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Sunday 21 May YR A

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The second collection this weekend is for World Communications Day

Medjugorje: A Short Piece



This Wednesday, pilgrims from this parish and elsewhere will be setting off to the Marian shrine of Medjugorje in Bosnia-Herzegovina. I will be part of the group as its chaplain, and it will be my fourth visit.

My first visit goes back to December 1983. It was extremely cold and the accommodation along with food was basic. There was also the threat of the Communist regime and helicopters in the skies when we gathered with the visionaries on the mountain at night, were a reminder of this. Thankfully, it has been far more relaxed in recent years

The apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary began on 24th June 1981. The visionaries are Jakov Colo, Ivan Dragicevic, Mirjana Dragicevic, Ivanka Ivankovic, Vicka Ivankovic, Marja Pavlovic.

The messages from the Our Lady are essentially about reconciliation, conversion, prayer and peace, with great emphasis placed

on attending Mass, reading the Bible, going to Confession, praying the rosary and fasting.

The apparitions are still continuing but when they come to an end our Blessed Mother has told the visionaries there will be a visible and permanent sign on the mountain for all unbelievers to see. Fr Rene Laurentin in his book, *Is the Virgin Mary Appearing at Medjugorje? (1984)* comments that 'the message received in Medjugorje is a serious warning from heaven to a world bent on self-destruction'.

I will ask all the pilgrims to keep an open mind to the Holy Spirit and I will make the same request to you who remain here. Please pray for us as we will surely pray for all of you.

Recently, there have been several incidents which have posed a threat to the safety and security of our parish.

As a result of this, at a meeting of clergy and members of the parish staff, a discussion was held on the issues that we faced and how best we can resolve them.

As these measures are put in place in the coming weeks, can I ask you to play your part by being vigilant when you are on parish property, especially while in the church, and to take special care of your own personal belongings.

We will continue to strive to be a hospitable parish where all are made welcome but at the same time be fully aware that the motives of some people who enter our church will be less than honourable.

Please be assured that we will do all we can to make St Edmund's a safe environment.

God bless,

Fr Steve

World Communications Day is celebrated this Sunday, 21 May. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, **Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'**.

In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "*see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live.*"

The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase *'Heart speaks to heart'* inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalatial motto, *'Cor ad cor loquitur'*.

Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that *'Heart speaks unto heart'* was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010.

You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day

MASS IN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

September 23 at 3.00 pm
St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th+ wedding anniversary this year, please let the Marriage and Family Life South East team know as soon as possible, **and no later than the end of July**, providing them with the following details:

your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, and the anniversary you are celebrating. With this information you will be able to receive an invitation from the Archbishop to attend this special Mass at which you can renew your marriage vows.

Email them at mflse@rcaos.org.uk .

Please write **Beckenham** in the subject line.

Marriage and Family Life South East
RC Archdiocese of Southwark

First Holy Communion and Confirmation are just around the corner in June.

The Church Shop has lovely cards and gifts for you to purchase, so please, take a look after Masses on Sunday, and don't leave it until the last minute and run the risk of being disappointed.



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN

St Mary's School held its annual May procession on Ascension Day (also the feast of St Raphael Mary de Porras, the school's patron saint). The statue of the Queen of Heaven in the school grounds was crowned by one of this year's First Holy Communion children and each child brought a flower to the feet of the statue.

We also blessed two further crowns for the statues of Our Lady in our church, which will remain in place for the rest of Mary's month of May.

Many thanks to the children and staff for making them.



Claver Convent
Saturday 17 June
AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

1.00 - 4.00 pm
Tickets: Adult £7.00, child £4.00

The Claver Sisters are raising funds to replace an entire school roof in DCR which was ripped off the building by a storm one night in March. The school is now unusable and the estimated cost of repair is 20,000 euros.

If you can help by baking a cake, providing raffle prizes or assisting with food prep, please contact Sr Reena on 020 8313 3915, or email her at:

sspc.echo.uk@googlemail.com

The Sisters will be selling tickets after all Masses on Sunday 4 and Sunday 11 June.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Details of this pilgrimage to Fatima are displayed on the notice board.

Please contact Diane Brelu on 0795 119 4036 or email

dianebrubrelu@gmail.com to book, or for further information.

St Philomena's Catholic High School has a vacancy for an Exam Invigilator.

Further details from
<https://www.stphils.org.uk/join-us/vacancies>

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY
RE Inspection Report

We are delighted to be sharing with you our outstanding RE Inspection Report. It is a true reflection of the school's strong Catholic ethos, community and teaching.

Please feel free to contact the school if you would like to arrange a visit and see the school in action.

Email: admin@st-josephs.bromley.sch.uk

Phone number: 0208 460 1976

The report is on the media board in the porch

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

12 - 20 November

£1785.00 per person

Led by Father John Olaniran

Organised by Diane Brelu

You can contact Diane on 0795 119 4036 or dianebrubrelu@gmail.com for more information.

The deadline has been extended for a short time so please don't delay in contacting Diane if you are interested in this pilgrimage.

