

Lenten Project 2022 - St Mark's Meals MK

**NO CHILD
SHOULD HAVE
TO GO TO BED
HUNGRY**



This year, our Lenten Project supported St Mark's Meals MK. The total of **£1,174.68** was raised so give yourselves a big round of applause!!

!!WELL DONE EVERYBODY!!

Thank you so much for raising funds for us throughout Lent - we appreciate it so much and are so glad to have you on the team tackling child hunger in Milton Keynes.

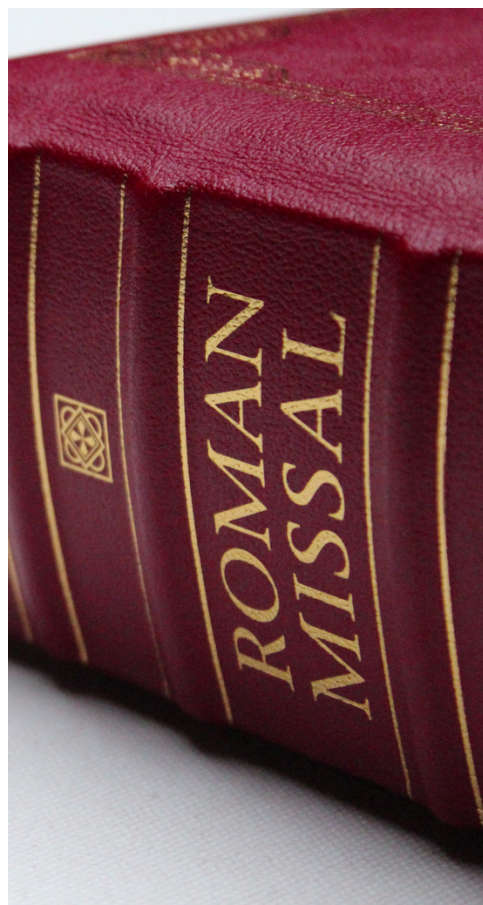
As you will be aware, with the rising costs already being experienced by all of us, an increasing number of children are finding life difficult and families are beginning to make tough choices and lifestyle changes already. Demand for our Meals boxes over the past week or two has been high, and new schools are joining us. So to have your support in prayer and finances is brilliant. Thank you! *Paul Oxley*

WELCOME TO ST EDWARD'S NEWSLETTER

Walking Humbly With Our God

This edition will cover the summer holidays and will resume in September. We are following the academic year (!) and many of our activities will take a well earned break and return in the Autumn but dont worry the Friday morning coffee ladies will still be there... every Friday morning from 11am.

Open House, at the St Augustine Presbytery, is held on Monday Evening between 5.30pm and 7.00pm. This is an opportunity to deal with administrative details such as booking baptisms, signing school forms and passports. There is no need to make an appointment just pop along between 5.30pm and 7pm where one of the team will be able to help you.



PARISH LIFE

What's Occurring?

- Coffee Morning every Friday 11.00am
- Music Group - practice at 9.10am before Sunday Mass.
 - ***Tuesday Evening 6pm Practices will resume in September***
 - Do you sing or play an instrument? If you would like to join the music group, do come along and say hello! Any instrument and voice and any level welcome!
- The Parish Summer BBQ was a hit! Thanks to all who came to support it!



PRAYER: PART 1

How do you do it?

I have been a part of the St Edward's community since autumn 1985 when our shepherd was Fr John Murphy and we celebrated mass in a variety of rented venues. I'm a Lay Associate of the Holy Family of Bordeaux and knowing God through Jesus Mary and Joseph is our aim.

The Eucharist is a very important part of my prayer as is the awareness of God in nature. For me prayer is conversation with God. Sometimes with formal prayers learned as a child, others by simply being aware of God's presence in nature and in the people I interact with.

Before getting out of bed I offer my day and my family and friends living and dead to God. I may name them and any special needs I'm aware of. I try to read the daily mass readings and when possible attend mass. I belong to a couple of prayer groups one a house group and the other is our local Praisefest.

I am a bit of a 'chatterer'. I talk to God as I go about my day. Asking for blessings including parking space! Sometimes I pray the prayers or sing the hymns to Mary I learned as a child. I like The Freedom Rosary and some little chaplets. I don't do much meditation during my day. I just try and remember to say hello to God and to praise and thank Him for the gifts he gives me throughout the day. I may play hymns in the car or pray with friends on the phone or in person. I may pray the news if a particular situation draws me.

My aim is to **build a relationship with God**. Sometimes I go through the whole day and the only prayer I've remembered to say is those offered in bed. I love trees and I often sit on my sofa and watch the trees dancing in the breeze amazed by their wonder. I also love to be by the sea. To be reminded, as the waves lap or crash upon the shore, of the power and wonder of the God who made me and all the beauty around me and who takes care of me and those who walk through life with me. *Jo Doherty*.

CHINESE MASS

The 3rd Chinese Mass returned to St Edward's at the end of June! There was children's Liturgy this time, focusing on Mary as we celebrated the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. After mass, our very own Pat Partridge gave a small talk on how St Edward's came to be!

The next mass returns on 10th September so save the date. It will be the Chinese Mid Autumn Festival and the whole Cluster is invited to come learn some traditions and culture, and of course eat! Watch this space for more details.



Sheila's Soup takes a break in Aug and returns on 2nd Sep.