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18 October 2020
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

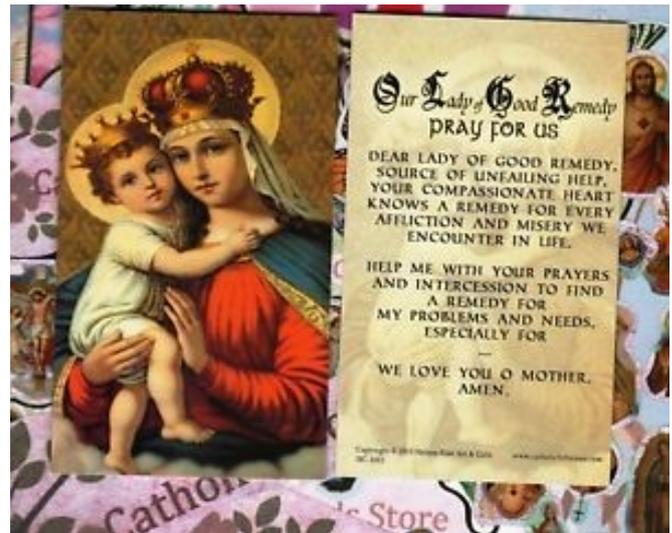
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Jesus our ultimate friend of all time and always

There is a lovely story told about Pauline Baynes who was invited to illustrate the pictures for the book by C.S. Lewis 'The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe.' Pauline said that she had great difficulty drawing Aslam the lion; as she would break down and cry and could not finish the drawing knowing that Aslam would be killed. Eventually, however, she did finish all the illustrations. Weeks later she suddenly realised who Aslam was - he was, of course Jesus Christ.

This story just demonstrates that the purpose of every human being, without exception, is to know Jesus and Jesus will never exclude his friendship to anyone. In my life I came to the conclusion, especially when I became a parent, that two people were critical in my life, Jesus and His Blessed Mother. When I was in trouble and in difficulty these are two people I turn to without exception. The prayer to Our Lady of Good Remedy is a must every day and I recommend this to everyone, and if I know of someone experiencing any difficulty in their life I will send them this prayer. There is a wonderful story involving John de Matha who founded the Trinitarians and in 1198 he was given the task of raising funds to buy Christian slaves and free them from slavery. John de Matha and the Trinitarians put their faith in Our Lady and money poured in. Over the years thousands of Christian slaves were freed and in honour to Our Blessed Lady, John de Matha gave Mary the title 'Our Lady of Good Remedy.'

Every Gospel reading leads us to Jesus and this week's Gospel is no different; the Pharisees try and trick Jesus with inane and ludicrous questions and there are people in our society today who do the same. But, sometimes it takes a poet such as Leonard Cohen who wrote and sung about Jesus in a memorable and notable fashion which takes us to a different level of spirituality in thinking who Jesus is and what he means to us. I used to play this song constantly in my car and then I sold the car and I forgot to remove the CD!!



*"And Jesus was a sailor when he walked upon the water
And he spent a long time watching from his lonely wooden tower
And when he knew for certain only drowning men could see him
He said all men will be sailors then until the sea shall free them
But he himself was broken, long before the sky would open
Forsaken, almost human, he sank beneath your wisdom like a stone."*

Everyone needs help in their lives, especially in these days of Covid-19 which has brought us down to earth and the days of being self-reliant are gone. Today's Gospel message reminds that being a hypocrite is not the way to God and Jesus makes this abundantly clear to those who try and hoodwink Him with crass and stupid questions. Jesus had his most critical opinions for the Pharisees because they lived their lives as hypocrites. Let us pray that we are humble and prayerful and that we rely on Jesus and Our Lady and leave the rest to the Holy Spirit.

God Bless. Duncan

REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTAL CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL

If your child is in year 3 at St Mary's school and you attend St Edmund's, you will need to register them for Sacramental classes which are scheduled to start in January 2021.

Registration is now open and will run until Friday 6 November inclusive.

Please use the following link to register :

<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.co.uk/events/vzha52oxlt>

We must remind you to list a current contact email address that you check regularly. Every year a handful of parents never see our correspondence as they have listed an out of date or rarely checked email address.

Only St Edmund's parishioners are eligible for these classes. If your child attends St Mary's but you attend another parish, you are obliged to register your child for classes at that parish.

