

PARISH OF BLESSED EDMUND SYKES
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20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YR B)
19th AUGUST 2012
Welcome to our Parish Celebration of the Holy Eucharist



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday St. Nicholas 6.00pm Nora Swinnerton
Sunday St. Nicholas 9.30am Domnhal Boyle
Our Lady's 11.00am The People of the Parish

DURING THE WEEK

Monday St. Nicholas 9.00am Michael Healy
St. Bernard - Abbot
Tuesday Our Lady's 9.00am Michael Whelan
St. Pius X - Pope
Wednesday St. Nicholas 9.00am Michael Cunningham
Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday Our Lady's 9.00am Mary Lynskey
Friday St. Nicholas 11.00am Requiem for
Katheen Mary Duckworth R.I.P.
Saturday No morning Mass
Confessions 5.00 to 5.45pm and at other times by request
Vigil St. Nicholas 6.00pm Cyril Dean

OFFERTORY COLLECTION LAST WEEK

St. Nicholas & Our Lady's £942.82
Thank you for your generosity



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

6.00pm M. Martin, R. Mungur
9.30am J. Heal, J. Storey, M. Coolican
11.00am J. Lumley, T. Curry, M. O'Toole

READERS

6.00pm H. Scullen
9.30am S. Spencer
11.00am A. Henry, J. O'Toole

EXPLANATION - To everyone - the pronunciation of the name of our priest from Poland is Fr. Voytek

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL - Jesus always 'drew life' from the Father (v.57). Every day he drew apart to pray to his Father, seeking from him strength, energy and fresh inner resources. In our turn, we need to 'draw life' from Jesus. Jesus does not want us to live in our own strength, wisdom and power. Rather, he wishes to be himself 'our wisdom', our righteousness and sanctification and redemption (1 Cor. 1:30). For this reason he offers us himself so that we can draw life from him by feeding upon his flesh and blood. Every day come into Jesus' presence and 'draw life' from him. Acknowledge to him your weakness and your lack of wisdom and insight. Ask him to fill you with new resolve and courage, discernment and understanding, endurance, hope and faith. Do this again before receiving the Eucharist for 'he who eats me will live because of me' (v.57). Jesus you are 'the bread which comes down from heaven, that a man may eat of it and not die' (v. 50) Teach me to 'draw life' from you so that I live in you and you live in me.

MILLSTONES - COUNTRY & WESTERN - Thursday 6th Sept. Come and join us for a great day out at Millstones for a good meal, dance and entertainment. Coach leaves St. Nicholas at 10.15am returning at approx 5.00pm. Cost for meal and transport is £20. Please ring Stella 2948563 or Mary 2732435.

ANNUAL SVP SPONSORED WALK will take place on Sunday September 30th at 2.00pm. Anyone willing to undertake the walk please contact any member of the SVP for further details.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - (St. Nicholas) We would welcome more people to lead the Children's Liturgy - help the children of this parish to understand the messages God gives us. Before volunteering, please feel free to come in to one of our sessions at the 9.30am Mass on Sundays to see what it entails.

SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE - The Knights of St. Columba are asking us to pray with them that our politicians will heed the message of faith, and respect the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman. They are asking parishes to say a bidding prayer at Sunday Mass once a month to form a chain of prayer up and down the country for this purpose.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK Lately Dead: Pam Dyson. **Anniversaries:** Eleanor Morrison, Mary Callaghan, Michael Cunningham, John Swinnerton, Helen Anne Lawlor, Cyril Dean. **Also for:** Maureen Burberry, Brenda McHale.

300 CLUB - £20 92 T. Halliday: £10 298 M. Gormley: £5 162 A. Jones: £5 66 T. Davison

Thought for the week
Life teaches us to be less severe
both with ourselves and others.

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