



CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND OF CANTERBURY, BECKENHAM

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Today we welcome a speaker to talk about the work of Cafod

Please take an envelope from the back of the church and return it next weekend

## NEW PARISHIONER DATABASE



**We are delighted to announce the launch of a new parish database called ChurchApp.**

Each parishioner can now have their own login which allows them to access and update their own information online and to keep up to date with parish news.

To get going ChurchApp could not be easier. Just go to the parish website [www.saintedmunds.net](http://www.saintedmunds.net) and open the 'Parishioner' tab and follow the instructions online. We promise it will only take 2 minutes to register. The parish office will then send you details on how to set up your personal password allowing you to access your own St Edmund's MyChurchApp parishioner website.

In addition, if you are a smartphone user, then you will be delighted to learn that St Edmund's now also has its own App. Instructions on downloading the App will be included in your joining email.

We all benefit from the introduction of ChurchApp, including:

### Manage Parishioner Data

The last time we did a parish census was in 2010 and the next census is overdue. This time round we want to conduct our census online using ChurchApp. It's faster and easier for you and the Parish Office. Don't worry if you don't use a computer you can complete a blue paper census form, available at the back of the church.

If you use ChurchApp you will be able to manage your contact details, making updates where necessary.

### Make Donations Electronically

Every week it takes two people to lift up to 40kg of coins from the week-end collection to take it to the bank! We have long had a Standing Order process in place but we only have 40 out of nearly 6000 parishioners who donate in this way. We want to reduce the coins and notes we handle and also want to make giving easier for you.

Instead of placing money in the collection basket every week, you can now make a regular donation electronically, paying by direct debit or debit/credit card set up in your MyChurchApp.

If you choose to donate electronically you can pick up a card from the back of the church and pop it in the basket. After the collection we recycle these cards ready for the next mass.

### Making GiftAid easier

If every parishioner who donates regularly signed up for GiftAid the parish would receive an additional £40,000 of income from HMRC, wiping out our annual deficit. With MyChurchApp we will also be able to process GiftAid electronically - if you do this you will not have to use the envelope system in the future. In future you just tick the box on the donate page in MyChurchApp and you're done. And you can get a print-out of your donations at any point, very useful when you come to do your tax return.

### Keeping up to date

There is always a lot going on in the Parish. With ChurchApp we now have a central calendar which allows us to manage every church event including Masses and other activities. This is updated daily and accessed via the MyChurchApp website or by using the App on your phone. Now you will always know what is going on.

### Improved communication

Until recently our only means of communicating with parishioners was via the newsletter and from the pulpit. The task of sending a letter to everyone was a logistical nightmare. With ChurchApp we can now also use email and text message to communicate with you. We can get you news quickly and cost effectively allowing us to keep you up to date on events and activities, electronic distribution of the newsletter and much more. Any communication we send you will be stored in your record in MyChurchApp and you can access correspondence at any time.

This is a very important initiative on our journey to become a more connected parish. I do hope you will embrace ChurchApp as a way of keeping you in contact with the parish.

**Frank Beechinor-Collins**  
Chair, Finance Committee



# PARISH NOTICES

## CHURCH RECORDS

At all masses last weekend you will have heard members of the Finance Committee speaking about MyChurchApp. Thank you to the many who have responded by downloading the app and registering.

We have not forgotten about those of you who do not have smart phones or computers and for whom we will continue to maintain a paper record. However it really is important that the information we hold on you is current. Even if you submitted a form six years ago we would be very grateful if you would pick up a blue census form from the back of the church and re-submit your details. This is such a help to the office and to the clergy when parishioners need urgent pastoral care.



The CWL would like to thank everyone who attended this event. We raised an impressive total of £300:00, which will be donated to charities working with famine relief.

There will be the Way of the Cross at the Claver convent every Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) at 3pm. If the weather is good this will be in the convent garden.



Also in the church every Friday (except Good Friday) the Stations of the Cross at 7.00 pm

## LENT COURSE 2017 THE CHURCH AND THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall

I - 7th March The Discernment of Spirits

II - 14th March Discerning evil

III - 21st March Discerning good

IV - 28th March The Church as a community of resistance

V - 4th April The Church and the Paschal victory

*Starts Tuesday*



We welcome into our parish family those who were baptised in February



Ivie Edionhon  
Adam Melder  
Lucy McWilliams  
Saoirse Kenny  
William Lucas  
Samuel Mentesh  
Teddy Bonich  
Lance Christian  
Isla King  
Sofia Ashley-Wright  
Elsie Rose Denne



**Life in the Spirit Seminars (LSS) at St. Edmund's**  
**'Those who honour me, I will honour'**  
(Lk.12:8).

In preparation for the Seminars to be held in the parish in May and June we are meeting for an hour on Saturday mornings to PRAY for God's blessing and protection on all involved.

We therefore invite all those who believe in the power of prayer to join us when possible:

**Prayer & Petition Meetings – Saturday mornings (after Mass) 10.40 to 12 noon in No. 11 Village Way – all are welcome.**

Fr. Steve Wymer &  
Christine Parker (Co-ordinator) 0208 658 9264

Please will all of you who have Missio boxes bring them into the office or hand them in to the Sacristy so that Mick Denne can empty them for you and return them to the back of the church for you to collect.



