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Sunday 19 November YR A

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The second collection is for
the SVP

Time to Live Simply

"And God blessed them, and he said, "Increase and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and the flying creatures of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

Genesis 1:28

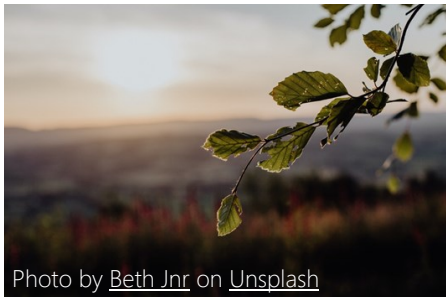


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Just over a month ago Pope Francis published *Laudate Deum*, an apostolic exhortation, or more simply a call to action, to confront the threat of the climate crisis and

to take a moral stand now. In 2015 when Pope Francis published *Laudato Si' (or Praise Be)* it perhaps felt like there was still time to deal with the looming crisis; now as the Holy Father writes it is clear that we have already thrown away many chances to save creation from the damage that we have wrought. Time is running out, but there is still hope.

I believe that there is no better time for our parish to take a stand and to show our care for our common home. CAFOD responded rapidly to the message of *Laudato Si'* by establishing the LiveSimply award, which is an opportunity for Catholic communities to answer Pope Francis' call to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

The bishops of England and Wales have encouraged all parishes and schools to work towards the award as a way of "protecting this world which God has entrusted to us".

In order to gain the LiveSimply award parishes need to show that they have been living:

- Simply
- Sustainably with creation
- In solidarity with people living in poverty

Any worthwhile action is not going to be easy and although the clergy team is backing this initiative, we cannot do this great work without the practical support of you, the parishioners of St Edmunds. This is an open invitation to get in touch and tell us if you would like to help St Edmund's in its journey towards living as a more sustainable parish. We are blessed with a diverse parish community with connections around the world, and no doubt there are many families who have already been impacted by climate change.

As Pope Francis has said, "We will find it hard to feel and show any real concern for those in need, unless we are able to cultivate a certain simplicity of life, resisting the feverish demands of a consumer society, which

leave us impoverished and unsatisfied, anxious to have it all now." (Gaudete et Exultate, para. 108, 2018)

From the youngest to the oldest, each person's different strengths and interests can contribute to making our action plan a success.

Some Parish Action Plan Ideas

Living Simply

Small Steps

- Challenge yourself to a parish unplugged day– without phone, TV or radio.
- Make time for silence in your day and in Mass.
- Upcycle furniture and donate to those in need
- Have a meat free day every week

Giant Strides

- Collect pledges from the whole parish to live sustainably and in solidarity with God's creation
- Challenge yourself and others to buy no new clothes for 12 months, discovering new outfits from your existing wardrobe
- Walk or cycle everywhere, to benefit mind, body and soul
- Make time to pray for God's creation, the people and the planet

Living in Solidarity

Small Steps

- Join in CAFOD campaigns to make sure the voices of our sisters and brothers are heard,
- Spend time in prayer on Family Fast Day, whilst eating more simply

Giant Strides

- Support CARITAS organisations in our parish
- Switch to an ethical bank (at home and in the parish)
- Set time aside as a parish to reflect on *Laudato Si'* and *Laudate Deum*

Living Sustainably

Small Steps

- Make our parish meetings and events planet-friendly – reduce paper use, use Fairtrade tea and coffee, use eco cleaning products
- Reduce energy usage = turning off computers and photocopiers, using LED bulbs (and turning them off when not needed), sharing lifts and promoting public transport, encourage recycling and composting

Giant Strides

- Conduct a parish energy audit to uncover ways of reducing our Carbon footprint
- Create a wildlife garden or community vegetable garden in the parish grounds complete with insect hotels, bat boxes and bird houses.
- Start a gardening club, hold a seed, sapling or harvest swap.

We look forward to hearing from you and working together to Live Simply.

Deacon Ray

Our Church Shop has some lovely Advent and Christmas stock. It is open after most Sunday Masses.

This Sunday the Advent and Christmas stock will be displayed in the old library so please take a look at the calendars and candles and the beautiful nativity sets.

