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Twenty-eighth Sunday

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In one hand the newspaper; in the other the Bible

I buy a newspaper everyday but in recent months I have hardly read the news. Once I've glanced at the headlines, the obituaries, the tv and most importantly tackled the crossword, the paper is discarded and I move on to other things. I justify my actions by saying I've had enough of news which is either depressing, of no interest or irrelevant. When Covid was at its height people told me how they no longer watched the news. I sympathise completely.

However, deep down I know, like everyone else, I have an obligation to keep myself informed, to know what the important issues are, to be able to discuss them in the light of Christian principles and of course, to pray about them.

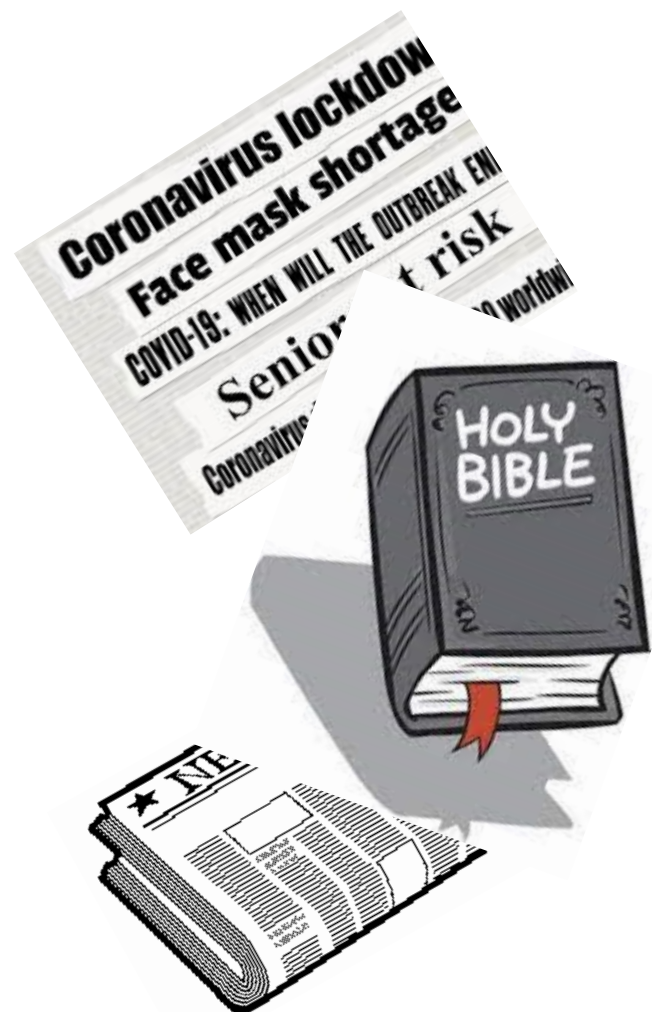
So, not for the first time, I find myself making a resolution to keep up to speed with current events and issues. If I don't do this, how else am I going to engage with young people in our parish and in our schools? How else will I know what to support or oppose?

While it's true that the news that filters our way is often selective and biased, we can't use this as a reason for avoiding it all together. So, my very recent resolution this last week was to get stuck into my daily rag once again. And what did I find? Boris Johnson, the PM, at the Conservative Party Conference providing a non-stop supply of boosterism while ignoring the immediate shortage crisis, the father who will adequately feed his two sons this winter but not himself and the midwife who works for 13 hours a day without a break. Then there are the debates in the US over abortion, race, guns and religion and yes, the sexual abuse scandal that has recently come to light in France.

One thing I'm beginning to realise is that little has changed with the news in recent history. It is still largely depressing and selective. It can leave you feeling quite despondent. What had changed for

me was my capacity to face it and to accept that change for the better was often frustratingly slow

Now, of course, I realise that I had to do what I had been doing many years before: to hold the newspaper in one hand and the holy scriptures in the other, to engage with the world and to absorb it into my prayer life with my eyes firmly fixed on the things of heaven, not on the things of earth, and to do it all in the power of the Holy Spirit. And one last thing, discuss the issues with like-minded people of faith. You will encourage one another and feel so much better for it.



