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ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR



Duodecim Nuntium

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<https://www.synod.va/en.html>

January - Month of The Holy Name of Jesus Christ

7TH JAN 2022

Sheila's Soup - 12.00-1.30pm
Warm your cockles with some nice hot soup and bread! Pretty sure those Wise Men would have needed it after their long journey yesterday! #epiphanytide
Sheila's Soup returns monthly.

SYNOD 21-23

Still not really sure what the Synod means for us? Go onto our Diocesan website for more digestible information.

<https://northamptondiocese.org/for-a-synodal-church/>

AFTER THE WEEKEND MASSES ON 8/9TH JANUARY, YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO STAY AND PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN THE SYNODAL DISCUSSIONS.

WELCOME TO ST EDWARD'S NEWSLETTER

Walking Humbly With Our God

January is the devotional month to the Holy Name of Jesus Christ. What's in a name? It defines us, gives us an identity. Jesus, a beautiful name, means *God saves* so not only is it the name of our Saviour, but also states his purpose in bringing us the blessing of salvation.

What can we do to honour Jesus' name? Simple things like bowing whenever you hear it, or simply *sing* his praises! There are many wonderful hymns, old and new, that revere His name. Why not try praying the Litany of The Holy Name of Jesus. We have been able to do this at home since 1886!





PARISH LIFE

Whats occurring?

- Sheila's Soup returns on 7th January 12pm-1.30pm
- Coffee Morning every Friday 11.00am
- Craft Group will meet again soon date TBC
- Saturday Evening Mass 6.30pm (Reconciliation by appointment).
- Music Group - practice at 9.10am before Sunday Mass. All welcome! All welcome to join!
- Don't forget to mark your house with 20+C+B+M+22 for Epiphany! Prayer booklets are on the foyer table.

DESERT ISLAND DISCS

This month we have John Lane who moved to Milton Keynes in 1988. He and Bernadette met Fr John Murphy until Fr Paul Hardy eventually took over at St Edward's and as they say, the rest is history!

When the editor of the St Edward's newsletter asked me to do this, I did not realise how difficult it would be to find three discs for the Desert Island.

I went back to early school days and musically one of my early memories was the German national anthem. I was always puzzled as to why we sung it at Mass. It was of course the Agnus Dei in the Latin mass but as I spoke neither German nor Latin it was the German English football rivalry that dominated my thoughts. It is strange now, some 50 odd years later, that I wonder why they play the Agnus Dei when Mercedes wins Formula 1 grand prix! School also introduced me to Handel's Messiah along with Gilbert and Sullivan. Another school trip was to see Jesus Christ Superstar in London. G&S comic Operas and the words of Tim Rice really showed me the importance of the lyrics to a song.

I was also lucky at home. My older sisters always had Beatles' albums. My older brother Sinatra and Tony Bennet and mum and dad had other crooners like Jim Reeves and Val Doonican. A great mix! I used to work in a local pub for pocket money and getting home on a Sunday evening the time often coincided with a show on TV called King's collection. This was my introduction to the King's Singers. My first vinyl was the King's Singers 'Out of the Blue'. I have been lucky enough to see them in concert since. I also really loved the voice of Matt Monroe, even Frank Sinatra thought Monroe was a wonderful singer. Originally, I must have heard Matt Monroe sing the theme tune to the movie 'Born Free', no one could deliver that song like him.

That neatly steps me over to movie music. Disney films have played a big part in my musical life. I enjoyed them much when I was young but then as the girls grew, they loved Disney music also. John Williams' list of movies is amazing. Elmer Bernstein from the back streets of New York to the wild west. Soundtracks often run in the background but try watching 'When Harry Met Sally' without the music, it just does not work!

I was lucky to join a chamber choir here in MK and that was probably the first time I had to really listen and take note of what was going on around me. The first piece I was involved in with the choir was Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle. What a thrill it was to be allowed to sing that. I even got to do the main tenor solo for one performance - not sure what had happened to the other tenors! The choir master was also a big fan of John Rutter and those who are reading this and know me will acknowledge how much I enjoy Rutter's music.

You can see I have chosen nothing yet as I simply cannot. So, I am going to cheat and say I would take with me:

1. Movie music
2. Music by singers from New York, Sinatra and Billy Joel included
3. Any music that has ever been performed in England, that should cover almost everything else.

Apologies to the editor for changing the rules but what the heck! *John Lane*

IN REMEMBRANCE

FRAN O'HANLON

We are extremely saddened with the passing of Fran O'Hanlon. She was a pillar and stalwart of St Edwards and behind many of its successful events and milestones. She leaves behind Mick, four daughters and a grandson.

Eternal rest grant unto her o Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace and rise in glory!

Details of Funeral

Wed 26th Jan 16.15pm -
Removal Service to St Edward's

Thu 27th Jan 12.00pm -
Requiem Mass at St Edward's,
followed by cremation at
Crownhill Crematorium.
Refreshments after at the
Irish centre.

Family flowers only please
and anyone wishing to make
a donation, please do so to
Willen Hospice, who were
there for Fran and the family.

Those unable to attend, can
live-stream, details to follow.

All can attend pending Gov
restrictions. Please be COVID
considerate.

THANKYOU...

**...to those who did the Christmas clean
...to the choir doing an excellent job
with the Alina orchestra and Christmas
Carols!**

...for the donation of poinsettias

