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An Invitation to join our Prayer Fellowship.

The Church recommends that we make prayer an important part of our daily lives. Today, with the kind support of Fr. Steve and the Clergy Team, we are launching our **Parish Prayer Fellowship** which promotes saying a daily prayer for each other. Not only is praying for others our privilege and in some sense our duty, but at times it can be our salvation and a powerful weapon for our spiritual welfare.

What greater gift can we give to each other?

Prayer is a form of communication, a way of talking to God or to the saints. Prayer may be formal or informal. Whilst formal prayer is an essential element of our faith, prayer itself is not synonymous with worship or adoration. Prayer is 'the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God.'....

By prayer we acknowledge God's power and goodness, and our own neediness and dependence on him. Prayer, and making a habit of prayer, is not only a virtue in itself, but it is essential to our faith, expressing both our reverence for God and our realisation that we should look to him for everything. Prayer expresses faith in God and hope in his goodness. By both, God, to whom one prays, moves the individual to prayer.

Many of us will be able to recall a time when we have felt helpless and unable to help others overcome their difficulties. But we have said a prayer for them which has showed God's love and comfort for them as well as our empathy with them. In turn, friends who can be of a different faith or even no faith have been grateful for the prayers we offer for them and have found comfort in our intercessions.

How To join our Prayer Fellowship

Everyone is invited to join whether you worship in the church, at home or via the webcam.

By joining our fellowship you commit to include in your daily prayers another member of our parish. In turn someone else will commit to pray each day for you.

Prayer Fellowship cards are at the back of the church. Please take one and fill it in. and on your way out put the card in the box at the back of the Church.

If you are not coming into church at the moment you can email the Parish Office at beckenham@rcaos.org.uk putting **Prayer Fellowship** in the subject box and including your name and physical address. If you don't have email please phone the Office on tel: 020 8650 0970, preferably in the afternoon and a card will be completed on your behalf.

The newsletter of 13 February will invite you to pick up a completed card with the name of the person you are to include in your daily prayers.

Thank you to Fr Steve and the clergy team, with special mention to Deacon Sean and the office for their help and support in agreeing to the launch of our Prayer Fellowship .



Prayer Fellowship Team

I would encourage all of you to take the opportunity to join our Prayer Fellowship today. All the clergy team have shown their support already by completing their card.

Fr Steve

EASING OF COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS IN ST EDMUND'S

On Thursday, Government restrictions relating to Covid-19 were lifted. However, since the virus is still very much with us, the Government suggests that we continue to exercise caution in crowded and indoor spaces where we might come into contact with people we do not normally meet. It is now clear from scientific evidence that the main risk of transmission is from breath, by nasal or oral aerosol. Although the risk of infection from touch transmission is minimal, we still need to be sensitive towards those who are hesitant about returning to church. We have therefore decided that the following guidelines should apply in Saint Edmund's for the time being.

- ◆ On entering the church you are encouraged to use the sanitiser provided.
- ◆ We still ask you to wear a face-covering.
- ◆ Please be considerate of other people's concerns and avoid sitting too close to others.
- ◆ Readers are no longer required to sanitise their hands but sanitiser will be available for those wishing to continue to do so.
- ◆ While choirs may continue to sing without masks, we ask that the rest of the congregation keep their masks on when singing.
- ◆ The Sign of Peace will continue without physical contact, eg, by bowing to your neighbour.
- ◆ The route to come forward to receive Holy Communion will revert to the original i.e. using the centre aisle to approach the altar and returning via the side aisles. Please come up row by row starting from the front pews.
- ◆ Holy Communion will continue to be given under one kind, on the hand. Those unwilling to receive on the hand should come forward at the end of the distribution.
- ◆ All ministers of Holy Communion MUST wear a mask and they must sanitise their hands AFTER putting on or touching their mask.
- ◆ For the time being, we will not be making holy water available in the water stoups.

The Church in England and Wales supports the vaccination programme and encourages people to be vaccinated. It stresses that any people displaying symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and not participate in acts of worship in church.

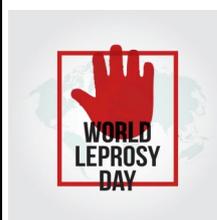
I will be writing to you again about the resumption of home visiting and social activities.

Apologies. I omitted to add the name of the author of last week's front page to the foot of his item. Thank you Deacon Sean for a stimulating read.

As promised in Deacon Sean's front page last weekend, we will pray the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady in solidarity with victims of sexual abuse within the Church on the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 2 February in the church,

Join us in the church if you are able to, but please join us spiritually via the on-line streaming if this is more comfortable for you.

Fr Steve will be away until next weekend enjoying a few days of spiritual renewal on retreat. Please keep him in your prayers.



This Sunday is World Leprosy Day and we have an appeal and a second collection for LEPROSY UK. If you are able to donate online at <https://www.lepra.org.uk/get-involved/appeals/1-from-you-we-get-two> your donation will be doubled.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Wednesday is the feast day of St Blaise who is venerated as the healer of throat ailments.

