

# St Edmund's Newsletter



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

**ZOOM COFFEE MORNING** on **Sunday 28th February** 11.30 - 12.30. Join us for a 'virtual' coffee and a chat after Mass via zoom – Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81775020961?pwd=ZzZiSXNRa0drd0oxbWVlNnNiOXBwdz09>  
Meeting ID: 817 7502 0961 Passcode: 051438  
Join by phone: **0203 901 7895**. Meeting ID and Passcode as above.  
Look forward to seeing you all - Everyone welcome.

**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.



**The National Novena to St Joseph** will take place from **10<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March**. If you would like to join in from home, Masses from **St. Joseph's Church** will be available to follow on **Zoom** or **YouTube** via [stjosephsparish.co.uk](http://stjosephsparish.co.uk) and the Mill Hill website: [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena), where you will also find the Novena prayer leaflet.

**THE IGNITE TEAM** invite all aged 13 to 19 to *Glow*, an afternoon online event featuring inspiring workshops, lively music and powerful prayer. **Saturday 27th February** 14.00—16.30. Register now at [www.rcdea.org.uk/youth](http://www.rcdea.org.uk/youth) or contact [igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:igniteteam@rcdea.org.uk) for more information. All welcome.

Please help **SPUC** to stop do-it-yourself Medical Termination Abortion being made into permanent abortion law by taking part in the consultation either on line or by contacting your MP. Apply for a consultation leaflet 'What you Need to Know, Abortion Pills and DIY Abortion' from SPUC, 3 Whitacre Mews, Stannary Street, SE11 4AB or 0207 091 7091 or email: [spuc.org.uk](mailto:spuc.org.uk). The Government want to make it permanent after 2yrs from March 2019 or when Covid 19 has disappeared, which ever is the sooner, so we do not have much time. Please respond by 26.02.21.

**'BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION' - World Day of Prayer 2021** is an international, inter-denominational event celebrated in over 170 countries, which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The Service has been prepared by the women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean) and this year will be held on **5<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30** online via Zoom. All welcome. For joining information please contact Claire at [clairerose1953@gmail.com](mailto:clairerose1953@gmail.com)

## **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 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.

## Sunday 21st February 2021 - 1st Sunday of Lent - B

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

#### Saturday 20th February

18.00\* *First Mass of Sunday*

For the Parish

#### Sunday 21st February

08.30\* Mass

**1st Sunday of Lent (p641)**

10.30\* Mass Live streamed

Maria Velarde's Intention  
Antoine & Victoria Desira †

#### Monday 22nd February

12.30 Mass Live streamed

**The Chair of St Peter**  
Bea Edgar's Intention

#### Tuesday 23rd February

09.30 Mass Live streamed

**Lent Feria**  
Hilda Whatling †

#### Wednesday 24th February

10.00 Mass Live streamed

**Lent Feria**  
Jacqui & Paddy McCarthy's Int

#### Thursday 25th February

19.30 Mass Live streamed

**Lent Feria**  
Robyn Hodgson †

#### Friday 26th February

09.30 Mass Live streamed

**Lent Feria LENT FAST DAY**  
Mark & Sheila Jenner †

#### Saturday 27th February

10.00 Mass Live streamed

**Lent Feria**  
Vale & Louisa Poole's Intention

18.00\* *First Mass of Sunday*

John Coldham Shepherd †

#### Sunday 28th February

08.30\* Mass

**2nd Sunday of Lent (p644)**

10.30\* Mass Live streamed

For the Parish  
Kristina Marin †

**MASS at 'MONTANA' GREAT BARTON** Sunday 10.30; Mon - Sat 08.15.  
PLEASE BOOK FOR SUNDAY MASS BY FRIDAY 16.00 on 01284 787321

### **FORTH COMING SPECIAL LANGUAGE MASSES**

Polish Mass at St Edmund's: Saturday 27th February at 16.00  
Malayalam Mass at St Edmund's: Saturday 6th March at 15.30

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** : Wednesday and Saturday after the 10.00 Mass

Welcome to St Edmunds on this, the First Sunday of Lent. Although in lockdown 3, Places of Worship are 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 anxious about attending Mass should feel any pressure to do so. When in church it is a requirement to wear face covering (*except for those who are exempt*) and sanitise your hands. 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. Currently there is no Mass at Lawshall.

For our weekend Masses we operate 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 9.30 and 12.00, Tuesday to Friday.

Please only use benches marked with a 'tick' and follow the stewards' instructions for moving up to receive Holy Communion. During this lockdown 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 building. We need to be extra vigilant about social distancing when exiting the church and respecting anyone walking on the pavement as we leave the church property. It would also be advisable to keep your face covering on until away from the church. Do not stop to socialize outside the church doors.**

There is a box at the back of church for your weekly offertory collection, or it can be dropped in the presbytery letterbox. The 2021 Diocesan Year Book and Calendar is now available for £2 – a very useful book to have; also the Catholic Universe weekly newspaper (£2.40).

During this lockdown we are live-streaming all our weekday Masses, and the 10.30am Sunday Mass.  
**Stay Safe and Keep Well.**

*Fr David*

**A good read for Lent:** 'Let us Dream – The Path to a Better Future' by Pope Francis. It is easy to order on line.

## **LENT 2021**

**Lent Booklets:** are available from the back of church (£1) and children's calendars (free).

**Lent Course:** This will take place via Zoom on the Wednesdays of Lent, beginning 24<sup>th</sup> February at 19.30. Through the use of scripture we will explore the theme of Sacrifice in the life of Jesus and how we are called to live this out as disciples of Jesus. The link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/92061166365?pwd=amdtbjh5dlZUVjlqQQ0lrGc5VUZ5QT09>

**Stations of the Cross** will take place in St Edmund's each Friday of Lent, alternating each week between 12 noon (5<sup>th</sup> March & 19<sup>th</sup> March); and 19.00 (26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 12<sup>th</sup> March & 26<sup>th</sup> March). It will be live streamed.

**Lent Station Mass** with Bishop Alan will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 18.00 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 17.00. With current restrictions other parishes within our deanery will be unable to attend but it will be live streamed.

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH**

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

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS WEEK** Dennis Sewell, Fiona Gardner, Nora McMillan, Robin Taylor, Mary Chapman, Michael Stevens, Gwen Hudson, Patricia Hedron, Kathleen Curran, George & Rene Capstick, Charles Blackman, Mary Ambrose, Elina Agricole.

**JOAN BRYANT & MAUREEN KING** who died recently. May they rest in peace and the Lord bring comfort to their friends and family.

Sunday 10.30 Mass and all weekday Masses will be 'live streamed'.  
*Evening Prayer will be 'live streamed' Sun to Wed at 19.00; Thurs & Fri 18.30*

As many of you will know when Bishop Alan Hopes reached his 75th birthday in March 2019 he offered his resignation to Pope Francis. He was asked to continue as our bishop until his successor was appointed. With Covid 19 and a change of Nuncio for our Country the process has taken longer than usual to get started. The process has now begun and we are all invited to support it by our prayer. The following prayer could be used daily; those praying the rosary could offer it for the intentions of the diocese and for those responsible for the appointment of our next bishop.

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.**



**Building Fund Draw Membership:** A reminder that subscriptions are now due.

**NUMBERED ENVELOPES** for those whose surnames begin with **A – N** will be in the porch this weekend. **M - Z** will be available next week. Please do not congregate around the table in the porch.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY** is on **Friday 26th February**. Donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) or take a CAFOD envelope and return in next week collection or to the