

MASS INTENTIONS - AUGUST 2019

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Thur 8 th	9.00am	Communion Service
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St. Edmund of Canterbury

And

St. Thomas More

PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends in Christ, Eighteenth Sunday of the Year 2019, Year C

The man in the crowd asking Jesus to settle a family dispute wants him to act like a rabbi. Jesus however, is instantly aware that his request stems from greed and envy. He chooses to expose the motives of the man's heart rather than settle his grievance. The Lord teaches that the purpose and meaning of life is making oneself 'rich towards God.'

Greed and envy focus a person on self. Those who pursue wealth seek security and safety. They use their riches to shield themselves from life's vicissitudes and to find comfort and confidence in material things. In the pursuit of wealth they lose sight of the real meaning of life because they are seduced by the illusion that with their fortune they can control their lives. Yet one day everyone will die – possessions cannot protect against that day.



Furthermore the pursuit of affluence and pleasure eliminates both God and neighbour from sight since the focus is exclusively on obtaining possessions in order to feel secure: 'I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry.' Finally wealth creates the desire for greater wealth, making the circle of illusion complete.

Being rich in the sight of God brings into sharp focus the purpose of life and allows us to live according to truth. The real meaning of life is that we depend on God for everything; God is the source of all good, and we are created for a relationship with him. Our security is to be found in God alone; we can live with confidence that is directing our lives, and will provide for all our needs.

Dear Friends in Christ,

18th Sunday of the Year

WELCOME: This weekend we welcome back Fr Anthony Chantry MHM, who has kindly offered to supply for me while I take my annual summer break. I'm truly grateful to him for his generosity in offering to supply for me. As you know it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find substitution during holiday periods. Please extend to him your usual hospitable welcome!

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GIFT AID ENVELOPES: As the summer recess has begun, could I ask all parishioners who Gift Aid to try and keep your envelopes up-to-date throughout the summer please! Thank you for your generosity!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS: If you are going to be away on holiday over the summer recess, could you kindly arrange cover for your particular ministry. There have been a few problems recently with ministers not turning up. Please consult your contact list.

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CLARETIAN FAMILY DAY: Bank Holiday Monday 26th August, Buckden Towers. A warm invitation to any of us who may like to go! It's a great day out at this historic Claretian Centre, and it's for all the family. The village of Buckden is very easy to get to – it's about 60 miles north of Loughton, and is immediately off the A1. The Claretian Centre is a walled estate which encloses Buckden Towers. The day starts at 12noon. There is a Barbeque in the grounds. The weather is nearly always good and you don't need to bring any food or drink, as everything is provided. A joyful concelebrated Mass in the Tudor garden follows at around 3.00pm, after which everyone is invited into the house for refreshments. Please put this date in your diary.

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Thur 15 th Feast of the Assumption	9.00am 12.15pm 8.00pm	Parishioners Pat & Margaret belated B'day Int's (A Hawkes) George (Jerzy) Rathe
Fri 16 th	12.15pm	Communion Service
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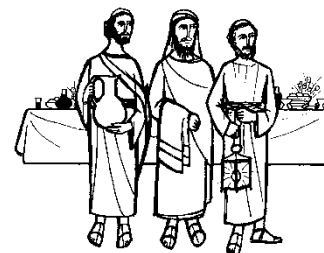
St. Edmund of Canterbury

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PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends in Christ, Nineteenth Sunday of the Year 2019, C

Astonishingly, today in the gospel Jesus compares himself to a thief who unpredictably burgles a house. In this and other ways, Jesus teaches graphically that he will return, and that his return will always be a surprise. Yet his return must not catch us unawares: 'Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning.'



Our lives of faith can become flat and lack any sense of excitement or urgency. What can inspire us? We need an element of tension to move us from apathy to zeal. God gives us the spur we need - the return of the Lord. He will come back – and when we least expect it! To create that sense of tension we must reject all unbelief that would convince us that whilst

the Lord may be coming back, it will certainly not be in our lifetime. Such an assumption sets itself against Jesus' own words. It is also foolish, for his return could occur as soon as tomorrow or it may delay until sometime after our death.

