

St Edmund's Newsletter



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

Sunday 10th January 2021 - Baptism of the Lord

MASSES in the PARISH of ST EDMUND KM **booking only*

Saturday 9th January

18.00* (First Mass of Sunday)

Thomas Davey †

Sunday 10th January

08.30* Mass

Baptism of the Lord (p239)

10.30* Mass Live streamed

For the Parish

Fenella Oliver †

Monday 11th January

NO MASS TODAY

Feria

Tuesday 12th January

09.30 Mass

Feria

Pat Wright †

Wednesday 13th January

10.00 Mass Live streamed

Feria

Cora Gormley's Intention

Thursday 14th January

19.30 Mass

Feria

Serban & Bogdon Families

Friday 15th January

09.30 Mass

Feria

Ada Mingay †

Saturday 16th January

10.00 Mass

St Fursey

Lydia Meakins †

18.00* (First Mass of Sunday)

Lucille LeCoeur †

Sunday 17th January

08.30* Mass

2nd Sunday of the Year (p707)

10.30* Mass Live streamed

Bernard Burke †

For the Parish

FORTH COMING SPECIAL LANGUAGE MASSES

Malayalam Mass at St Edmund's: Saturday 16th January at 13.30

Polish Mass at St Edmund's: Saturday 23rd January at 16.00

Sacrament of Reconciliation :

Wednesday & Saturday after the 10.00am Mass

NEW CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM: The Diocesan Historic Churches Committee have now given approval to our scheme for improving the church sound system. This is great news. The downside is that at present our parish finances, which have obviously taken a hit over the past 10 months, prevent us going ahead immediately. We do have some money already gifted to the project but are short by £4,000. It has been suggested by the Parish Finance Committee that we open a special Appeal for the project to see if we can raise some of the money by donations.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021: Unfortunately, due to increased restrictions announced on Monday, the First Holy Communion Programme for this year will have to be postponed. The first parents' meeting on Tuesday 12th January will not take place. Please still complete the enrolment forms sent out before Christmas and send them back to the presbytery. We will review the situation at half term, and will begin the programme when it is safe to do so.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2021.

On **Sunday 10th January** there will be an online meeting for parents and candidates. For further details, send an email to confirmationatstedmunds@gmail.com.

On **Sunday 17th January** at 18.30 there will be the launch service for the WEEK OF PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY on Zoom. This is enabled by Trinity Methodist Church. The theme of this year's service (and week) is 'Abiding in Christ'. The Service will be led by Rev Debbie Borda and also speaking will be Fr David Bagsaff. The link will be available later this week. Please phone the office.

CARITAS is offering help to anyone who wishes to support the elderly and isolated. There will be an online meeting on **Wednesday 13th Jan** at 7pm and you're welcome to join us if you would like to get involved in this or any other social outreach project. To join the meeting, please click on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89105313292?pwd=eHJwcVFBYXVWS0JkVjBmY2hJSU1rQT09>

For more information and to submit questions in advance, contact Jacinta: caritas@rcdea.org.uk

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR for the Roman Catholic Parish of Newmarket with Kirtling, Our Lady Immaculate and St Etheldreda, 14, Exeter Road, Newmarket, CB8 8LT. Details from Fr Christopher Smith, stetheldreda@btinternet.com Closing date **Friday 29th January 2021.**

COVID-19 Restrictions – Please Read

We are very grateful for your efforts to keep to the guidelines for public worship and we respectfully ask that people keep in mind the following:

- *Face coverings must be worn in the church at all times by all people over the age of 10 unless they have a medical exemption.*
- *We ask that you should not enter the church if you have cold or flu symptoms.*
- *People should sit on designated seating only and as guided by our stewards. This is to ensure that areas requiring cleaning are obvious and kept to a minimum.*
- *The congregation should wait until they are asked by a steward to go forward for communion and receive on the hand with the palm or palms held flat so as to avoid touching the hands of the priest*
- *Similarly the stewards will tell each aisle in turn when it is safe to leave, and we ask that people avoid congregating in the porch, on the street, or in the car park*
- *Social distancing should be maintained at all times both in and outside the church*

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Welcome to St Edmunds on this, the feast of The Baptism of the Lord. Although we are now in lockdown 3, Places of Worship are currently allowed to remain open. Our weekend Mass schedule is **Saturday evening at 6 pm and Sunday at 8.30 & 10.30am**. The obligation of Sunday Mass attendance is still lifted and no one feeling anxious about attending Mass at the present time should feel any pressure to do so. When in church it is a requirement to wear face covering (*except for those who are exempt*). Following each Mass the church will be closed for cleaning.

