

## ST EDMUND'S PARISH BUNGAY AND HARLESTON

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### **EMERGENCY NEWSLETTER No 33** for 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021

*Today is the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord (Readings for Year B)*

*This feast signals the end of the Christmas/Epiphany season*

#### **IMPORTANT PERMANENT CHANGE OF MASS TIME ON TUESDAYS.**

Following consultation with the regular congregation, the time of the Tuesday Mass at Harleston (currently 8am) will be changed to 9.15am with effect from this week: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

With the latest lockdown, I have found myself, with considerable exasperation, having to postpone for a third time the launch of a recruitment drive and a course of instruction for this sacrament. Clearly it is not going to be possible, or even legal, to conduct this in the traditional manner with group meetings in the Parish Hall. While zoom and other media platforms offer alternative provision, I feel the loss of the social aspect of the meetings would be a serious deprivation, quite apart from the fact that the last thing that our youngsters want is yet more learning on-line, although I accept that at least some of what we have to offer will have to be delivered in that way. Having taken advice, I am now proposing that we put the matter on hold until the end of February when we may hopefully get a more certain indication of whether the programme of vaccinations is likely to lead to some degree of normality in our life-styles. In the worst case we may have to consider a postponement to next summer, but I would be very reluctant to do that.

#### **PARISH CD**

Copies are available from the steward in the church porch or from Fr Charles in the Harleston Sacristy or from the presbytery front-door. Sale reduction to £5 each!

#### **NEXT PARISH ON-LINE COFFEE ZOOM**

Friday 22<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. E-mail Shirley Kalinauckas ([shirleykalinauckas@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shirleykalinauckas@yahoo.co.uk) or 01379 586884) for the code.

#### **SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 you should apply for full time schooling by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. To apply contact [www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions) or phone the Admissions Team on 03456000981

*God Bless you all. Fr Charles*