There will be a Blessing of Throats at both of our Masses on Wednesday,

VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

The diocese currently has vacancies for a Parish Secretary at Mortlake, a Youth Minister for the Bromley Deanery, an Office Administrator for Safeguarding and a Caretaker for the Cathedral site. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website: [work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://workwithSouthwark.org.uk)

A SINGING DAY WITH JOHN RUTTER

If you love choral singing there is an opportunity to spend a day singing under the leadership of the composer of so much wonderful church music

John Rutter

There is a poster in the porch giving full details, or you can take a look at www.smmwandsworth.org.uk for more information and to book online.



New Year's Resolution Volunteer for CAFOD

A vital aspect of church is people being willing to share their talents, experience and energy. Could your New Year's resolution be volunteering for CAFOD? We have lots of different ways you can get involved such as:

In the parish - where you will be highlighting CAFOD's work to support communities globally who are living with injustices and in poverty.

In local schools - where you'll deliver assemblies and workshops about CAFOD's work. No experience is necessary. Full support, resources and regular training are provided.

Coordinating volunteers to help us support, encourage and bring together a small group of volunteers.

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with Celeste or Sarah at southwark@cafod.org.uk or tel: 07825 734 390 / 07775 704546



Please don't forget that St George's Church, Beckenham is a drop off point for Living Well. They are open each day until 3.00 pm. Their office is on the left as you enter the church and they are very happy to receive your donations.

LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday 3 February 2022

7.45pm Praise and Worship

8.00pm Holy Mass

Celebrant TBA

Followed by Lectio Divina

10.00pm Evening concludes

ST EDMUND'S WALKING GROUP

St Blaise's Well is a holy well located in the grounds of the old Bishop's Palace (residence of Bishops of the See of Rochester until 1845), now part of Bromley Civic Centre.

Our walk to St Blaise's Well will be on Sunday 6 February. Please meet us, well clad and shod, at Beckenham Place Park Mansion at 2.00 pm or at 3.00 pm outside the Churchill Theatre, Bromley if you are unable to tackle steep slopes.

The SVP has a local family in urgent need of bunk beds and two wardrobes. If anyone could help would they please phone Fiona Ross on 07956 516 279.



The Requiem Mass for Miss Eileen Hayes will be held in St Edmund's on Wednesday 16 February at 1.15 pm, followed by a service at Beckenham Crematorium.



FAITH IN ACTION AWARD SCHEME 2022 Children's Youth Ministry Bromley

Are you aged 9 to 18?
Faith in Action 2022 could be for you!

FIA2022 aims to recognise, reward and celebrate your personal efforts to fund-raise, support and help others in school, your parish and the community. You'll meet other like-minded young people who want to grow closer to God in this way! Register your interest at:

<http://www.bromleydeanery.org/faith-in-action-award-scheme-2022>

Faith in Action (Year 6) launches on Saturday 12th February on Zoom. Contact Kath Greenwood Bromleydeaneryfia@rcaos.org.uk

LONDON CATHOLIC WORKER COLLECTION

Next weekend we're having our regular collection of items for refugees and others in need living at the London Catholic Worker house in North London. Details of what we need are at:

<https://www.londoncatholicworker.org>

Our beautiful crib scene will be dismantled on Candlemas and carefully put away until next year. If you wish to contribute to the Archbishop's choice of the Catholic Children's Society, please do so this weekend.

MASSES

Sunday 30 January

6.00 pm **VIGIL** Church
8.00 am Church
9.30 am Church
9.30 am Hall
CHILDREN'S MASS
11.00 am Church
5.30 pm Church

Fourth Sunday

Ernie McCarthy RIP
Istvan Kiss RIP
Lucia Holder RIP
For the people

Gerard Maye
Pedro Tamen RIP (6 month
anniv)

Monday 31 January

10.00 am Church
6.00 pm Church
7.00 pm **25 VW**

St John Bosco

Ints of Margaret Kelleher
Gerard Baker RIP
Adoration

Tuesday 1 February

10.00 am Church
6.00 pm Church

Feria

Frank Dyer RIP (anniv)
Veronica Lambert

Wednesday 2 February

10.00 am Church
3.00 pm Church

6.00 pm Church

The Presentation of the Lord Candlemas

Frances Reynolds RIP
*Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of
Our Lady*
Dolly & Herbert Browne RIP

Thursday 3 February

10.00 am Church
6.00 pm Church
8.00 pm **Claver**

St Laurence of Canterbury

Thomas Keane Sr
Fr Michael Felsen RIP
Adoration & Benediction

Friday 4 February

10.00 am Church
6.00 pm Church

Feria (St Henry Morse)

Ints of the Elms Family
Lucia Holder RIP

Saturday 5 February

10.00 am Church
6.00 pm **VIGIL** Church

St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr A DAY WITH MARY

Day with Mary
Mgr Barry Wymes RIP

Sunday 6 February

8.00 am Church
9.30 am Church
9.30 am Hall
CHILDREN'S MASS
11.00 am Church

5.30 pm Church

Fifth Sunday

Brian Cronan RIP
Teresa Egan RIP
For the people

Patricia Hanrahan RIP & dec'd
members of the Kearns Family
Ela Krawczyk

CONTEMPLATIVE SATURDAY

In the Hall from 11-12 noon on the
second Saturday of each month.
Next one on 12 February.



