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one senses the urgent need to find innovative ways

implementing the principle of the responsibility to

protection and of giving poorer nations an effective voice in

shared decision-making. This seems necessary in order to

arrive at a political, juridical and economic order which

can increase and give direction to international co-operation for the development of all peoples in

solidarity. To manage the global economy; to revive
economies hit by the crisis; to avoid any deterioration of

the present crisis and the greater imbalances that would

result; to bring about integral and timely disarmament,

food security and peace; to guarantee the protection of

the environment and to regulate migration: for all this,

there is urgent need of a true world political authority,

as my pre-decessor Blessed John XXIII indicated some

years ago. Such an authority would need to be regulated

by law, to observe consistently the principles of

subsidiarity and solidarity, to seek to establish the

common good, and to make a commitment to securing

authentic integral human development inspired by the

values of charity in truth. Furthermore, such an

authority would need to be universally recognized and to

be vested with the effective power to ensure security for

all, regard for justice, and respect for rights’ (section 67)

It's all about selfishness really: countries which break

international treaties are a bit like people who refuse to wear

masks or socially distance.
CATECHISM GROUP
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CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADMISSIONS
Some of you are applying to Catholic secondary schools for your children, and the current situation has made changes to our procedures. As part of the procedure you should be able to download a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) from the school’s website – please do so and email it to Father Ashley, who will then complete it and return it to you for uploading to the school site. Unless there are problems it shouldn’t be necessary to arrange a meeting and please deal direct with Father Ashley, not the parish office. Normally the process of applying to St Mary’s and other primary schools begins slightly later than for secondary schools so please wait before beginning a similar process so that secondary applications can be dealt with first.

Stress in Your Marriage? – This has been a very difficult year for many couples. Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it.
This programme has helped 6,000 couples who were experiencing difficulties in their marriage in the past year alone. There is no group therapy or group work.
For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 12th -15th Nov 2020, call or text 0788 729 6983 or 0797 338 0443 - or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Patricia Weal, who celebrated a rather special birthday in August would like to thank friends for the cards and gifts she received. One particularly beautiful bouquet arrived without a gift card so she cannot thank the giver personally.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
7 Village Way
25 September
No 7 Village Way will donate 30% of its tea & coffee takings to Macmillan Cancer Care.
If anyone would like to donate some cakes please see Angelique at the café or call her on 020 8658 7757 or 0795 619 1873
MASSES THIS WEEK
All Masses are live streamed

Sunday 20 September
9.30 am  Twenty-fifth Sunday
The Davies Family
Ann Zacaroli
Paul Stephens RIP (anniv)

5.30 pm  Paul Stephens RIP (anniv)

Monday 21 September
10.00 am  St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
Tina Loughney RIP

6.00 pm  Albert Currie RIP

Tuesday 22 September
10.00 am  Feria
Fr Emmanuel Jesuthasam RIP

6.00 pm  Dorothy Kufeji (b'day ints)

Wednesday 23 September
10.00 am  St Pius of Pietrelcina—Padre Pio
Thanksgiving Ekong & Edet families
Lily Beavis & Tony Colonnese RIP

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Thursday 24 September
10.00 am  Our Lady of Walsingham
Tom Knell RIP

6.00 pm  Peter May RIP

Friday 25 September
10.00 am  Feria
Augustine Matthew RIP

6.00 pm  David Faulkner RIP

Saturday 26 September
10.00 am  Saints Cosmas & Damian
Canon Jack & Michael Madden RIP
Confession

5 - 5.45 pm  Lady Chapel
Jeanne & Pierre Champetier RIP & Nancy & Stephen Dennis RIP

6.00 pm  Nancy & Stephen Dennis RIP

Sunday 27 September
9.30 am  Twenty-sixth Sunday
Anna & Tom Knell RIP
Henry & Eileen Ghent RIP
For the people

5.30 pm  For the people

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on the webcam each day from 11.00 am until 5.00 pm.

Some Mass intentions have had to be moved from their booked date as we are celebrating fewer Masses at the moment. The intention will be given to another Mass as close as possible to the date originally given.

PARISH OFFICE
The office is CLOSED to personal callers. Please email on beckenham@rcaos.org.uk or telephone 020 8650 0970. You can also drop a note through our door and we will get in touch with you.

Readings for Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
Ezek 18:25-28
Ps 24
Phil 2:1-11
Matt 21:28-32

GIFT AID BOXES
Boxes are in the church porch in alphabetical order plus special sets for those who give by standing order. Please collect your box as you go into the church. If you are not currently attending Mass and wish to have your envelopes sent to you please send an email to the office.

beckenham@rcaos.org.uk

COLLECTION
Last week’s online collection came to £2474.10
Thank you

To make your regular donations electronically please click here http://saintedmunds.net/index.php/donations/ or to set up a standing order our bank details are:
St Edmund’s Church  Sort Code: 60-02-12
Acc no: 14282887

An image of Padre Pio whose feast day is on Wednesday

We pray for those who have died recently: Andrew Callaghan, Harry Dalton, Emma Panas, Anne Byrne, Peter May, Eugene Murphy, Jane Green, Mary Smith, Trevor Scott and David Faulkner.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are this week: Maria Okafor, John Stoneman, Marion Martin, Patricia English, Paul Stephens, Esther Smith, Ann Wood, Terence Harte, Thomas Harrigan, Patricia Deeley, Marian Hughes