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First Sunday of Lent (Year B)

RESUMPTION OF SUNDAY MASS

Until further notice it is planned to resume the two Sunday morning Masses (Harleston 9am and Bungay 1030am. From this Sunday (21 Feb) I will resume presiding myself with the benefit of the vaccination which I received in January and will have matured to effectiveness. For latest news see Website or Newsletters (these are published and posted on the website each week, usually on Saturdays). There will be no Saturday evening Mass for the time being as on the last occasion the numbers had declined to just 3 parishioners. There will be a consultation about this in due course.

NEXT PARISH ON-LINE COFFEE BREAK Friday 5 March at 11am. E-mail Shirley Kalinauckas (skalinauckas@gmail.com or 01379 586884) for the ZOOM code.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

(Revised programme) From this Thursday (**25th**) there will be Mass at 12 noon each Thursday, followed by 30 mins Eucharistic Devotion. Other weekday Masses remain suspended for the time being. It looks as if we could well be back to near normal for Holy Week.

ASHES Ash Wednesday this year was on 17th February and there was no Mass on that day as I was still in "lock-down": but I will offer Ashes in place of the penitential rite on Sunday 21st February. The Bishops' safety advice is for "a pinch" of ash to be sprinkled on the top of each person's head while retaining social distancing and not physically touching. The priest's words are "Remember that you are dust and unto dust you will return". Please contrive to approach the sanctuary clockwise observing social distancing, then return to your place via the window side aisle.

LES ROE R.I.P. Pray for Les, a familiar character around Bungay (a former manager of Botells) who had died age 93. The funeral will be at St Edmund's in early March – private.

250 CLUB Subscriptions become due on 1st March. Please make cheques payable to "St Edmund's 250 Club (£1 per number).

ON-LINE EVANGELIZATION PROGRAMME

The Diocese of East Anglia is working with colleagues in the Diocese of Plymouth to offer the *Mission Made Possible* evangelisation programme.

The seven-week programme includes reading and praying with the bespoke resource *Mission Made Possible* at home and joining weekly Zoom meetings with five other participants. The course is led by **Fr Jon Bielawski** and **Michele Thompson** of the Diocese of Plymouth Evangelisation Team.

And you can hear Fr Jon and Michele talking about the course on BBC Radio Norfolk last Sunday. [Click here and start listening at 1.19.50.](#)

The course timings are flexible. When there are five participants, the Diocese of Plymouth team will run the course. So enquirers might be offered a course which is waiting, or might or have to wait for others to join. The advantage of the Zoom-based programme is that you don't need to find five participants in your parish; the others may be from other areas of the UK or abroad. You are invited to learn, from your home, how to have conversations about faith: with friends, family or in everyday encounters that don't make anyone feel awkward. To take part and for more details, please send your telephone number in an email to: info@genesismission.co.uk. Your message will reach Michele Thompson of the Diocese of Plymouth Evangelisation Team. There is more information about the programme at www.genesismission.co.uk

APPEAL DURING LENT A special effort is being made by CAFOD to raise funds for their clean water campaign. There will be the usual second collection reflecting Family Fast Day on Sunday 28 February. Alternatively people may wish to contribute directly on-line

When we want a glass of water we just walk into our kitchen. This year's CAFOD Lent appeal aims to help bring access to clean water to those who often have to walk all day to fetch it, or who have to rely on dirty and polluted water sources. The commitment this Lent is to walk 10,000 steps (around four and a half miles) every day for 40 days. You can sign up at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>. Do let our PPC chair Shirley (skalinauckas@gmail.com) you are taking part so we can tell CAFOD about our parish efforts.

If you can't commit to walking please sponsor someone who has signed up. There is also the Lent Fast Day on Friday 26 February. There are some envelopes in both churches, but do donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>. In this way we all have an opportunity to express our love and care for the poorest of our brothers and sisters overseas and improve conditions in their own land. Please can you give generously on-line to CAFOD through this link: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/lent>

I am personally restricted in my walking, but undertake to cycle 200 miles over 40 days during Lent – any shortfall owing to weather, illness or absence will be made up between Easter and Pentecost. **Please sponsor me** (see notice board in church or chapel).

God Bless you all – Father Charles