

For the foreseeable future all public Masses and Services have been cancelled

at ST EDMUND KING & MARTYR,  
OUR LADY IMMACULATE, LAWSHALL,  
'MONTANA' GREAT BARTON.

St Edmund's Church will be open for quiet prayer 08.00—18.00 each day.

Please note that the Blessed Sacrament is now reserved in the sanctuary of the church.

Daily Mass will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, the door to which will be kept locked in accordance with the instruction that all services must be conducted privately. Regrettably there can be no exceptions to these arrangements.

All parish meetings and gatherings in the Church, Crypt and Presbytery have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

Please take a newsletter, and feel free to pick up extra copies for the housebound if needed.

To avoid cross contamination, please do not handle multiple newsletters or leaflets and replace them – instead pick up what you need and take it away with you.

To avoid cross contamination, please try to avoid opening doors or touching surfaces in the church with your uncovered hands – sometimes your feet, elbows or shoulders will open doors as well as a hand!

We are obliged to limit the number of people present in the Presbytery at any one time. All meetings/events here are cancelled until further notice.

Please be aware that all visitors need to call in advance and make an appointment to be seen. This includes keyholders.

**Your patience and co-operation is very much appreciated.**



# St Edmund's Newsletter

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## Sunday 22nd March - 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A

*'In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. Our churches will remain open. They are not closing. However, the celebration of Mass, Sunday by Sunday and day by day, will take place without a public congregation. In these emergency circumstances, and for as long as they last, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed'. (Letter from the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. The full text can be read on our parish website).*

We hope to live-stream Mass from St Edmunds each day. Details of how to view this will be given on the parish website when it is set up. Mass and other liturgical Services from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham are available via the Internet [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

We are all facing an uncertain and possibly rather lonely time during the social isolation imposed on us all by the current crisis. With this in mind, we would like to propose a "buddy" scheme. If you have some time and are available to make contact with someone who is alone and would be able to make a weekly phone call to them, please let us know that you would like to be a "Crisis Buddy" (email, or phone the parish office). If you are someone who is on their own and either feeling lonely, or anxious about how you can cope, then please let us know. If you would like someone to chat to by telephone on a regular basis, then we can find you a buddy. Alternatively, if you need more practical help, then we can put you in touch with our Helping Hands group.

Our priests and Lay Ministers of Communion are not allowed to make pastoral visits to those who are self-isolating. Priests are able to visit and administer the sacraments only in cases of serious illness and, if applicable, following advice from the staff of the hospital, or care home. Our Lay Ministers are asked to keep contact by phone with those to whom they would normally take Holy Communion.

Please keep in your prayers all who have been infected across the world by this virus and those who are struggling greatly. Pray for those who have died and their grieving families. And pray too for all doctors and nursing staff and key workers who are involved in supporting and seeking to heal those who are infected.

May we all do what we can to assist and support one another during this challenging time.

## PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH

**FOR OUR SICK:** Sue & Tony Aldous, Pat Austin, Joan Bennett, Gerald Curry, Nicolette Finch, Malcolm Fincham Jacques, Winnie Gare, Rita Grimer, Deacon Chris Heath, Yvonne Hlbbert, Priscilla Lupton, Stefan Oliver, Sr Flora, Dee Peters, Terry Pettit, Richard Reid, Anthea Rix, Bernie Sexton, David Smeeth Cardy, Susan Toole, Mary Tuffen, Fr John Warrington, Jim Whyte, Romayne Wright. May the Lord bring them comfort and healing.

**FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR THIS WEEK** Gwen McAnally, Katrina Rowland, Lawson Donovan, Christine Coombs, Thelma Carter, Michael O'Regan, Basil Gibbons, Pat Dowson, Owen White, Peter Harding, James Moriarty, Margaret Young, Florence Foreman, Terence Cornelius, John Dunphy, Alice Austin, Lawrence Cassidy.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity last week. You gave **£1319.52** in the collection and **£596** by standing orders and **£115.70** from Lawshall.



**NUMBERED ENVELOPES** for your weekly donations are now available from the church porch. They can be put through the door of the presbytery each week. *If you do not have any envelopes and would like some, please contact the office. If you pay tax, have not signed a Gift Aid Declaration and would like to, please contact the office for a form.*

**STANDING ORDER.** If it would be more convenient for you to give your weekly offering by Standing Order, please collect a STO mandate form from the back of church and once completed, send it directly to your bank. Many thanks.

**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. ON BEHALF OF THOSE THEY HELP, THE STOREHOUSE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL AT ST EDMUND'S FOR THE ONGOING SUPPORT. THANK YOU.**

**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.



### **PARISH CLERGY:**

Canon David Bagstaff	Parish Priest
Fr Jay Magpuyo	Assistant Priest
Fr Mike Brookes	Assistant Priest
Rev Alan McMahan	Deacon
Rev Brett Gladden	Deacon

## **MASS TIMES** *(Not open to the public)*

<i>SATURDAY 21st MARCH</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Gwendoline McInally †</i>
<i>SUNDAY 22nd MARCH</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Bernadette Ely †</i>
<i>MONDAY 23rd MARCH</i>	<i>12.30</i>	<i>Robin Taylor †</i>
<i>TUESDAY 24th MARCH</i>	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Bernadette Booker †</i>
<i>WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Stan Whelan †</i>
<i>THURSDAY 26th MARCH</i>	<i>19.30</i>	<i>Eileen Fletcher †</i>
<i>FRIDAY 27th MARCH</i>	<i>07.00</i>	<i>Roger Dawe †</i>
<i>SATURDAY 28th MARCH</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Anil Poddar †</i>
<i>SUNDAY 29th MARCH</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>Rose Foo †</i>

## **CANCELLATIONS AND CLOSURES.....**

Advice and directives and constantly being updated. But currently, the following groups, meetings and classes have temporarily ceased: All public Masses, all catered events including Lent breakfasts, Lent lunches and Coffee bar; St Edmund's Club, Faith Club, Communion Classes, Confirmation Classes, Prayers Groups, Choir practices, Ladies Club.

The Chrism Mass in Norwich is cancelled for members of the public

### **MARIE WHATLING AND SR MARIE O'REILLY'S 90th BIRTHDAY**

The special Mass and celebration to mark this occasion has been cancelled and will be arranged for a later date in the year.