



天主教 - The "Religion of the Lord of Heaven"



On 19th February, 80 people gathered at St Edwards for the first Chinese Catholic Mass in MK! It was a great success which involved many families with children and individuals attend, we even had visitors from Cambridge! We were blessed to have Fr Joseph Liang (from the London Chinese Chaplaincy) celebrate mass for us and we were equipped with an electronic order of mass and even had an altar server!



This was a cluster-wide endeavour and we hope to be able to do this again with some regularity, where everyone is welcome!

Left to right: Livia Wong (St Mary's, Woburn Sands), Fr Joseph Liang, Fr Francis Higgins, Michelle Chum (St Edward's), Joe Wong (St Mary's) Ka Yee Chan (St Augustine's).

March - Month Saint Joseph

2ND MAR 2022

EVENTS MEETING 6.00pm
Come join our events planning meeting! Everybody is welcome!

28TH FEB 2022

PARISH FOCUS GROUP MEETING 7.30pm

4TH MAR 2022

SHEILA'S SOUP 12.00-1.30pm
The first soup discovered was made 6000BC and it was hippopotamus!! Not sure we have that now in 2022 but come along to see what Sheila has made this month!

9TH APR 2022

SAVE THE DATE!

We are so pleased to announce that our super popular Passover Meal makes a return so save the date! More details to follow.

WELCOME TO ST EDWARD'S NEWSLETTER

Walking Humbly With Our God

We are pleased to report that St Edward Events are back up and running! We have already seen the return of refreshments after Sunday Morning mass, and other events including Sheila's Monthly Soups, Friday Coffee, and the first Chinese Catholic Mass which was held in mid-February. More importantly we see the return of formation. Please remember our 14 First Holy Communicants in your prayers as they embark on a preparation and learning journey for their first Reconciliation and first time receiving the Holy Eucharist.



PARISH LIFE

What's Occurring?



- Sheila's Soup 4th March 12.00pm - 1.30pm.
 - in February £100 was raised for the Winter Night Shelter. Thank you all!
- Coffee Morning every Friday 11.00am
- Music Group - practice at 9.10am before Sunday Mass.
- If you were previously on a rota for reading or any other ministry please look out for notices to get back on them!
- Please bring in your RED MISSIO BOXES, leave them on the foyer table.

MY LOVE OF...

...reading. We're blessed to have Cormac Marum again who delves into his love of history. Probably why he has such a big quiz brain!



I have a great love of reading history. I started young by devouring the Ladybird History Series and read all those books whilst still at primary school. I did history at 'O' Level, 'A' Level and 'S' Level before going on to read history at Cambridge. I then trained as a history teacher and taught history and geography for two years before embarking on my career in tax almost 40 years ago.

But I have remained a reader of 'serious' history books simply for pleasure. I read about modern history but modern history across the world. There are very few countries about which I have read nothing about its history.

The best history book I have ever read? That must go to the simply majestic 'Postwar' by the late Tony Judt, whose lectures I attended at Cambridge. That is a history of Europe since 1945 and its opening chapters about the incredible devastation across the continent at the end of World War II should have been made compulsory reading before the Brexit referendum. Definitely, it would have produced a different result.

One by-product I have gained from reading history is to learn about the history of Christianity and especially about its various divisions into different churches. 'A History of Christianity' by Diarmaid MacCulloch is the monumental work in this field and it is particularly useful to get a perspective from somebody so different to me. He is Protestant and from Northern Ireland, but worse still is a professor from Oxford University. His 'Reformation - Europe's House Divided 1490 - 1700' is also brilliant.

Most of time I read biographies. But I don't read only biographies of my heroes as it is often useful to read about those I consider to be on the 'wrong side of history' (although I do draw the line at reading anything about Margaret Thatcher - it was bad enough living through the dark days from May 1979 to November 1990).

The best biography I have read is probably 'Citizen Clem' by John Bew, a life about Britain's greatest Prime Minister, Clement Attlee.

The book I want to read is the biography of Oliver Cromwell, which John Morrill, my Director of Studies at Selwyn College, has been spending a lifetime writing. John is a Catholic convert and is Deacon in the diocese of East Anglia but all this gives him an added understanding of 'God's Englishman', which was the title of earlier biography by Christopher Hill of Oliver Cromwell, who is the only man to rule England who was not a member of the Royal Family.

WHO?

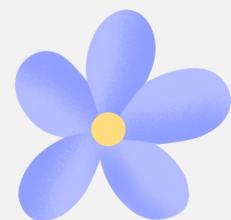
Who would play Fr Francis in his biopic?

Here are some Oscar nominees and winners that have played RC priests!

- Bing Crosby. 300 hit singles under his belt.
- Gregory Peck. Ol' Captain Ahab there, just fishing.
- Spencer Tracy. A major Hollywood Star of the Golden Age
- Jason Miller. The Exorcist (This needs no other introduction...)
- Phillip Seymour Hoffman. You may have seen him also in The Hunger Games!

Cast your vote! Drop your answer into the swingbin in the foyer. Answers in April.

Anyhow... Mark Wahlberg (a devout Catholic) of New Kids On The Block fame (come on! it wasn't *that* long ago!!) is portraying an RC priest. It is to be released in April, called *Father Stu*, directed by Mel Gibson about an Irish boxer turned secular priest. Worth a watch if we have to wait a bit for Fr F's...!



“ *Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with love.*

St Therese of Lisieux

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