Thank you for raising donations for St Edmunds with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 5,900 shops and sites will donate to us when you use [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us, so please sign up & share today.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stecb/?invite=U95BCP%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt

ONLINE GIVING

To make your regular donations electronically, please click here: <http://saintedmunds.net/index.php/donations/>

Donations can also be given through ChurchSuite on our website, using the DONATE option or if you wish to set up a Standing Order our bank details are:

RCAS St Edmund's Church
Sort Code: 60-02-12
a/c no: 14282887

PARISH GIVING - Mass Stipends

If you request a Mass intention it is usual to give a donation (known as a Mass stipend). There is no fixed amount but a minimum of £10 is suggested. Cash for Mass stipends can be put in the Mass intention envelopes which are in the porch, and then, either be put in the offertory collection or through the office door. Please do not put a note through the door asking for a Mass intention on a specific date without also including your name and phone number, so we can get in contact with you if needed.

There is Rosary every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am, and Adoration after the 10.00 am Mass Monday to Friday. On Friday Adoration concludes with Benediction.

**Confessions are every Saturday from
10.30 am - 11.00 am and from 5.00 pm - 5.55 pm**

MEDITATION

In the Hall on Mondays
(except Bank Holidays)
from 5.30 - 6.20 pm.

We pray for those who have died recently: Mary Odok, Leonard Walker, Peter Donnelly, Evalina Armani, Carolla Law, Seamus Duignan, Craig Western, Fr James Doherty, Jim Buchanan, Brian Cronan, Eileen Hayes and Cecile Urquhart.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are close: Jim McNamara, Michael Akpenyi, Catherine Teresa Jones, Victor Parascandolo, Frank Dyer, James Doherty, Josephine Wesson, Patricia Edwards, John Hatfield, Derek Ransley, Dolly Lock, Patricia Jenkins, Mary Li, Gaynor Mullane, Mary Weeks, Richard Armstrong, Mary 'Kate' Morley, David Clifton Young, Aileen Dunning, Michael Greaves.

We pray for the sick and all who are in need of prayer: Okwui Agbim, Angela, Sandy Baron, Siobhan Basquill, Boudicca, Fr Ray Brennan, Rob Burns, Niamh Byrne, Mary Byrne, Caroline, Carmel Cardiff, Chant, Zenaïdo Cinco, Catherine Cook, Françoise Cronan, John Crouch, Niamh Dawson, Antonia Difato, Giacomo Dillon, Domenico, Helga and Ralph D'Souza, Alex Dufort, Sarah Dunmore, Cecil Dutton, Raymond & Christiane Duval, Daniel Ebrahimi, Suzanne Eilbeck, Emily, Yvonne Fairlamb, Jessica Feron, Antonio Ferrara, Felicity, Ann Fleming, Mary Flood, Flora, Marie Francis, Sarah Gallagher, Erika Geddes, Gaetan Goa, Patsy Grey, Tony Hallett, Hans Halpin, Amelia Handy, Patricia Hanson, Michael Harper, John Harrow, Pauline Hatfield, Anita Hennigan, Lesley Hill, Maureen Hitchens, Glen Jack, Catherine Kelly, Eileen Kelly, Sarah-Marie Kench, Keith Kench, Pet Kilcullen, Antony & Richard Kirin, Pierre Laine, Rosy Lobo, Lizzy Loftus, Barbara Love, Annick Lynch, Mark, Vicky Mariadas, Rose McDonnell, Mary McGrath, Patrick McHugh, Paul McIndoe, Dorothy McWilliams, Janet Miles, Eddie Mitchell, Salvador Moreno, Baby Hendrix Morgan, Barbara Moyce, Robert Moyle, Anna O'Hara, Grace Okezie, Shirley Oakley, Eva Perjesi, John Quaife, Helen Quarshie, Paul Rice, Katie Richardson, Pru Root, Rowena, Brian Russell, Brigitte Savreux-O'Driscoll, Patrick Ryan, Coleen Shroeder, David Silk, Siobhan, Veronica Somare, Vidya Sookram, Colleen Swan, Pauline Ulisak, Vanessa, Deborah Walcott-Grappie, Joan, Susan & Wendy Waller, Jimmy Walters, Patricia Weal, Paul Williams, Susan Wingfield, Terry Woollard.