The Beckenham Catenians are a friendly group who are keen to welcome new members. We meet once a month to pray together and socialise. We also hold a variety of functions throughout the year. Whenever we meet we have a raffle to raise money for good causes. This year we are supporting the Priest Training Fund for the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Please call Andy Holmes on 07890 008 458 for more information or email:

acncarriman@ntlworld.com.

Thank you, Andy



Following the footsteps of the Saints
Called to action by our faith
Saturday 10 June

You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10 June for a short time exploring our faith, why we campaign and how you can help.

The morning will include guest speakers and a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as Live Simply, our unfair food system and liturgy resources.

The morning will run from 10.30 - 1.00 pm at CAFOD's Offices in Lambeth.

For further information contact Sarah or Celeste at southwark@cafod.org.uk for booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> or Eventbrite [here](#).

COLIN DOWLING

Many thanks to everyone who has been praying for, and asking about Colin over the last few weeks. He is now home from hospital and starting to recover slowly. Your prayers and support have made such a difference. A Mass will be said for you and your families, with our grateful thanks.

Angela Dowling

MASSES FOR WEEK BEGINNING 14 May YR A

Sunday 21 May		Seventh Sunday of Easter
6.00 pm	Church	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
	VIGIL	
8.00 am	Church	Welfare of Jacqueline Djsrabe
9.30 am	Church	Ints of David
9.30 am	Hall	For the People
	FAMILY	
11.00 am	Church	In thanksgiving for healing, favours received for conversion & returns to the faith.
	LATIN	
5.30 pm	Church	Estella Campos RIP (1st anniv)
Monday 22 May		Feria
10.00 am	Church	Benefactors & promoters of the Claver Sisters
6.00 pm	Church	For the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 23 May		Feria
10.00 pm	Church	Louise Mayungbe (b'day ints)
6.00 pm	Church	Peter Nazareth RIP
	VIGIL	Anniversary of the consecration of St Edmunds
Wednesday 24 May		Anniversary of the consecration of St Edmund's
10.00 am	Church	Emilia Wallner (22nd anniv)
12.00 pm	Church	Requiem for Grace Odoki-Olam
6.00 pm	Church	Merlyn Shackleton RIP
7.30 pm	Church	Life in the Spirit
Thursday 25 May		St Bede the Venerable
10.00 am	Church	Francis Joseph Friend-Pereira RIP
6.00 pm	Church	For Mark on his birthday
8.00 pm	Claver	Adoration
Friday 26 May		St Philip Neri, Priest
10.00 am	Church	Dec'd members of the O'Reilly Family
		Adoration & Benediction
6.00 pm	Church	Berthe Reynaud & Jean-Paul Schoens
Saturday 27 May		St Augustine of Canterbury
10.00 am	Church	Erminia & Graham Stirling RIP
6.00 pm	Church	Janet Maureen Browne RIP & dec'd family members
VIGIL MASS FOR THE FEAST OF PENTECOST		
Sunday 28 May		PENTECOST SUNDAY
8.00 am	Church	Tom O'Riordan RIP
9.30 am	Church	For Mum, asking for God's care, health & blessings
9.30 am	Hall	For the People
	FAMILY	
11.00 am	Church	Simeon Cabilin RIP
5.30 pm	Church	Jack McCarthy RIP (anniv)

There is Rosary every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30 am, and, after the 10.00 am Mass Monday to Saturday there is Adoration unless there is a funeral.

Friday Adoration concludes with Benediction. Confessions are every Saturday from 10.30 am - 11.00 am and from 5.00 pm - 5.55 pm.

If there is a priest available confessions will be heard after the weekday 10.00 am Mass.

We pray for those who have died: Linda Rowland, Archie McCaughan, Alison Barraball, Grace Odoki-Olam, Peter Nazareth, Bridget Barry.

We pray for those whose anniversaries are about this time: Joseph Keappock, Mary Smith, Patrick Callaghan, Paul Skelly, Joseph Gerard Cahoon, Suzanne Podesta, John Banfield, Eliana Palacios, Terence Thornton, Michael McGee, Francis Joseph Friend-Pereira, Catherine Casey, Jack McCarthy, Christine Thomas, Joan Fleming, Josephine Bending, Mary Redman, Trevor Binley.

We pray for all members of our parish and beyond, and in particular those suffering from ill health.

God of all goodness,
Look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted.

Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them.

When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties.

When they are afraid, give them strength and

Meditation every Monday (except bank holidays) in the Hall from 5.30-6.20.
Please respect the need to arrive promptly and observe the silence.

DIARY

June

Sat 17 Claver Convent Tea Party
Sat 24 Mass for the Sick at 2.00 followed by refreshments in the Hall

July

Sat 15 International Mass at noon, followed by party in the Hall

November

Sat 11 Mass for the Bereaved at 10.00

CONTEMPLATIVE SATURDAY

11.00 am—12 noon
Saturday 27, in the Hall

Being formed in the likeness of Christ we strive to become a truly Christ centred community, through humble witness, love, compassion and communion.