ST EDMUNDS CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2020

Thank you to everyone who has already taken or downloaded a leaflet and is filling a box. Filled shoeboxes can be dropped at 20 Reddons Road anytime until November 1st or brought with you to weekend masses on 31st October and 1st November when we will be collecting boxes before masses.

If you would like to fill a box but don't already have a leaflet, you can download one here <https://blythswood.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-SBA-checklist.pdf>

If you have any questions, please call Susie or Lucienne – 07956 574789 / 07884 184534.

FACE MASKS AT MASS

We expect everyone who attends Mass in the church to wear a mask.

If you cannot do this we ask that you do not come to Mass.

We are trying so hard to look after our parishioners and do not want to jeopardise their safety.

Thank you for your understanding.

CATECHISM GROUP

St Edmund's Catechism Group regrets that we will not be taking any new registrations this year. We are still only halfway through the 2019-2020 year, with the Sacraments having been postponed until 2021. We hope and pray that we will be back to normal in September 2021 and ask any families to email:

stedscatechismgroup@gmail.com to register interest.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

Do you have a son who loves to sing. If so please take a look at the Choir School website www.choirschool.com or call the

Director of Admissions, Miss Lucy Auger-
Tel 020 7798 9081 or email lauger@choirschool.com

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Today. Tomorrow. Together.

World Mission Sunday
18th October

World Mission Sunday, one of only three Papal collections, is vital to the growth of the Church and the spread of the gospel in predominantly remote and impoverished areas overseas. The funds raised build much-needed infrastructure, from chapels and schools, to orphanages, clinics and dispensaries.

As we are unable to take a second collection we encourage you to help this work continue by giving online. Visit missio.org.uk/donate and select World Mission Sunday.

A word from Father David Atuanya CSSp

Originally from Anambra State in Nigeria, I belong to a Religious Order known as The Spiritans and was ordained in July 1994. After my ordination I was sent on a mission to Papua New Guinea for eight years, after which I travelled to the USA for further studies and to work in two parishes in Brooklyn.

After 5 years I returned to Nigeria and my Congregation assigned me to work in two Spiritan Formation communities. I was a lecturer and the Formation Director at Spiritan School of Philosophy, Isieniu, Nsukka from 2007 to 2015 and from 2015 to 2019, I served as a lecturer and Director of Formation at Spiritan International School of Theology (SIST), Attakwu - both in Enugu State, Nigeria.

At the end of the academic/Formation year, 2019, my congregation approved sabbatical leave for me. However, Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown hampered all efforts to arrange a place for my leave. But providentially, to God be the glory, I am here now in St. Edmund's to spend my sabbatical leave, *for nothing is impossible for God* - that is my middle name - *ifeanyichukwu*.

Many thanks to Fr. Stephen Wymer and the members of St. Edmund's Church for your generosity in granting me this singular opportunity to share in your pastoral life as well as to have a restful stay here from my usual preoccupations.

Since my arrival, I have been supported by you all and look forward to getting to know more of you as time goes on.

God bless you all!

Fr. David Ifeanyichukwu Atuanya, CSSp.

(More information about Fr David is available on our website)

MASSES THIS WEEK
All Masses are live streamed

Sunday 18 October	Twenty-ninth Sunday World Mission Day ~ Day of Prayer for the evangelization of the world Int of the Banfield family For all persecuted born & unborn children William McShane RIP
9.30 am	
5.30 pm	
Monday 19 October	Feria (St Paul of the Cross) Carmel Cardiff-wellbeing & recovery Dennis family & their lost babies
10.00 am	
6.00 pm	
Tuesday 20 October	Feria Jean Turrall RIP Richard Carey RIP
10.00 am	
6.00 pm	
Wednesday 21 October	Feria John O'Reilly Peter Cole RIP
10.00 am	
6.00 pm	
Thursday 22 October	Feria (St John Paul II) Private intention Mary Holleran RIP and Kerry Holleran RIP
10.00 am	
6.00 pm	
Friday 23 October	Feria (St John of Capistrano) Elizabeth Adiekpornya (Special int) Private intention
10.00 am	
6.00 pm	
Saturday 24 October	Feria (St Anthony Mary Claret) Moirra Thornton RIP <i>Confession</i> Theresa Halpin RIP
10.00 am	
5 - 5.45 pm	<i>Lady Chapel</i>
6.00 pm	
Sunday 25 October	Thirtieth Sunday Gino & Alice Secondina and Gian Bianca Rabbini RIP Pamela Kean RIP Rita Hankin RIP (3rd anniv)
9.30 am	
5.30 pm	