Christmas Fair
Saturday 2 December
11.00 am – 3.30 pm

Only two weeks to go and we still have very few donations.

Please support your Christmas Fair. Enjoy all the usual attractions and some delicious food.

Entry is £1 for adults - children are free.

Donations: Trolleys will be at the back of the church to collect donations, or bring them to the Office during the week. We need:

- bottles
- toiletries
- bottles of mulled wine
- good quality bric-a-brac
- raffle prizes
- home-made cakes
- preserves
- sweets and chocolates



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BECKENHAM
SAINSBURY CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS
FOR OUR LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

Any donations can be paid to:
Beckenham Conference
Sort Code 60-60-04
Account number 46076190
Payment reference: Gift cards 2023
Cheques or cash can be left with the Parish Office

Light of Christ Charismatic Prayer Meeting.
Wednesday 22 November
7.45 pm Praise & Worship
8.00 pm Mass
Celebrant Fr Uduak Abara
9.00 pm Prayer Ministry
9.30 pm Fellowship
Evening concludes at 10.00 pm
Enquiries to Tom on 07982 999 318

If you wish to book a Mass intention for a specific date, please contact the Office in good time. We have no Masses without an intention for the rest of the year.

Money Mountain Tickets

You can buy your Money Mountain tickets using this QR code, or after Sunday Masses or from the Parish Office. Tickets are £1 each and the winner receives half the money raised. The other half will go towards a church project. The draw will take place at 3.00 pm at the Christmas Fair. If you are able to help sell tickets please contact Sue Owen at sueowenwolf@gmail.com



St Mary's Catholic
Primary School
Open Morning

For parents of children due to start Reception in September 2024.

Wednesday 29 November

Is the final open morning.

To book your place please contact Mrs Tracey - School Admissions Officer by email at: admin@stmaryscp.co.uk

A SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS

On Christmas Day last year, BBC Radio 4 broadcast a programme on 'Christmas Recycled' which showed how we could make Christmas more sustainable and less wasteful.

Please use this link to hear it: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m001ghwd>

Claver Sisters Mission Calendar 2024

The sisters will be selling their calendars after all Masses next weekend, 25/26 November.

Don't forget to bring some cash so you can support their missionary work and keep track of what you will be doing next year.

CATECHISTS

A date for next year's diary.
Deanery Catechists Day on
Saturday 10 February

Christ the King Youth Day SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 12 - 6.00 PM

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL, BR1 2PR
Bromley Deanery Youth Ministry Team invites those between 7 and 15 to join them for this day. All the usual fun, song, prayer and liturgy, with new games, your favourite pizza and tuck shop. £5 entry, more info and registration form [here](#). Please register early for planning purposes and we'll see you there!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS

Father Steve's recent talk about Adoration and the lack of parishioners staying after Mass for this, really made me think that those of us who have these roles within our church could enhance them by coming to adoration on the last Saturday of the month ie 25th November after the 10 am Mass. We don't have to stay for the whole hour - just as long as our time allows. Adoration is so important and plays an important part in bringing us closer to Jesus. We can pray or let Jesus speak to us. Let us do this together on the 25th November.

Mavis Alagar

300 CLUB

October

No 43 Sean Lacey £100
No 132 Von Westgarth £50
No 241 Diane Alagar £25

November

No 32 Sheila Lake £100
No 71 Mary Lambeth £50
No 99 Breda Murphy £25

*The next draw will be the Christmas one.
If you have not paid your subs, your
number will not be included.*



St Mary's Christmas Fair

Everyone is invited to drop in to the school's Christmas Fair on
Saturday 25 November from
11-3.00 pm.
Lots of lovely stalls, selling great gifts, toys, food and treats, and a rather special visitor will be making an appearance.

ATTENTION TO ALL DIANE'S PILGRIMS

Medjugorge, Holy Land, Walsingham, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lourdes, Fatima, Divine Mercy Poland.....

