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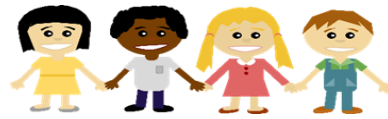
Sunday 28 January 2024 YR B

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Collection this weekend for the
Catholic Association of
Racial Justice



9.30 FAMILY MASS



Since the Family Mass congregation joined the church congregation last November, we have been happy to share with everyone many of the elements which help the children to participate actively at Mass. In addition, we are looking forward to being able to meet again for tea and coffee after Mass in the hall.

Here are some reminders of how children, families and everyone can contribute to our celebration of Mass:

Children are invited to:

Arrive early and be ready to take one of the special 'jobs' during the Mass: *carrying the cross, taking up the prayer books or candles, taking up the bread and wine and foodbank donations at the offertory.*

Walk in procession to the altar at the beginning of Mass.

Use a coloured Order of Mass card and join in the prayers of the Mass.

Walk to the first step in front of the altar to pray the **Our Father**

Families are invited to:

Arrive early and welcome others to Mass!

Read at Mass with their children. *Ask one of the Family Mass Team about this.*

Everyone is invited to:

Write a prayer intention and add it to our prayer books before Mass. The children bring these to the altar as we begin our Bidding Prayers; they also place a votive candle near the prayer books to represent each Bidding Prayer.

Bring a small donation of food* or some toiletries for the Living Well foodbank. Take these to the altar in the offertory procession or ask one of the children to take your donation up for you.

Come across to the hall for refreshments after Mass - get to know each other better - welcome new parishioners and visitors – let the children have some playtime...

Please note that the Living Well Foodbank can only accept **non-perishable items.*

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Sunday 9 June at the 5.30 pm Mass

Registration for the 2024 St Edmund's Confirmation Course is open to candidates in **Year 9** and above.
The course starts on 3 March.

For more information, to sign up and to pay your subscription please use this ChurchSuite link
<https://stedmunds.churchsuite.com/events/nn42ohqm>

**Applications close on
Sunday 28 January.**

THANK YOU!

Caroline and I were very moved by last Saturday's lovely Farewell Mass, and touched by the generosity of your many gifts - thank you so much.

I miss you very much and there are many special memories. Beckenham and West Wickham parishes have always been linked (indeed they were a single parish until 1948); as I said on Saturday you may still see me at St Mary's (for which West Wickham is a feeder parish) and in the PRUH.

Many thanks and God bless

Father Ashley

RACIAL JUSTICE SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the Catholic Association of Racial Justice. All the money donated is used to support the work of the Catholic Church in promoting racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

ST EDMUND'S WALKING GROUP

Saturday 3 February

This is the feast of St Blaise and Robert Richards is planning to lead a walk to the St Blaise's Well on Saturday 3 February after 10.00 am Mass. Please join us if you can. The walk will start in Bromley (leaving the Churchill Theatre at 11.30 am) where we will be joined by Father Ashley's parishioners, and will continue walking to the Well at the Civic Centre. As the Civic Centre is moving to Bromley South, this may be our last opportunity to visit the Well.

Mavis Alagar (07904 812350)



World Day of Prayer 2024

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated

annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March.

Our service for this year's World Day of Prayer will take place at St Edmund's at 3.30pm on Friday 1st March.

The service this year has been prepared (many months before October 7th 2023), by the women of Palestine.

Please put the date in your diary and come along. As we are the hosts, it would be lovely to have a good representation from St Edmund's parishioners.

There will be light refreshments in the Hall after the service. Everyone is most welcome.

The Light of Christ

Catholic Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Please join us in the hall on Wednesday 31 January for:

7.45pm Praise and Worship
8.00pm Holy Mass
Celebrant Fr John Olaniran
Followed by Fellowship
10.00pm Evening concludes

We received this letter last week and thought we should share it.



Living Well
Bromley

Dear all,

My name is Ray Shergill, and I am thrilled to be a part of the pastoral team for Living Well. Our goal is to share love, and care, and be a listening ear for LW clients, ensuring that they receive the best possible pastoral care.

