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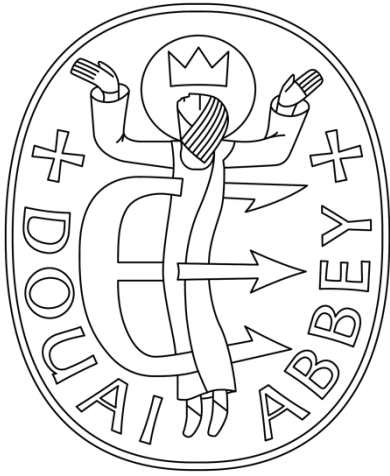
*A Mission of the Douai Abbey Parishes Trust
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Within the Archdiocese of Liverpool*

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21 APRIL 2024 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, 20/4 <i>2nd Collection: Priests' Training Fund</i>	Mass – 5.30pm Confessions 5.00pm	† Norman & Frances Olverson
Sunday, 21/4 <i>2nd Collection: Priests' Training Fund</i>	Mass – 9.30am	† William Devine
Wednesday, 24/4	Mass – 9.30am	† Joe & Peggy Vose
Friday, 26/4	Mass – 9.30am	Welfare of the EBC
Saturday, 27/4	Mass – 5.30pm Confessions 5.00pm	† Anne Bell
Sunday, 28/4	Mass – 9.30am --- Baptism – 11am	People of the Parish --- <i>Frederic Wright-Marshall</i>

From the Pastor's Desk



NEXT WEEK IS Saint George's Day. The latest issue of *The Tablet* takes up a cause for which I have argued for some years: restoring Saint Edmund, King and Martyr, to his former status as England's saintly patron. I am biased of course—he is also the patron saint of Douai Abbey. The three crowns you can see in the abbey's crest, seen above the door to the sacristy, are for Saint Edmund, signifying his three crowning gifts: King, Virgin, and Martyr. (The three

arrows of the 'E' piercing Edmund in Douai Abbey's logo above could signify the same.)

Why, you might reasonably ask, seek to restore Saint Edmund as England's patron saint? There are so many reasons it is hard to know where to begin. He was a young man when he was martyred by the marauding Danes in 869. There is a tradition that he was still a boy but it is more likely that he was a young man, no more than 24 years of age. This is all the more probable given that he had already gained a reputation for Christian virtue as an ideal king: firm in justice, lavish in charity, accessible to his subjects. So it is no surprise that, in order to spare his subjects the ravages of further war with the Danes, Edmund offered to surrender if the Danes would convert to Christianity. They refused, but Edmund still gave himself in place of his place, and was brutally martyred. Immediately miracles associated with his body abounded, the site of his burial became the abbey of Bury St Edmund's, which soon was (until Henry VIII closed and pillaged the monasteries in the 16th century) one of the premier pilgrimage sites of Europe.

In this Easter season, we extol the self-sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, for the redemption of humankind, and its triumphant vindication in the Resurrection. This self-sacrifice has inspired hundreds of millions of disciples over the following centuries. Soon after Saint Edmund's death, the Danes themselves, moved by the devotion to martyred Edmund, would convert to Christ. Edmund shows us what holiness the young are capable of.

In these days marked by terror and the spectre of war, Saint Edmund reminds us that truest fidelity to Christ is to do as he did, not to wage war for God but to die for God. The apostles did the same, and the many martyrs since. From their blood has grown a wonderful Church, which still hands on the word of truth and the light of life.