People are often afraid of dealing with their fears. The Late Pope John Paul II said: 'Christians are exhorted to prepare for the Great Jubilee of the beginning of the Third Millennium by renewing their hope in the definitive coming of the Kingdom of God, preparing for it daily in their hearts, in the Christian community to which they belong, in their particular social context, and in world history itself.' The surest way to prepare our hearts for the second coming is to ask the Holy Spirit to give us a hunger, thirst and longing for it.

Dear Friends in Christ,

19th Sunday of the Year

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:
FIRDAY 15th AUGUST, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Mary, at the end of her natural life was assumed body and soul to heaven. The Dogma of the Assumption was proclaimed in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. It proclaimed the belief of the Universal Church that Mary, the Mother of God, having been singled out by God as that singular vessel of purity, brought forth Christ into the world; who, throughout the whole of her life, constantly remained faithful to God and her Son. Her freedom from the stain of Original Sin, won her the eternal reward of being Assumed by God, Body and Soul into heaven. There will be three masses today, 9am, 12.15pm & 8.00pm at St. Edmunds.



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NOTE TO ALL OUR SINGERS IN THE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP: Our practice for Sunday 1st September Mass takes place on Wednesday, 28th August at St. Edmund's. 6.30pm Musicians, 7pm Singers, (Please note we've moved the practice to Wednesday as our usual practice evening falls on Monday, 26th August which is a Bank holiday). New singers are always welcome to join us, particularly our teenagers, young adults and families. Please think about it and come along!

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THIS YEAR'S PARISH BAZAAR: Will take place on Saturday 7th December. Would all our regular helpers please put this date in your diaries! As you know your generosity makes our bazaars so successful. If you are going abroad, you might like to buy a bottle at the 'Duty Free' store; as you know the Bottle Stall is always a great attraction. Also we need Grand Draw Prizes. Please think about these things.

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Sat 24 th	10.00am	Frank Wescott's Int's (Pat & Margaret) <i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>
Sat 24 th	6.00pm	Johanna & Henry Ormond (Mills family)
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Twentieth Sunday of the Year 2019, C

It is an amazing reality of the Christian faith that Jesus of Nazareth whom we worship and adore as God made man, lived, breathed, and moved in an age without television, radio, the Internet or even the motor car. He was born into an ancient world without the printing press or means of communication which can reach, in an instant, millions of people. And yet, his words, the most holy, sacred and loving ever spoken, resound through history, speaking to every person, person to person, heart to heart, one to one.

His sweet words speak of those who are blessed; they speak of kindness, mercy, turning the other cheek and forgiving from the heart. His bitter words speak of judgement, punishment, millstones, hell and division. The thing is that with Jesus, as much as one might want to pick and mix, select this teaching over that one, or prefer his sweet to his bitter words, we cannot: we have to study and pray on all of Jesus' words.

Today we encounter an especially bitter teaching. It's hard, isn't it; to think that the Prince of Peace, whose first words after he had risen were 'Peace be with you', says also 'Do you think I came to bring Peace to earth? No, I tell you, but division'. The trust is the name of Jesus divides as much as it unites. There are many in our world who despise the name of Jesus. Indeed, his name is used by many as a word of cursing. Try mentioning Jesus' name in polite company. Sometimes even in Church circles, to mention the name of Jesus creates a hostile reaction. Why is this? It is because Jesus is God. His is the name above all other names and before him all things, in heaven and on earth, will bow down. Jesus did come to bring peace on earth but this peace was secured through the bloody suffering of his cross. First came division, hatred and violence, and then came the peace that only Jesus the Prince of Peace, can pour out, the peace of Christ in our hearts.



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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH? If so, please see Fr. John as soon as possible. Tel No: 020 8508 3492. We are hoping to begin a new RCIA programme in September. It is wonderful to have a good number of enquirers for this Journey of Faith Programme. It is a systematic programme, covering all aspects of Catholicism, the scriptures, Catholic Dogma & Doctrine, Liturgical Practice, Prayer, Catholic Moral Teaching & Ethical Issues. We use power-point presentations and follow a programme called 'Evangelium,' which is very orthodox. I will give hand-outs each week of the subject matter covered in the talk. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions. There are many who have been on this course, and I'm sure some of our new convert Catholics would be only too willing to answer any of your questions. I am hoping to begin the Programme on Thursday 12th September at 8.00pm in the Parish Retreat. All welcome!

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