Many thanks to all of you who have Missio boxes at home.

## 300 Club

FEBRUARY WINNERS

Our winners this month are:

£100	No 155	Bernadette Lyons
£75	No 210	Siobhan Kayihan
£50	No 190	Louise Watson
£25	No 168	Joseph Watchorn

If anyone else would like to join the 300 Club please get in touch with Anthony Pontifex on [apontifex@hotmail.com](mailto:apontifex@hotmail.com) or call him on 020 8650 5842

### ST EDMUND'S WALKING GROUP

Next walk Tuesday 21 March 11.00am. High Broom Wood, West Wickham

A gentle linear walk about 1 1/2 - 2 hours.

Meet outside Eden Park Train Station at 11.am.

Suitable for all. Just turn up



### CATHOLIC SINGLES

Saturday 11th March  
No 11 Village Way at 2.00pm

Spiritual Reflective Talk given by Fr Steve Wymer

What is happening at Medjugorje and what is the message?

The Church  
in action...  
on the streets

### STREET PASTORS

We are looking for more volunteers to join our team of Street Pastors. We are members of the Christian community in Beckenham who engage and get to know the community, listen, care and help others. A team of 3-4 people patrol Beckenham High Street on Friday nights between 10pm-2am. Each person is asked to commit to one evening a month. All Street Pastors have to undergo training which takes place twice a year. There are leaflets in the porch or contact [jennydavis2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jennydavis2@yahoo.co.uk)

### YOUTH CLUB

The first gathering of the youth club will be from 7-9.30pm on Saturday the 25th of March. There will be plenty of activities on offer and refreshments.

If you have any questions please get in touch with Angela (07905617932) or Caroline (07818695801). We look forward to seeing you there!

### CLEANING OF OUR CHURCH

A reminder that our church is locked for cleaning every Monday from 2.00 p.m. onwards. This is the only time during the week that it is closed for prayer.

Thank you to all who help to keep it so beautiful.

### ST ED - VOLUNTEER NEEDED

As you know St Ed is our regular special newsletter which we try to deliver to all the households in the geographical parish of Beckenham. It has been for nearly five years an important part of our parish's efforts at evangelisation.

We are looking for a volunteer to co-ordinate the volunteers who deliver St Ed. There are some gaps in our coverage and always a few bunches of copies remain in the porch uncollected and therefore don't get delivered. If you would like to help to revive and enlarge the team please let the parish office know.

# CAFOD

Just one world

Next Friday, 10th March, is Cafod's Lent Fast Day. Please take a Cafod envelope home, try to make a small sacrifice for Cafod's work and put the money saved in the envelope, which can be returned in the collection at all masses next weekend (11th/12th March) or posted through the presbytery door; if you can gift aid your donation, even better! Thank you.

St Chad's Catholic Primary in South Norwood is looking for a HeadTeacher to start in September.



All information can be found on their website: [www.stchadsprimaryschool.com](http://www.stchadsprimaryschool.com)

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AT A WORLD CLASS SCHOOL  
COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL  
TEACHER RECRUITMENT OPEN AFTERNOON  
& SCHOOL TOURS  
THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

### ST URSULA'S GREENWICH

1960-65/67 Big year group reunion June 24, SE3 venue  
For more info please email [stu2017reunion@outlook.com](mailto:stu2017reunion@outlook.com)

Please spread the word about this to anyone who had a connection to St Ursula's

### CATENIAN SPEAKING COMPETITION

Sacred Heart School, Camberwell  
Wednesday 22 March at 5.30pm

Bishop Challoner School along with five others is taking part in the Regional Catenian Speaking Competition. This is the first time they have entered and if any parishioner would like to go to support them, they would be most welcome.

The winning school attends the National Competition in Manchester in September.

### COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS SE LONDON

Tuesday 7 March at 8.00 pm

Catford Synagogue, 6 Cranstock Road, SE6 2QT  
**Refugees in SE Europe and SE London**

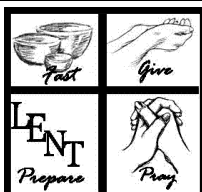
Speakers from London who work to help refugees in camps in Serbia and Rev Paul Collier, Vicar of Coplestone Church and Community Centre in Peckham, host of the Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers.

