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Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Jesus Christ demonstrated great power. Pope Benedict XVI emeritus enlightens us on this special power unlike any other.

But in what does this 'power' of Jesus Christ the King consist? It is not the power of the kings or the great people of this world; it is the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the dominion of death. It is the power of love that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the thickest darkness. This Kingdom of Grace is never imposed and always respects our freedom. Christ came "to bear witness to the truth" (John 18:37), as he declared to Pilate: whoever accepts this witness serves beneath his banner....

Every conscience therefore, must make a choice. Who do I want to follow? God or the evil one? The truth or falsehood? Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but assures the peace and joy that he alone can give us. This is demonstrated, in every epoch, by the experience of numerous men and women, who in Christ's name, in the name of truth and justice, were able to oppose the enticement of worldly powers with their different masks, to the point where they sealed their fidelity with martyrdom.

[ Pope Benedict XVI emeritus on the feast of Christ the King 22nd November 2009]



## We are looking for volunteers who can help build 5 or 10 Sleep Pods.

No experience or technical knowledge needed!



A Sleep Pod is a **one-person shelter** designed to self-warm and protect the user from rain and wind. It can be put up and packed away into its own bag in seconds and is extremely lightweight. We do not ask you to pay for the ones you assemble.

One Sleep Pod can be made in about 1 hour and you will need a space approximately 3m x 2m in order to lay out the materials and build in comfort. You will be sent a "how to build" video to follow. We work with charities and groups who distribute to rough sleepers. We rely on people power to make our charity work.

For more information visit our website:

[www.sleeppod.org.uk](http://www.sleeppod.org.uk)

Each pod costs £30 - if you can help by fundraising or donating to our online fundraising campaign go to:

<https://www.fundsurfer.com/crowdfund/sleep-pod-fundraising-campaign>

When you become a Sleep Pod home builder you become a part of something much much bigger and we thank you for being part of the story.

### The Sleep Pod Team

Registered charity – Charity number 1187295



### GIRL GUIDES

The guide leader for the group that meets in St Edmund's Hall is retiring after many year's service. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the post, please email the office and we will put you in touch with her. Formal applications must be made through the website [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) where more information about the movement can be found.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

22 November - Catholic Youth Service and Catholic Education Service

Please use the *DONATE* option on ChurchSuite to make a donation to these Diocesan collections.

## ADVICE FOR COMPLETING THE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FORM FOR ADMISSION TO

### ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The suspension of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass was announced on 18th March by Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. If a parent/carer attended Mass at a particular parish (or parishes) prior to 18th March 2020 then they will be considered to have attended Mass in that parish (or parishes) regularly since that time. This will remain the case until the Sunday obligation is re-introduced by the Bishops. Fr Ashley is the priest dealing with school admissions. Please contact him at the email address on the front page and not the parish office or the school office. In the current circumstances it is best if you email your SIF direct to him, containing your details, and he will email the priest's part back to you; this way we can avoid the use of hard copies or having to arrange collection from the presbytery while the physical office is closed.'



### TOGETHER WE MOVE

A small group of parishioners walked in the Together We Move Challenge for The Passage. Our team of Beckenham Ladies raised over £1,000 of the total of £20,000. Well done to all of them.

Go to [www.passage.org.uk](http://www.passage.org.uk) for ways to donate.

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

If you wish to have a copy of this prayer, please email the Parish Office and put Spiritual Communion in the subject line.



*We put this item in week after week as it could be such an easy way to boost the finances of our parish which have been badly affected by the lockdowns. Many of you shop online and will be doing so over the next few weeks so we urge you to take a look at this and see if you can help.*

It's easy and completely FREE. 4,300 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up and share today:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stecb/?invite=U95BCP%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utmcampaign=admin-trigger%26utmcontent=srt>

**Thank you to those who have recently signed up to this. We are very grateful.**

## INTERFAITH AND INTERCHURCH DIALOGUE: HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?

Archdiocese of Southwark

6pm to 7.30 pm

Monday 30 November

A free event organised by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark Christian Unity Commission

Online via Zoom (please register)

Many Christians today consider dialogue and cooperation with people of other faiths as at least as pressing an issue as the search for unity between Christians of different traditions.

The Christian Unity Commission (CUC) is therefore organising this event to help us to learn more about the contribution that the Roman Catholic Church makes to interfaith activity in London (north and south). We hope to explore possible implications for our own work.

The main speakers will be **Fr David Standley**, chair of the Southwark Diocesan Committee for Inter-Religious Relations, and the **Rev Jon Dal Din**, director of Westminster Interfaith (an agency of Westminster archdiocese), who is a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Southwark. There will be ample opportunity for questions and discussion.

**All welcome – whatever your tradition!**

**Tickets available on Eventbrite**

For further details, please email: [christianunitycommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:christianunitycommission@rcaos.org.uk)



**CAFOD** - A big thank you for your generous donations to Cafod's Harvest Fast day collection. This year's collection exceeded previous years, showing that despite our own misfortunes this year, many have still reached out to the poorest communities in the rest of the world.

**Christmas Shopping:** If you wish to go ethical at Christmas and COVID free consider World Gifts. World gifts is CAFOD's charity gift range of unusual, ethical presents that will delight your friends and family.

[worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/charity](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/charity)

**'Messages to the brave'** This is a CAFOD campaign to write a Christmas message of encouragement to some human rights defenders. These people are working for peace and the rights of their communities and risk their lives to ensure the voice of their community is heard. Please write a message and encourage your friends and family to do the same. You can write directly on the CAFOD website or send a post card to CAFOD Head Office. More information on the CAFOD website:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave>

## FACE MASKS INSIDE CHURCH

We expect everyone who comes into the church to wear a mask.

**If you are unable to do this, we ask that you do not come in.**

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

## MASSES THIS WEEK

Masses are closed but all are live streamed

<b>Sunday 22 November</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> Youth Day 9.30 am Paolo & Armando Cogoni RIP 5.30 pm Nyree Mukoro - in thanksgiving Maria & Phil Shine RIP
<b>Monday 23 November</b>	<b>Feria (St Clement)</b> 10.00 am Danny Curtin RIP 6.00 pm Benefactors & Promoters of the Claver Sisters
<b>Tuesday 24 November</b>	<b>Saints Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b> 10.00 am For all persecuted born & unborn children 6.00 pm Lillian Tierney RIP
<b>Wednesday 25 November</b>	<b>Feria (St Catherine of Alexandria)</b> 10.00 am Crescenzo Panetta RIP <b>No hour of private prayer today</b> 11.30 am Funeral of Annie Sparman (closed) 6.00 pm Gretta Colonnese & Ron Renton RIP
<b>Thursday 26 November</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 am Parents & godparents of Willow Fayaz 6.00 pm Wellbeing of Amelia Macdonald
<b>Friday 27 November</b>	<b>Feria</b> 10.00 am Rosi Baruffi RIP 6.00 pm Giovanni Campanaro RIP (5th anniv)
<b>Saturday 28 November</b>	<b>Feria (Our Lady)</b> 10.00 am Marion & Frank Stanhope RIP 6.00 pm Antonio & Angela Panetta RIP

## The Season of Advent

<b>Sunday 29 November</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 9.30 am Adam Aniskiewicz RIP 5.30 pm For the people
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on the webcam each week day from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm.

There are no confessions at the moment

*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 moved to another Mass as close as possible to the date originally given.*

## READINGS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT Year B

Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7  
Psalm 80  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:33-37



The electronic collection last week came to £2647.80

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  
Ac no: 14282887

## DAYS OFF

### Our priests have re-arranged their day off

Fr Ashley – Monday

Fr Steve – Tuesday

Fr David – Wednesday

Please respect this and contact another priest if you need one urgently.

## LIVE STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES

If you have friends and family who are unable to get to church, or whose church has not re-opened, please tell them about our broadcasts and show them how easy it is to view them, and others, on a computer or laptop.

## PARISH OFFICE

Following guidance from the diocese the Parish Office has had to close during this lockdown. The staff are working from their homes. There will be some requests that will not be able to be dealt with as the staff does not have access to some resources.

Parishioners can make contact via email, and the office phone will be monitored on a daily basis.

If you need to speak to a priest please dial one of them direct and leave a message if they are not in their office.

If the need is urgent please phone another priest.

**We pray for those who have died recently:** Mary Spackman, Denise Ricketts, Rita Dixon, Angela Stolle, Fr Uche Iwuala, Rosi Baruffi.

**We pray for those whose anniversaries are this week:** Raymond Micallef, Edmund Paton Walsh, Rosa Saminatar, Raymond Gregory, Penelope Wood, Maureen Bentley, Crescenzo Panetta, Greta Colonnese, John Doyle, Pauline May Tolhurst, Sally O'Shea, Louise Hitchcock, Giovanni Campanaro, Aurora Matella.

**We pray for the sick:** Angela, Rob Burns, Carmel Cardiff, Chant, Christine, Mark Clapson, 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, Epiphany Fernandes, Antonio Ferrara, Felicity, Mary Flood, Flora, Sarah Gallagher, Erika Geddes, Gaetan Goa, Tony Hallett, Hans Halpin, Margaret Halpin, Michael Harper, John Harrow, Pauline Hatfield, Eileen Hayes, Kathleen Hayes, Ann Higgs, Lesley Hill, Glen Jack, Rosemary Jackson, Mim Jennings, Peter Anthony Jones, Catherine Kelly, Eileen Kelly, Antony & Richard Kirin, Kevin Kurtis, Andrew Kuzan, Pierre Lane, Margaret Lilley, Rosy Lobo, Amelia Macdonald, Rose McDonnell, Mary McGrath, Paul McIndoe, Eddie Mitchell, Salvador Moreno, Barbara Moyce, Eva Perjesi, John Quaife, Brian Russell, Brigitte Savreux-O'Driscoll, Margaret Pietrzyk, Mary Shipsey, Coleen Shroeder, David Silk, Siobhan, John Stokoe, Philippa Tolley, Pauline Ulisak, Deborah Walcott-Grappie, Joan, Alfred, Susan & Wendy Waller, Jimmy Walters, Patricia Weal, Sarah Webb, Sue Wingfield and Charlie Wynn.