Fr Hugh

The infirm and others needing prayer

Terry Turner, Sue Carver, Tess and Eric Mills, Jean Olverson, Paddy Mott, Joe Ackers, Anne Bradfield-Kay, *and all in need of grace.*

April anniversaries (within the last 10 years) — *Rest in peace.*

Marie Wright, Robert Burrows, William Ball, Neville Hill, Irene Young, Catherine Ball, Josie Prescott, Francis Porter

Introduction to Vatican II

Light of Truth, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Liverpool, will be hosting a study day introducing the basics of Vatican II on Saturday 27 April, from 10am–3pm. This is an opportunity to learn the basic teachings of Vatican II for anyone unfamiliar with its documents. The sessions will take place in the Gibberd Room at the Metropolitan Cathedral. To sign up for this free event, visit this page:

<https://archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/jaujdgxs>

Society of Saint Gregory Summer School

From 31 July to 3 August the Society of Saint Gregory (SSG) will be holding a summer school at Liverpool Hope University. The society is dedicated to the sacred liturgy, including its musical aspects. Topics to be covered include the new lectionary that will be introduced from Advent this year, which includes a new psalter translation as well as a new translation for the scripture readings. There is the possibility to live-in at the university for the duration of the summer school. There is a poster at the back of church with more information, or you can go to the SSG's website: <https://www.ssg.org.uk/summer-school-2024/>

Music at the Cathedral

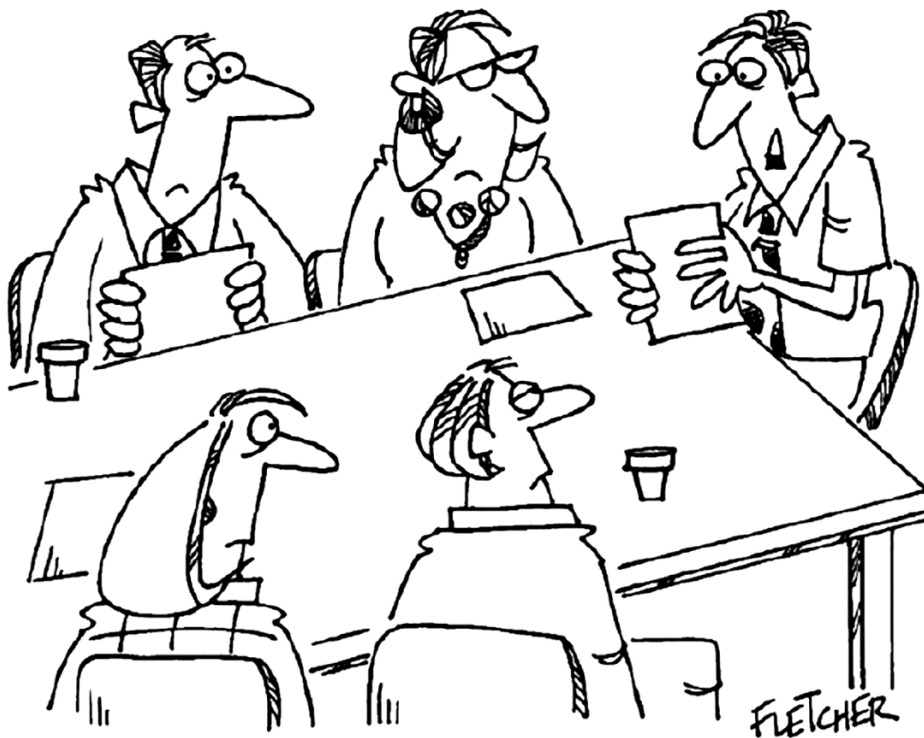
The grand organ at the Metropolitan Cathedral has just been restored and the cathedral is offering opportunities to hear it in action. The first will be a service of Eastertide carols at 3pm today (Sunday, 21 April). At 3pm on Sunday 12 May there will be choral vespers with the solemn re-dedication of the organ. These events are free and no booking is required.

Today's Second Collection

There is a second collection this weekend for the Priests' Training Fund. 75% of the collection goes to Douai Abbey, to contribute to the priestly training of our two monks in formation, who are potentially future parish priests here at Scarisbrick.

Sunday Collection: 13/14 April: £416.85, including £186 Gift Aided

(Previous week: £386.90, including £136 Gift Aided)



"After Ted closes with prayer, there will be a brief meeting in the parking lot to determine what, if anything, was actually decided in this meeting."

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