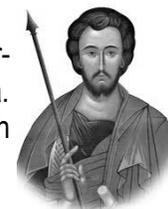
Let us pray for missionaries and for those who witness to the truth amid injustice

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

FR BILL MASON RIP was laid to rest in Kedington Churchyard and on **Friday 27th July** his headstone will be blessed. Christine invites friends and parishioners to join her. Cars will be leaving St Edmund's at 2pm arriving at Kedington Church for 2.45pm.

CELEBRATIONS ON THE FEAST OF ST THOMAS

A BIG THANK YOU to our Indian community for the wonderful celebration of their Patron, St. Thomas, Apostle of India. As always it was a joy to celebrate liturgically *AND* with delicious food and refreshments afterwards in the Crypt. Donations raised **£126.20** for the parish.



'MONTANA' HOME FOR THE ELDERLY, Great Barton have one single room available. Contact Sr Thaya on 01284 787321.

DONATIONS OF RAFFLE PRIZES: *We need raffle prizes for events planned over the next few months. If you can help, please leave your gifts at the Presbytery. Thank you.*

THE SATURDAY VIGIL CHOIR has vacancies for sopranos (higher voice, singing the melody). We would be very happy to hear from you. Please see Andrew, Anthea or any member of the choir after Mass or ring the Parish Office.