CAFOD

Just one world

CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY

Thank you so much for your donations to Cafod this Family Fast Day. If you have not yet donated and wish to do so, please return your Cafod envelope to St Edmund's this weekend or go to www.cafod.org.uk to donate online.

Your generous gifts will help people like Ivanilde in the Amazon to protect our common home. You can add your voice to our petition calling for the Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis.

You can find out more about Cafod's work at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Climate-Crisis-Appeal>

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Several more parishioners have come forward to offer their services as Extraordinary Ministers at the 8.00 am Mass. Thank you. A new rota has been drawn up and will be available to collect from the reading slope on Sunday 24 October.

FAMILY MASS

This Sunday 10 October will be our Harvest Sunday. Please bring to this Mass donations of food and toiletries for the Living Well food bank at Holy Trinity Church in Penge. Your donations will be received during the Offertory. Remember that the Living Well can only accept non-perishable foods.

We begin to prepare for Mass from 9.20 am, so please try to arrive in time to:

- Hear about any special focus in the coming weeks
- Learn new music
- Allow your child to be chosen to ring the bell or lead the entry procession
- Be chosen as a family to take up the offertory gifts

Meditation in the Hall on Mondays from 5.30 - 6.20 pm.

Please remember the need to arrive promptly and to observe the discipline of silence.

Contemplative Saturday in the Hall on 9th October 11—12 noon.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE PRESBYTERY FORECOURT.

YOU DO NOT KNOW WHICH PRIEST WILL RECEIVE AN EMERGENCY CALL AND NEED TO LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.

HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS

We are planning a 'Homemade Christmas' where we are asking parishioners to donate anything home-made (Cakes, Jams, Christmas Wreaths, Decorations etc) which can be sold to raise funds for St Edmunds.

CAN YOU HELP?

Could you help with the planning or organising?

Do you have any ideas or suggestions?

Could you bake or make something?

If so we would love to hear from you by emailing

Sue Owen on sueowenwolf@gmail.com

Please mark your email *Christmas Helpers* or if you don't have email phone the Parish Office on

020 8650 0970



The Passage, a Catholic Charity working with homeless people has its annual

THE PASSAGE
to ending homelessness

opportunity to take up a public collection on the streets of the City of Westminster on Tuesday

19 October (from 7.00 am to 6.30 pm). In order to make the most of this opportunity to raise funds to support homeless people they need more volunteers on the day. Could anyone interested please contact Andrew Hollingsworth at

andrew.h@passage.org.uk

PRISONERS' SUNDAY

Second Collection

This Sunday is the National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their families. PACT is the national Catholic charity which works to support prisoners and their families.



Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, PACT works to:

- Build stronger families and safer communities
- Reduce risk of harm to prisoners and their children
- Remove barriers and increase awareness in public services
- Influence commissioning, policy and legislation

Please give generously to the second collection today or you can donate online at:

<https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/donate/donate-now>

You can also use the DONATE option on our website.

ST EDMUNDS CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2021

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 30th/31st October 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 – 0795 6574 789 / 0788 4184 534



ST EDMUNDS WALKING GROUP

Literary London

Tuesday 19 October at 11.00 am

Meet outside M&S on the Upper Concourse of London Bridge Station, for a 5 mile linear walk taking in the homes and workplaces of world famous writers over six centuries.

We will have an hour's stop at Tate Modern where you can have a picnic lunch, use the facilities, have a coffee, etc. The walk finishes at Russell Square Underground Station. As it is a London walk, you can drop out at any point as buses will take you to the nearest underground or rail station.

I WILL NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS BEFORE THE WALK AS WE HAVE TO BOOK A SLOT AT TATE MODERN.

Please e-mail me at
alagar@pobroadband.co.uk
or call my mobile: 07904 812 350



LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We invite you to join us on
Wednesday 13 October in the church hall
7.45 pm Informal prayer meeting
8.00 pm Holy Mass
celebrant Fr Samuel Ofia, Beckenham Hill
followed by prayer & praise
10.00 pm conclusion

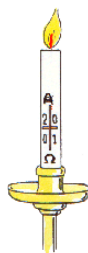
If you have any questions please call
Anna 07794 202 106 or Tom 07982 999 319

BAPTISM

There will be a Baptism Preparation session on **Sunday 31 October**, in the Hall, beginning after the end of the Family Mass, so about 10.30 am.