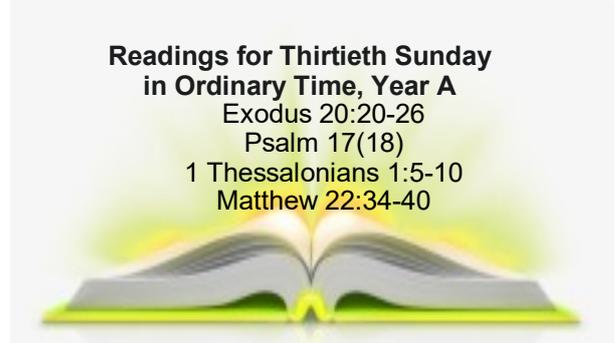
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on the webcam each weekday from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm.

Some Mass intentions have had to be moved from their booked date as we are celebrating fewer Masses at the moment. The intention will be given to another Mass as close as possible to the date originally given.

FRATELLI TUTTI

Copies of Pope Francis's encyclical on Fraternity & Social Friendship are now available to purchase. If you would like one please email the office. The price is £6.95

A Kindle version is available through Amazon for £1.99



COLLECTION

*Last week's electronic collection came to £4161.52
Thank you*

To make your regular donations electronically please click here <http://saintedmunds.net/index.php/donations/> or to set up a standing order our bank details are:
St Edmund's Church Sort Code: 60-02-12
Acc no: 14282887

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GIFT AID BOXES

Please contact the parish office if you have not yet been able to collect your gift aid envelopes
beckenham@rcaos.org.uk

PARISH OFFICE

The office is **CLOSED to personal callers**. Please email on beckenham@rcaos.org.uk or telephone 020 8650 0970. You can also drop a note through our door and we will get in touch with you. Please do not ring the office bell.

We pray for those who have died recently: Esther Bridget Lashmar, Joan Czyrka, Maria Jasiewicz, Annie Sparman, Evodina Dias, Evelina Rettie, Michael Johnston.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are this week: Jacyntha Dutton, Christina Pamment, Patricia McGrory, Roy Anggiansah, Peter Cole, Eugene Gilkes, Eileen Mary Gallen, Patricia Hitchcock, Mary Holleran, Riccardo Ling, Theresia Halpin, Frieda Irma Pereira-Rego, Ann Berry.

We pray for the sick: Angela, Rob Burns, Carmel Cardiff, Chant, Christine, Jorge Corrigan-Zorilla, John Crouch, Kevin Curtis, Sorcha Davis, Niamh Dawson, Giacomo Dillon, Bridget D'Souza, Joshua Dunford, Nicholas Dunford, Alex Dufort, Cecil Dutton, Suzanne Eilbeck, Emma-Jane, Antonio Ferrara, Felicity, Mary Flood, Flora, Sarah Gallagher, Erika Geddes, Gaetan Goa, Tony Hallett, Hans Halpin, Margaret Halpin, Michael Harper, John Harrow, Eileen Hayes, Kathleen Hayes, Mary Hisee, Lesley Hill, Glen Jack, Rosemary Jackson, Mim Jennings, Bob Jones, Petrer Anthony Jones, Catherine Kelly, Eileen Kelly, Antony & Richard Kirin, Kevin Kurtis, Andrew Kuzan, Pierre Lane, Chris Lawley, Margaret Lilley, Rosy Lobo, Rose McDonnell, Mary McGrath, Paul McIndoe, Eddie Mitchell, Salvador Moreno, Barbara Moyce, Eva Perjesi, John Quaife, Hazel Rodgers, Brian Russell, Brigitte Savreux-O'Driscoll, Margaret Pietrzyk, Mary Shipsey, Coleen Shroeder, David Silk, Siobhan, John Stokoe, Angela Stolle, Pauline Ullisak, Deborah Walcott-Grappie, Sandy Walkington, Joan, Alfred, Susan & Wendy Waller, Jimmy Walters, Patricia Weal, Sarah Webb, Sue Wingfield and Charlie Wynn.