Lets share some Christmas cheer - you are cordially invited to a bring and share on 17 December at 1.00 pm at St Edmunds Hall.
RSVP: Diane Brelu 07951 194036

PARISH ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

Saturday, 9 December at 7.15 pm
in the church, and online at
www.saintedmunds.net

Why not come and enjoy carols and readings from the four Choirs in our parish. A programme will be available on the website from 6 December for online viewers.

There will be a collection after the service for St Christopher's Hospice

You can also donate
online: [www.justgiving.com/page/cathy-denne-1699010107900?](http://www.justgiving.com/page/cathy-denne-1699010107900?utm_term=NWyNwYb5w)

[utm_term=NWyNwYb5w](http://www.justgiving.com/page/cathy-denne-1699010107900?utm_term=NWyNwYb5w) or you can post a donation through the Office door marked St. Christopher's Hospice

We do hope you are able to join us in the church and then for mince pies and mulled wine afterwards in the Church Hall!



Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you.

MASSES WEEK BEGINNING 19 NOVEMBER YR A

Sunday 19 Nov **Thirty-third Sunday**
World Day of the Poor
 6.00 pm Church Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta
VIGIL RIP
 8.00 am Church Bernie Yianni RIP
 9.30 am Church Raymond & Christiane Duval
 RIP
 NO FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Church Esseline Nunes d'Agrella
LATIN RIP (1st anniv)
 5.30 pm Church Ciaran Kelly RIP

Monday 20 Nov **Feria**
 10.00 am Church Nancy & Steven Dennis RIP

Tuesday 21 Nov **The Presentation of the**
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 THERE IS NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday 22 Nov **Saint Cecilia**
 10.00 am Church Bridie Mulvoy RIP (50th anniv)
 8.00 pm Hall Charismatic Mass

Thursday 23 Nov **Feria (St Clement)**
 10.00 am Church Dec'd members of Lennon
 Family
 8.00 pm Claver Adoration

Friday 24 Nov **Saint Andrew Dung-Lac,**
 Priest, & Companions,
 Martyrs
 10.00 am Church Eugene Gilkes RIP

Saturday 25 Nov **Feria (St Catherine of**
 Alexandria)
 10.00 am Church Gretta Colonnese & Ron
 Renton RIP
 6.00 pm Church Crescenzo Panetta RIP
VIGIL

Sunday 26 Nov **Our Lord Jesus Christ,**
 King of the Universe
 8.00 am Church For the Holy Souls
 9.30 am Church In thanksgiving and for the
 birthdays of Clare, Malia,
 Mason & Milan Nwosu &
 Margit
 NO FAMILY MASS
 11.00 am Church Giovanni Campanaro RIP
 5.30 pm Church Elizabeth Adiekpornya



We pray for those who have died:
 Joan Everett, Richard Everett, Gordon Davey, Colin Dowling, Patricia Ross, Richard Solly.

Please pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur this week: Michael Carney, Peggy Northwood, Agnes Hazer, Eileen Rogers, Violet Pasiniewicz, Leonard Walker, Dino Toschi, Ellen McCarthy, Sheila Hartley, Siobhan O'Reilly, Ann Margaret Moys, Andrew McNally, Aurora Matella, Penelope Wood, Maureen Bentley, Crescenzo Panetta, Gretta Colonnese, John Doyle.

We pray for all in our parish suffering from ill health, we pray too for their families and for their carers.

Meditation every Monday (except bank holidays) in the Hall from 5.30 - 6.20 pm. Please respect the need to arrive promptly and observe the silence.

OFFERTORY - WEEK ENDING 12.11.23	
Plate Collection	1126.50
Contactless	216.39
Bank Standing Order	650.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1233.73
TOTAL	3226.62

DIARY

November
 Tues 28 Requiem of Colin Dowling 12.30

December
 Fri 1 Requiem of Joan Everett 12.30
 Sat 2 Christmas Fair
 Mon 4 Christmas Lunch hosted by SVP
 Mon 4 Law Surgery in Presbytery 6.00
 Wed 6 Requiem of Patricia Ross 11.45
 Sat 9 Advent Carol Service at 7.15
 followed by refreshments in Hall
 Mon 11 Requiem of Richard Solly 11.30
 Sat 16 Deanery Reconciliation Service
 4.00