Parents and expectant parents of their first child will need to attend this session before their child can be baptised.

There is no need to book, just turn up.



OUR PRAYER TREE FOR THE HOLY SOULS



NOVEMBER
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

November is the month in which the Church remembers Her dead, and in a special way we are invited to remember our family and friends who have died, especially those who have died in the previous year.

This year we will be adding flowers to the tree that will be placed on the sanctuary throughout November. To each flower you can add the names of your family and friends who you wish to remember and pray for throughout November. As each flower is hand-made, please add your requirements and name to the list at the back of the Church or contact the Parish Office: beckenham@rcaos.org.uk – please mark the subject box 'Holy Souls' and include the names of your friends and family. Your flower will be completed and placed on our tree on your behalf.

PARENT GOVERNORS NEEDED

There are now three Catholic schools seeking governors. Please read the adverts below and consider if this is where you could use your talents

COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL

Schools benefit from having some governors who are parents of current pupils. Coloma, where some of you are parents of pupils, is looking for new parent governors. If you are interested contact one existing parent governor in our congregation, Claire Saunders at: team_saunders@yahoo.co.uk

ST FRANCIS XAVIER SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

St Francis Xavier Catholic Sixth Form College, Balham, a successful provider of outstanding full time education to 16 – 19 year olds, is seeking a foundation governor. Do you have an interest in education with skills and experience that would be useful to our governing body, responsible for preserving and developing the educational character and mission of the College; its solvency and assets and the achievements and safeguarding of its students? This is a voluntary but demanding, interesting and professional role for a practising Catholic who has the time to prepare for, attend and participate in at least six evening meetings each year. The governors are particularly, but not exclusively, seeking volunteers with current experience / expertise in Human Resources management or accountancy / audit.

If you are interested, or would like to know more, please contact Eleanor Lewis, Clerk to the Governors (020 8772 6062 – e.lewis@sfx.ac.uk).

BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL

Bishop Challoner School has a vacancy on the Board for a new Governor.

The Governing Body is responsible for the strategic direction of Bishop Challoner School. The Board is made up of committed people with a range of skills. We are keen to strengthen our skill set by appointing people with skills in HR, technology and marketing. If you are interested in joining our team and would like to find out more about what is involved please contact the Chair of Trustees; Ticky Colling tcolling@bcsweb.co.uk or the clerk to the trustees clerk@bcsweb.co.uk

IN THE CHURCH

Sunday 10 October

6.00 pm VIGIL Church
 8.00 am Church
 9.30 am Church
 9.30 am Hall
 11.00 am Church
 5.30 pm Church

Twenty-eighth Sunday Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families

Gwen Jackson RIP
 For the people
 George Campbell RIP (anniv)
 Wellbeing of the Obi Family
 Philomena Charles
 Ian Scott

Monday 11 October

9.30 am Church
 10.00 am Church
 11.30 am Church
 6.00 pm Church
 7.00 pm **25 VW**

Feria (St John XXIII, Pope)

Rosary
 Mary Keavney RIP
 Funeral Service of Alfred Waller RIP
 The Ferrando Family
 Adoration

Tuesday 12 October

10.00 am Church
 6.00 pm Church

Feria (St Wilfrid, Bishop)

Dec'd Benefactors & Promoters of the Claver Sisters
 Ronald Barrett RIP

Wednesday 13 October

9.30 am Church
 10.00 am Church
 6.00 pm Church

Feria (St Edward the Confessor)

Rosary
 Anna & Tom Knell RIP
 Nadia Ghawi RIP

Thursday 14 October

10.00 am Church
 6.00 pm Church
 8.00 pm Claver

Feria (St Callistus I, Pope & Martyr)

Monica Grima RIP
 Mary Keavney RIP
 Adoration

Friday 15 October

9.30 am Church
 10.00 am Church
 5.00 pm Church
 6.00 pm Church

St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila)

Rosary
 Paula Marbach RIP
 Adoration & Benediction
 Canon Richard Hearn RIP

Saturday 16 October

10.00 am Church
 6.00 pm Church

Feria (St Hedwig)

Anthony Simmonds (80th birthday)
 Peter Cole RIP (anniv)

Sunday 17 October

8.00 am Church
 9.30 am Church
 9.30 am Hall
 11.00 am Church
 5.30 pm Church

Twenty-ninth Sunday

For the people
 For the intentions of our choir members
 For all our young families
 Ints of Clara Mayungbe
 Bridget Mills



Thank you for raising donations for St Edmunds with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 5,900 shops and sites will donate to us when you use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) 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 & share today.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stecb/?invite=U95BCP%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

Your online offerings last week came to £3843.26
 Thank you so much for your generosity.