Our weekday Masses are held in the main church, opening for private prayer 30 minutes before Mass. At present there is no Mass at Lawshall.

You will observe a number of changes in the way Mass is celebrated, for instance no congregational singing; no physical sign of peace; Communion is distributed only under one kind, and must be received on the hand and that we answer "Amen" together when the priests lifts up the Body and Blood of Christ, just before we come up for communion. Please only use benches marked with a 'tick' and follow the stewards' instructions for moving up to receive Holy Communion. During this lockdown period we must adhere even more strictly to the restrictions and guidance for keeping our church a safe place to be in. Many thanks to our Stewards who turn up so faithfully to ensure the smooth running of our Masses at this very challenging time.

To prevent a congestion of people at the church door, or in the aisles, at the end of our weekend Masses please remain seated and wait for instructions from the stewards for leaving the church. Any 'social distanced socialising' should be well away from the church doors. Many thanks.

The number allowed in church is limited, so for weekend Masses we have a 'booking' system which is accessible through the parish website. Don't forget that you are also able to cancel your place through the confirmation email received at the time of booking. This can be done even on the day, as it then frees up a place for someone else. Bookings open from the Tuesday prior to the weekend. It is also possible to book by phone. When booking by phone please phone between 9.30 and 12.30 Wednesday to Friday. When entering the church you can scan our unique QR code by using the NHS Test and Trace app on your smart phone.

The 2021 Diocesan Year Book and Calendar is now available for £2 – a very useful book to have. There is a box at the back of church for your weekly offertory collection.

The crib collection this year will go to our twinned parish in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Masses being live-streamed this week are on Sunday at 10.30 and Wednesday at 10.00am.

We wish parishioners a very blessed and peaceful New Year and wish to thank everyone for the extremely generous Christmas offering.

Frs David, Mike, Jay, and Deacons Alan & Brett.

PARISH CLERGY:

Canon David Bagstaff
Fr Jay Magpuyo
Fr Mike Brookes
Rev Alan McMahon
Rev Brett Gladden

Parish Priest
Assistant Priest
Assistant Priest
Deacon
Deacon

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

FOR OUR SICK: Tony Aldous, Simon Bishop, Jean Burdock, Gerald Curry, Bob Dougan, Nicolette Finch, Jacqueline Holmes, Malcolm Fincham Jacques, Winnie Gare, Pat Gould, Deacon Chris Heath, Yvonne Hlbbert, Priscilla Lupton, Sr Flora, Dee Peters, Fr Gerry Quigley, Richard Reid, Anthea Rix, David Smeeth Cardy, Susan Toole, Mary Tuffen, Marie Whatling, Jim Whyte, Romayne Wright and Beverley Whelan. May the Lord bring them comfort & healing.

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS WEEK Richard Hearth, Julia Bunyan, Mary Miller, Alphonsus Judge, Kitty Bresnihan, James Quinn, Alojzy Moskwa, Annelie Woodward, Phyllis Cowley, Ursula Hennessey, Evelyn Riordan, Janet Roberts, Gabrielle Fenner, Fr James Barnes Cook, Thomas Herbert, Fajmee Bowling, Kathleen Gross.

FOR SHEILA WAGHORN, TOM RUSHE & JOAN BENNETT who died recently. May they rest in peace and the Lord bring comfort to their families and friends.

MORE HELP IS NEEDED, PLEASE: To enable Mass and other Services to take place in our church, we need help from parishioners, to steward those who attend the Mass, and cleaning the church afterwards. We need more volunteers for Masses, without whom, Masses will be cancelled. It would be especially helpful if volunteers could commit to a regular Mass, (e.g. weekly or bi weekly or monthly etc) but not essential. All stewards are asked to arrive at the church 30 minutes before Mass begins, when the church opens. It has become difficult finding enough people to help, so if you can volunteer, please phone the office 754358 or email st.edmunds@btinternet.com. Thank you, it will help keep our church open for Masses and services.

Evening Prayer will be 'live streamed' Sunday to Friday at 19.00
(Thursday at 18.30)

As a Diocesan Family we are asked to pray for the election of a new Bishop of East Anglia:

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care,
Grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your church
who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen
Our Lady of Walsingham, Pray for us. St Felix, Pray for us,
All Holy Martyrs and Saints of East Anglia, Pray for us.

FINANCIAL MATTERS: Many thanks for your continuing generosity. There is a collection box at the back of church for your regular weekly offering or you can put it through the presbytery door. You may prefer to set up a Standing Order with your bank. Here are the details you will need:

NATWEST, St Edmund's Parish, sort code: 60-04-16, a/c no: 56268769.

Any cheques for the parish should be made out to: **St Edmund's Parish.**