What more can be done?  
A Call for Action  
All welcome

## MASSES AND INTENTIONS 5 March - 11 March

<b>Sunday 5 March</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b>
8.00 am Church	Antonio and Maria Antonia RIP
9.30 am Church	Giovanni Campanaro RIP
11.00 am Church	Dr Michael Dulake RIP
5.30 pm Church	Brenda Burkinshaw and Sean Murphy RIP
7.00 pm Church	Pro populo
<b>Monday 6 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
8.15 am 27 V Way	The Monroe family
10.00 am Church	Handmaids of the Sacred Heart
7.30 pm 27 V Way	Adoration Hour
<b>Tuesday 7 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
8.00 am Challoner	Sheila Farrell and son, health and wellbeing
8.15 am Claver	Cotter family
10.00 am Church	Garry Bowyer
2.00 pm Church	Memorial Mass for Monica Grima
<b>Wednesday 8 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
8.15 am Claver	Walsh family
10.00 am Church	Valerie Parker RIP (anniv)
7.30 pm Church	Gerald Baker RIP
<b>Thursday 9 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
8.15 am Claver	The Forgotten Holy Souls
10.00 am Church	Michael Chinedu Okezie & Crystal Onyeador in thanksgiving
8.00 pm Claver	Adoration
<b>Friday 10 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
8.15 am Claver	Keane family
9.10 am St. Mary's	NO MASS
10.00 am Church	Edward, Colette and Ruby - health and wellbeing
7.00 pm Church	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday 11 March</b>	<b>Feria</b>
8.15 am Claver	Zimmerman and Bell families
10.00 am Church	Isla Fishwick RIP
3.00 pm Church	St Mary's First Confessions
6.00 pm Church (Vigil)	Pro populo
Confessions between 10.30-11.00 am and 5.30-6.00 pm	
<b>Sunday 12 March</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>
8.00 am Church	Mark Bannister RIP
9.30 am Church	Anthony Fernandes RIP
	Children's Liturgy
11.00 am Church	Magda Wouters RIP
5.30 pm Church	The Gibbons family
7.00 pm Church	Isla Fishwick RIP

Readings for Sunday 12 March  
 Genesis 12:1-4  
 Psalm 32  
 2 Timothy 1:8-10  
 Matthew 17:1-9



### Please pray for the housebound, and the sick, at home, in hospital or in residential care:

Dorothy Appleyard, Peter Appleyard, Mary Atsu, James Bekoe, Kim Benardis, Jerry Bresin, Christopher Browne, Edith Campos, Rev. Leon Carberry, Baby Vienna-Marie Carpenter, Emile Cefai, John Colling, Tony Cox, Ruby Desmond, Giacomo Dillon, Kate Dillon, Rita Dixon, Rosanna Dominissini, Arthur Donnelly, Jeanette Duffy, Elizabeth, Ann Elmer, Emily Esinam Abonie, Margaret Fennessy, Luigi Ferrara, Barry Gardiner, Benny Green, Philomena Guard, Eileen Hayes, Pat Hibberd, Norman Holland, Frank Holmes, Dave Hustwayte, Kathy Jobson, Alabooso Joe-Jim, Baby Victoria Jovanov, Fr Peter Kelly, Grace Knight, Peggy Lake, Anita Leslau, Sarah Lister, Mim Lodge, Kathy Maleczek, Dominic McGrath, Jim McGrath, Natalie McGrath, Mickey McGuigan, Neelam Malik, Patrick Metters, Baby Eddie Mitchell, Dominic Nash, Sean O'Connor, Barbara O'Driscoll, Josephine O'Hagan, Barbara Oke, Angela Pareti, Valerie Parr, Dorothy Pask, Leonard Pope, John Quaipe, Babies Connor and Isaac Ratinckx, Anne Riley, Anne Reilly, Gabriella Rolls, Sandra Sekulic, Claire Shelton-Jones, Mike & Eileen Slemen, Eleni Symeou, John Sylvester, Sarah Thornton, Barry Thorp, Katie Toone, Barbara Tucker, Annette Virdee, Louise Walters, Patricia Weal, Terry Weal, Emma Winch, Freda Wukolz, George Wukolz, Maureen Young, and Fred Wye.

Last week's collection came to **£3046.40**  
 The collection for Poor Parishes raised **£1217.82**

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**The requiem Mass for Fr David Hutton will be held at  
 St Michael's, Farnborough - date to be advised**

#### MARCH

**Meditation in No11 every Monday from 10.45 - 11.30.**  
**7 March** - 2pm - Memorial Mass for Monica Grima RIP  
**11 March** - 3 pm - First Confessions for St Mary's pupils  
**17 March** - 2 pm Funeral of Michael Akpenyi  
**18 March** - 11 am - First Confessions Catechism Group  
**22 March** - 12 noon - Requiem Mass for Paul Bones  
**24 March** - 11 am - Bishop Challoner School - Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter Smith to mark the official opening of the Chapel of the Annunciation  
**Saturday 25 March**, - 11-12 noon in the Hall  
 Contemplative Saturday  
**25 March** - 7.30pm - Youth Club - in the Hall

#### APRIL

**Meditation in No11 every Monday from 10.45 - 11.30**  
**1 April** at St Edmunds - Day with Mary  
**5 April** - Bereavement support  
**8 April** Reconciliation Service  
**16 April** - Easter Sunday

### Please remember in your prayers the deceased whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Freda Bentley, Dr Bill Bradley, Canon John Devane,  
 Anthony Galloway, Kitty Conroy, Valerie Parker, Peter Deane,  
 and Yemi Olaonipekun.



**Please pray for those who have recently died.**  
 Michael Akpenyi, Justin Hesketh, Maria Siminiak,  
 Paul Bones, Patrick Joseph Delahunty, Cassie Green,  
 George Porter and Fr David Hutton.