ONLINE GIVING

To make your regular donations electronically, please click here: <http://saintedmunds.net/index.php/donations/>

Donations can also be given through ChurchSuite on our website, using the DONATE option or if you wish to set up a Standing Order our bank details are:
 RCAS St Edmund's Church
 Sort Code: 60-02-12
 a/c no: 14282887

DIARY DATES

October

Every Monday, Meditation, Hall, 5.30 pm prompt
Saturday 9th, Hall, 11-12 Contemplative Saturday - prompt start
 11th at 11.30 am. Funeral service for Alfred Waller

There will be Adoration after morning Mass, Monday to Saturday until 11.30am.
 There is Adoration & Benediction every Friday at 5.00 pm and also on the last Sunday of each month at 4.00 pm.

The list of the sick which is read out at each Mass has grown very long. It is intended for those who are close to death or seriously ill in hospital. The names of those with a chronic illness should be on the list in the newsletter.

We pray for those who have died recently: Judith Dede Ajavon, Alfred Waller, Lawrence Abadem and Adrienne Ennis.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are this week: George Cornish, George Campbell, Kitty Sharpe, Maureen Dowling, Ernest Smith, Kathleen Blackham, Anne Hughes, John Sylvester, William Fitzgerald, John Wallis, Albertina Ferrando, Peter Fagan Snr, Peter Fagan Jr, Geoffrey Burnham, James McGilloway, Istvan Mod, Fr Paul Weir, Patrick Cummins, Billy Cannon, Eileen McGrath.

We pray for the sick: Okwui Agbim, Angela, Evelina Armani, Daniel Asapokhai, Sandy Baron, Siobhan Basquill, Boudicca, Fr Ray Brennan, Patsy Brown, Rob Burns, Niamh Byrne, Mary Byrne, Caroline, Carmel Cardiff, Chant, Zenaido Cinco, Mark Clapson, John Crouch, Malcolm Cusack, Niamh Dawson, Antonia Difato, Giacomo Dillon, Domenico, Helga and Ralph D'Souza, Alex Dufort, Joshua Dunford, Nicholas Dunford, Sarah Dunmore, Cecil Dutton, Daniel Ebrahimi, Suzanne Eilbeck, Yvonne Fairlamb, Joe Fennessy, Jessica Feron, Antonio Ferrara, Felicity, Ann Fleming, Mary Flood, Flora, Frances, Sarah Gallagher, Erika Geddes, Gaetan Goa, Patsy Grey, Tony Hallett, Hans Halpin, Margaret Halpin, Amelia Handy, Michael Harper, John Harrow, Pauline Hatfield, Anita Hennigan, Lesley Hill, Maureen Hitchens, Rosemary Horsley, Glen Jack, Catherine Kelly, Eileen Kelly, Keith Kench, Antony & Richard Kirin, Pierre Laine, Rosy Lobo, Lizzy Loftus, Barbara Love, Annick Lynch, Rose McDonnell, Mary McGrath, Patrick McHugh, Paul McIndoe, Eddie Mitchell, Salvador Moreno, Baby Hendrix Morgan, Barbara Moyce, Robert Moyle, Grace Okezie, Eva Perjesi, John Quaife, Helen Quarshie, Katie Richardson, Pru Root, Brian Russell, Brigitte Savreux-O'Driscoll, Anna O'Hara, Coleen Shroeder, David Silk, Siobhan, Veronica Somare, Vidya Sookram, Pauline Ullisak, Vanessa, Deborah Walcott-Grappie, Joan, Susan & Wendy Waller, Jimmy Walters, Patricia Weal, Paul Williams, Terry Woollard and Charlie Wynn.