Our team will also focus on establishing a strong foundation for this ministry that can carry on for many years to come. We have developed a three-phase model for this ministry, which is still a work in progress, and we will provide further details when we meet.

We would like to know if you are interested in volunteering on any of the days when LW is active, which are Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday.

You are not required to volunteer on all three days or every week. It will depend on the number of volunteers we can get.

We would be looking to implement phase 1 as soon as we get a sufficient amount of volunteers to help.

Please do email me at:

curate@htsj-penge.church

Or text 07438 927491

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a **Building a Better Marriage Course** throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024.

The one day course is for married couples (whether married one year or sixty). It seeks to help couples make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing and all information remains private to each couple. Previous attendees have found it enjoyable, informative and uplifting. For more information visit <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

MASSES

Sunday 28 Jan	Fourth Sunday
6.00 pm	For the people
VIGIL	
9.30 am	God's blessing & guidance for Rafal
FAMILY MASS	Presentation of St Stephen's Guild Medals
11.00 am	Eithne Beecher RIP (1st anniv)
5.30 pm	Janet Maureen Brown RIP & deceased family members
Monday 29 Jan	Feria
10.00 am	Dec'd members of the Stephens family
	No Adoration today - church maintenance
Tuesday 30 Jan	Feria
10.00 am	Welfare of Raphael Fleming
Wed 31 Jan	St John Bosco, Priest
10.00 am	Patricia Ross RIP
8.00 pm Hall	Charismatic Mass
Thursday 1 Feb	Feria
10.00 am	Dec'd members of the O'Mahony & Holland families
Friday 2 Feb	The Presentation of The Lord, Candlemas & Blessing of throats
9.00 am St Marys	Yr 5 Mass
10.00 am	Fr Harry Doyle RIP
	First Friday Adoration & Benediction
Saturday 3 Feb	St Laurence of Canterbury, Bishop
10.00 am	Thomas Keane Snr RIP
6.00 pm	Crescenzo & Delisa Panetta RIP
Sunday 4 Jan	Fifth Sunday
9.30 am	Patricia Ross RIP
FAMILY MASS	Church Parade
11.00 am	Ints of Sr Micheline
5.30 pm	For the people of our parish

Confessions are on Saturday from 10.30 am - 11.00 am and from 5.00 pm - 5.55 pm.

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

REFRESHMENTS AFTER 9.30 MASS

We are happy to have restarted refreshments after the 9.30 Family Mass on Sundays.

For it to continue each week we really need more help. People to join the rota to serve the drinks are always needed, but we also need a rota of people to spend a few minutes before 9.30 to put out some tables and chairs.

Please email the office if you can help.

We pray for those who have died: Deacon Anthony Clarke, Teresa Edwards, baby Charlotte Flannery, John O'Hagan, Michael Ekong.

Please pray for the souls of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Daniel Massey, Jason Du Haney, Richard Lee, Brian Russell, Jim McNamara, Michael Akpenyi, Catherine Teresa Jones, Victor Parascandolo, Frank Dyer, James Doherty, Josephine Wesson, Patricia Edwards, Derek Ransley, Dolly Lock, Patricia Jenkins, Mary Li, Gaynor Mullane, Mary Weeks, Richard Armstrong, Margaret 'Kate' Morley.

We pray for all in our parish suffering from ill health, for their families and for those who care or them.

OFFERTORY - WEEK ENDING 21.01.24	
Plate Collection	1268.00
Contactless	189.50
Bank Standing Order	1031.00
Church Suite Regular Giving	1018.92
TOTAL	3507.42

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

Next Contemplative Saturday is on 27 January in the hall from 11-12.

DIARY

January

Sat 27 Contemplative Saturday 11-12 in Hall
Sun 28 Racial Justice Sunday 10am at St Georges Cathedral & Amigo Hall

February

Sat 3 Walking Group 11.30 am from Churchill Theatre
Tues 20 Requiem of Ita Smith at noon

March

Fri 1 World Day of Prayer 3.30 in church

September

Sat 28 Day for Catechists in the Cathedral and Amigo Hall.

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

